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Senator McCarthy speaking:

I'd like if I may tonight take some of your time discussing what I consider the one issue facing the American people which towers above all others in importance -- the issue from which flows all of the other ills that beset this nation: inflation, high taxes, the absence of so many of your sons, husbands, and brothers in the service. This is not a Democrat, this is not a Republican, issue. This is an American issue. It deals, it deals with the suicidal, Kremlin-directed foreign policy of this country. I'd like to discuss it with you if I may.

Now as a backdrop, as a backdrop for this meeting out here tonight, there's the cold harsh fact that since the shooting part of World War II ended we have been losing, losing 100 million people a year to international atheistic communism -- not 100,000, 100 million. As you know when World War II ended, or the shooting part of it, there was then behind the Iron Curtain roughly 180 million people. As of tonight, as of this very moment, that figure is not 180 million, it's 800 million people. The total population of the world is about 2 billion, 300 million. That means that on our side of the Iron Curtain, as of this moment, there is about a billion and a half. The simple arithmetic indicates that if, if we continue losing at the rate we have been losing then, at the end of fifteen years, there will be a completely Red world, and keep in mind that there's no indication, no indication whatsoever, that the course is being changed.