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Senator McCarthy speaking:

I know when I talk about this, many of my friends say, "Oh, you're, you're condemning President Eisenhower. This is a fight with the president."

My good friends, this is no fight with President Eisenhower. He has a duty as a president. Each and every one of your senators have duties as senators. And Eisenhower cannot clean out the Augean Stables in ten months. He needs some help from the American people.

What can we do? You know, there was a time, there was a time when every American uniformed man packed all the honor, all the power of this nation on his shoulders. There was a time when, if one single American, one single American private, was abused by any brutalitarian -- if they put their hand unlawfully upon his shoulder -- this nation stepped in and took that hand off, my good friends.

But over twenty years, over twenty years we've taught the nations of the world that they needn't worry about America's power. Now I know, I know it'll be costly, it'll be costly to regain our honor my good friends, but that honor we must regain if we as a nation are to live.