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Senator McCarthy speaking:

Question -- "Aren't you being an exponent of the half truth, citing that which supports your argument and has public appeal and ignoring that which does not? You know very well that by blockading China we would lose favor with our allies, because it would cripple world trade, and they would call us warmongers."

My good friends, when we're dealing with the lives of American young men, as far as I'm concerned, I don't give a tinker's damn whether we lose favor with those phony allies who are not on our side. [Audience applause]

You see, no nation, no nation can be halfway in favor of communism and halfway in favor of us. They're either for us or against us. And that's doubly true when we're using our economic lifeblood to keep them going.

And I can't help but be amused when I hear people who travel around the world and come back as experts after a month saying, "Well we're losing favor with our allies." I would like to talk sometime about how they're losing favor with us! [Audience applause]