

PORTION OF SPEECH BY SENATOR OWEN BREWSTER OF MAINE
AT REPUBLICAN RALLY AT BELFAST, MAINE, THURSDAY EVENING,
August 17, 1950

Greater sacrifices than our generation have ever known will be required to save America.

Europe is far more helpless than Korea. Russia has 175 well equipped divisions ready to overrun Europe and there are not ten divisions available to halt the avalanche.

Washington is now awakening to the stark realities of the situation as the reports come in from Korea.

Pictures of the destruction of billions of dollars worth of military equipment after the last war are a melancholy commentary on the miscalculations of those who focused exclusively on atomic war.

Mobilizing world opinion thru the United Nations is one of the most immediate tasks.

Malik must be answered before a competent tribunal with the cold raw facts as to Communist aggression in China and Korea and elsewhere in the world.

The United Nations must move forward to expose and denounce the aggressor rather than the puppets.

However disappointing have been the contributions of the fifty-three nations who supported our position in the United Nations we must not give up the endeavor to mobilize world opinion in support of a free world.

We are spending five billion dollars on the atom bomb. I continue to believe it should be put at the disposal of General MacArthur to use as he shall deem it expedient.

With 100,000 North Koreans massed in the Mountains ready to attack our American boys---pitifully limited in numbers and equipment---it is time we gave that to their survival and their victory.

Fliers are constantly dropping leaflets on the Korean villages with warnings of various kinds. Samples are now here.

One thousand tons of bombs were dropped in this area in one morning this week.

The villages and the villagers in this area can easily be warned to evacuate.

MacArthur should be given full authority as to the use of this five billion dollar weapon. MacArthur knows the Orient and the Communists as no other American and the Communists know him.

In this fight for survival it is time to put power in the hands of those who understand.

I do not say the atom bomb should or should not be used. I say it should be left to MacArthur. He knows best---not the discredited diplomats in Washington.

Already Washington is talking of a \$75,000,000,000 annual budget. That will bring home to America that difficult days are ahead. The worst of the story is being held until after the election.

Americans may well ponder whether with the demonstrated incapacity of the administration it may not be a good time to put Republicans on guard in the Congress.

PORTION OF SPEECH OF SENATOR OWEN BREWSTER OF MAINE
BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE MAINE FEDERATION OF WOMENS
REPUBLICAN CLUBS, EASTLAND HOTEL, PORTLAND, MAINE
FRIDAY NOON, AUGUST 18, 1950

In its three Representatives Maine has leaders in the Congress worthy of the great traditions of Maine.

Congressman Fellows, as a member of the Judiciary Committee, exposed the Communistic influences in Amerasia long before it became a national scandal and is one of the half dozen most convincing speakers in the Congress. His masterly handling of the DP bill on the floor of Congress has rarely been matched and brought overwhelming support from both sides of the aisle.

Congressman Hale has been the leader of fifty Republican representatives attacking the Acheson policies in the Orient, and pointing out their inevitable end in the war in which we are now involved.

Congressman Nelson as assistant air attache at the embassy in London during the preparation and conduct of the European invasion became an authority on Europe and all its problems and is already recognized as the leader of the younger members of the House.

Maine is indeed fortunate in this representation at this time. An overwhelming vote of confidence in their record and their service to Maine will strengthen their influence in Congress and hearten Republicans throughout the nation in the November campaign.

Governor Payne is entitled to the support of every believer in good government on his record and on his demonstrated grasp of state problems. A record of consistent devotion to the principles of one political party is far more appealing to most Americans than a political will-of-the-wisp chasing rainbows.

In the Senate Senator Margaret Chase Smith is better known than any new Senator in hisbory, and in wider demand as a speaker in the Republican campaign than any other member of the Senate. Senator Smith is perhaps the hardest working member of the Senate as was her habit formerly in the House. She has easily mastered the intricacies of Senate procedure and demonstrated her capacity to get things done and will be a great asset to the Republican party in the coming campaign.

As a result of the Korean war the country is watching the Maine election for its majorities with profound interest.

Maine citizens have the first opportunity in the nation to register their confidence or lack of confidence in the inept and bungling administration that landed our boys in Korea to fight Russian tanks almost with their bare hands.

A tragic accounting is due for the \$50,000,000,000 appropriated for defense in the past five years.

A record Republican majority for an off year election in Maine will thrill the country in September and have reverberations throughout the world.

Portion of Speech of Senator Owen Brewster
at Republican Rally at Lincoln, Maine,
Thursday evening, August 24, 1950

POTATOES

Sixteen years ago as a freshman Congressman I secured along with Congressman Warren of North Carolina recognition of potatoes as a major agricultural commodity.

Ever since the battle has raged with the cotton and tobacco interests aided for ten years by Henry Wallace who publicly proclaimed he would not obey the law.

Now Senator Scott Lucas, Democratic majority floor leader, has joined the pack with one of the most amazing pieces of legislative double-crossing in Congressional history.

Last winter Senator Lucas proposed an amendment cutting potatoes off from all supports but was defeated in a floor battle.

A few days later Senator Lucas proposed an amendment eliminating potatoes from price supports next year unless there were marketing quotas in effect.

The trick in this proposal was that there was no provision of law for marketing quotas on potatoes.

Senator Lucas, however, reassured the Senate on this score by pointing out that he had already introduced a bill to provide for potato growers having marketing quotas if they should so decide in a referendum and that this legislation would be considered before adjournment.

Under this assurance of Senator Lucas the amendment was adopted.

The Senate Agricultural Committee duly considered and reported the Lucas bill to the Senate with the approval of Senator Lucas who is a member of the Committee.

This was on April 19, 1950.

Then began the shenanigans.

The Senate has witnessed the amazing spectacle of Senator Lucas objecting to the consideration of his own bill. Under Senate rules on so called Consent Days when the calendar is called a single objection sets the bill aside.

The only other way the bill can be brought up for consideration is by the motion of Senator Lucas as majority leader and this is refused.

Senator Lucas thus not only kills his own bill but even refuses to permit the Senate to consider legislation which he promised the Senate would be considered when he secured enactment of his amendment cutting off all price supports on potatoes next year unless there were marketing quotas.

This is the clearest case ever seen of securing legislation under false pretenses.

The administration cooperated most effectively in the conspiracy by refusing to shut off this year the flood of millions of bushels of Canadian potatoes even tho it cost the government millions of dollars to buy up the American potatoes that were thus made surplus.

The potato program must be discredited at any cost even the potatoes were the only major farm crop that had supports reduced to 60% of parity on the motion of the potato growers themselves.

The issue is clear and simple. A Democratic vote in Maine is a vote to indorse the free trade policies which will destroy the livelihood of almost everyone concerned with our farms, our forests, our fisheries and our factories.

Almost every activity in Maine is dependent in some measure upon protection from the utterly unfair competition of the lower-paid, lower-taxed, lower-living standards of foreign areas.

Let every Maine citizen consider very carefully the wisdom of voting for his own livelihood on September 11th.

Even Democratic Senators from New England have now become alarmed and protested the Torquay conference in England this next month where Secretary Acheson is to carry out another orgy of tariff cutting at the expense of the American farmer, fisherman, and factory-worker.

A record Republican majority for an off year may help to check these tragic policies.

Portion of Speech of Senator Owen Brewster
at Hancock County Republican Rally, at Ellsworth,
Maine. Friday evening, Aug. 25, 1950 at 8 P.M.

REPUBLICAN POLICY

The Republican program contemplates fighting Communism in Washington as well as elsewhere in the world and putting only unperverted Americans on guard in the State Department - the first line of our defense.

With 150,000,000 Americans it must be possible to secure something beside the curious collection of curious characters that have seemed to infest the State Department - the most sensitive spot in the world today.

War comes when diplomacy falters and fails.

Secretary Acheson in the past few years has reversed the American policy on Asia followed for the past fifty years by everyone of his distinguished predecessors - Republicans and Democrats alike from John Hay thru Cordell Hull.

Is it any wonder the world in general and the Orient in particular is bewildered and confused as to what America is going to do?

1, Expose Communist aggression wherever it rears its ugly head - whether in China or Korea or Tibet or Indo China or Europe or the Middle East.

2, Demand the United Nations lead in this exposure and pull no punches for any commercial or imperial interests of any character or of any nation.

3, Insist that the major powers fish or cut bait on Communism in China and on the Formosa issue.

The time of decision is at hand as to whether the United Nations will survive.

No great power can longer say "Good Lord and good devil!" nor play ball with America and Communism at the same time.

220,000,000 people in Western Europe need not be subjugated by 210,000,000 people in Eastern Europe - particularly when Western Europe has such vast advantages in education and industrial potential. The United States, however, must emulate the Lord in being willing to help only those who are willing to help themselves.

Thus far the free nations have voted 53 to 3 in favor of our fighting in Korea but have also voted 47 to 6 against risking a single man in the battle front alongside our sons.

Rallying the free world will not be easy unless more interest is manifest in a show down such as that we are now having in Korea. Refusal to follow our lead on Formosa may have most unfortunate results.

Portion of Speech of Senator Owen Brewster
at Republican Rally at Calais, Maine,
Saturday evening, August 26, 1950.

QUODDY

The International Joint Commission is meeting in Spokane, Washington this coming week and the Quoddy report will again be in order for discussion.

Most favorable reactions and attitudes have been manifest among all concerned on the American side with possibly one exception. This is true not only of the Commission but of the engineering, legal and diplomatic advisors.

Senator Stanley as Chairman continues as one of the staunchest, most understanding and most militant advocates of the Quoddy development. He is battling in season and out of season for authorization of the survey as reported by the engineering staff and using all of the knowledge of human nature and Washington officialdom accumulated in a half century of public service. Quoddy never had a better friend.

How far the war situation may affect the problem for better or worse only time can tell.

New England certainly needs more power. Southern New England is looking hungrily at our undeveloped power resources in Maine both on our streams and at Quoddy. A ten year industrial mobilization to meet the Communist menace such as Washington is now discussing is going to remake the entire economy of the country. Power will be the key to much of this development. Maine will inevitably play an important part.

Man power in the free world must be more and more multiplied by mechanical power to match the hundreds of millions of slave power within the Communist orbit.

Portion of Speech of Senator Owen Brewster at
Republican Rally at Machias, Maine,
Saturday evening, August 26, 1950.

FISHERIES

Maine is greatly gratified at the increase in fish landings at our coastal ports even tho to some extent it is at the expense of southern New England.

But all New England including Maine is profoundly disturbed at the enormous increase in importations of fish products which threaten the whole fishing industry of New England with disaster.

Protection for Maine fishermen is vital. Maine fishermen must pay American taxes, American wages, American costs of living, and operate without subsidy from the government.

Meanwhile other areas outside this country with far lower taxes, wages and costs of living and with various forms of governmental subsidy may pour their products into our market almost without limit.

Why should any Maine citizen vote to support the free trade policies which are being protested even by Democratic Senators from Southern New England but entirely without avail?

In Torquay in England in September the final blow will be struck at the future of the American economy in further tariff concessions that will practically wipe out the barriers to the free entry of foreign products into the American market. No war boom must blind us to the long range consequences of such action to the future of New England - in our farms, our factories, our fisheries, and our forests.

FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED COPY FOR MAINE PAPERS:

IT'S STILL TRUE . .

. . . The axiom that "As Maine Goes, So Goes the Nation."

Clear thinking, stability, initiative -- qualities that make the United States a great nation -- are born in the citizens of our State. We have pointed the way to freedom since the founding of this great Republic.

Let there be no change. We must strive now, harder than ever before, to keep our freedom at home, and abroad.

Freedom at home means freedom from complete control of our everyday lives by the Government in Washington. And at the same time it means freedom from control by Communists abroad, or anywhere else.

We are in the middle of an international situation which becomes more serious every hour. Add to this the fact that our freedoms at home have become fewer and fewer during the past 17 years and you create a dire need for the most effective leadership this nation can produce.

On September 11 -- Election Day -- all registered voters in Maine have a chance to express their opinions about how things are going.

In the best tradition of our forefathers we will speak for freedom.

(Signed) Medical Association of the
State of Maine

Leave this off
(Note: Signing of an ad by the Maine State Medical Association has been approved by its attorney.)

Committee on the Hearing Aids

PORTION OF SPEECH BY SENATOR OWEN BREWSTER
AT REPUBLICAN RALLY AT BRUNSWICK, MAINE,
FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1950

COALITION GOVERNMENT

In times of crisis a coalition government is the means of mobilizing all the human and material resources of a nation.

Under the parliamentary systems of Europe coalition is achieved by putting in the government the leaders of the parliament.

Under our American system of the division of powers coalition can only practically and effectively be achieved by electing a Republican Congress for the next two years to cooperate with a Democratic Chief Executive.

Placing defeated Republicans in the Cabinet is utterly unrepresentative of the millions of Republicans in the country and their representatives in the Congress. Such a situation only creates embarrassment for all concerned as was demonstrated in the last World War.

A record Republican victory in Maine on September 11th may well start the ball rolling for a coalition that will unite America to meet the challenge of Communism at home and abroad.

Recording Maine found up \$50.50

Maine has the first chance to record itself in a regular election since the country found itself involved in war in Korea.

Full support of the boys on the fighting front is the primary concern of every patriotic American.

But Americans are also wondering how this all came about and are determined to find out the ~~reason~~ ^{cause} and the cure for the confusion that seems daily so evident.

The members of the Maine Congressional Delegation are going to discuss this problem for a few minutes and show ~~how~~ ^{how} in their united judgment ~~the~~ Maine citizens on ~~Monday~~ ^{Monday} September 11th may ~~make a~~ ^{help} to ~~solve the~~ ^{problem of restoring confidence} ~~in the~~ establish an enduring peace.

The supreme obligation of a citizen to vote and the tragic consequences of its neglect are now apparent. Confusion, corruption and Communism have all been taking their toll. ~~and~~ ^{at} times of ^{great national} crisis such as this a coalition government representing ~~all~~ both parties may do much to present a united American front to the world.

Everyone must share in the burdens and sacrifices of this critical period. No one party can possibly carry the burden alone. A responsible Republican Congress may do much to help the President in unifying American policy in the face of the enemy.

A record breaking Republican majority in Maine ~~for Gov~~ in an off year election for Governor Payne and ~~the~~ Congressmen Fellows Hale and Alden

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will hearten Americans
~~everywhere with this demon-~~
~~stration that~~ and assure
the country that a great
coalition of a Republican
Congress and a Democratic
President will guide the
country safely thru the
storms of the next two
years.

Sen Smith
How do you
feel

Where do you
feel it fits

Portion of Speech of Senator Owen Brewster
at Republican Rally at Bass Park, Bangor, Maine,
Wednesday evening, August 23, 1950.

WHAT ARE WE VOTING FOR?

Russian style elections are now being held in South Korea in accordance with an announcement made in North Korea last May. They even set the date as August 15th. Our intelligence considered that simply another example of Oriental humor.

Americans may still vote American style but 45,000,000 Americans passed up the opportunity two years ago. That is one-half of the eligible electorate.

Two weeks from Monday Maine citizens may record themselves on whether they approve of the way the administration has been carrying on our affairs.

Meanwhile defenders of the administration may answer a few questions that seem to be in many minds.

1. Why did they take 40,000 American troops out of South Korea last year if they intended to resist Communist aggression in South Korea this year?
2. Was it wise to concentrate our aid on the economic development of South Korea while the Russians were concentrating their aid on the military development of North Korea?
3. Did it occur to anyone besides some Republican Congressmen that we were fattening the calf for a very hungry bear and that the Communists might mean what they said as they went on sharpening their claws?
4. Who was right ---the American Secretaries of State from John Hay thru Cordell Hull who for fifty years defended the Open Door in China or Secretary Acheson who in the last five years has abandoned China to the Communists?
5. Was the 80th Congress right in urging a 70 group airforce and appropriating \$800,000,000. to start building it or the President

right in cancelling the appropriation and refusing to build the planes?

6. Was it wise to destroy 400 B17's on one airfield in Germany in 1947 costing \$100,000,000 and billions of equipment in tanks and guns and planes elsewhere?

7. What did General MacArthur mean in his official communique when he referred to the "desperate decision of the President" to intervene in South Korea?

Maine citizens can record themselves on this record on September 11th and the country will be listening with profound interest for their voice.

Portion of Speech of Senator Owen Brewster
at Picnic of Piscataquis County Republican
Women's Club at Monson, Maine,
Thursday afternoon, August 24, 1950.

WOMEN IN POLITICS

The old adage that "Woman's place is in the home" is still true but home now embraces all the world.

When the sons of American mothers are fighting and dying in Korea the women of America are certainly concerned.

When our diplomacy has lost the battle to keep the peace in Asia we may well wonder why the President will exchange a career diplomat at one of the most critical spots in the Western Hemisphere for a physically incapacitated and politically discredited Democratic hack without diplomatic experience of any character - simply in order to have a municipal election this fall in New York State at very considerable expense with the idea it may help elect a Democratic Senator and Governor. That is "politics as usual".

The enormous sacrifice of their self respect involved in such a maneuver at such a critical time in our diplomatic history reveals the tremendous concern of the Administration over the prospect of an overwhelming repudiation at the polls by an obviously outraged electorate.

Rotary

Portion of Speech of Senator Owen Brewster
at joint meeting of Clubs of Old Town and Lincoln
at Birchmere Inn in Milford, Maine, on
Thursday evening, August 24, 1950.

THE UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations is on trial in the court of world opinion.

Dallying with the Ethiopian crisis by refusing to shut off oil shipments
to Mussolini destroyed the League of Nations.

Trifling with Communist aggression in Asia threatens the United Nations.

Exposure by due process in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations
of Russian Communist conquest of China is imperative if the United Nations is
to be preserved.

The same selfish commercial and imperial interests that wrecked the League
of Nations are now operating in the Chinese picture under the illusion that a
few miserable commercial concessions may be preserved on that Stalin may be
bought off.

One prominent American Senator, high in our atomic counsels, joined the
cry by proposing to pay Stalin \$50,000,000,000. to keep the peace. The only
result of such a proposal from such a source was to encourage the Kremlin in
its aggression by the impression that America was divided and dismayed.

Let the United Nations without delay demonstrate and denounce Russian
Communist aggression wherever it rears its ugly head. The free world can then
decide what to do about it as the pattern unfolds.

Meanwhile let America buckle up its belt and get prepared.