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## OPPORTUNITY IN CHINA

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield recently returned from Asia urging the United States to recognize Mainland China and withdraw recognition from the Republic of China on Taiwan. He also called for tenninating our mutual defense treaty with Taiwan.

This drastic proposal would weaken the mutual defense treaties we have signed with many other free countries. If the United States abandons our gallant ally, the Republic of China, which refused the generous terms for a separate peace treaty offered by Japan during the dark days of World War II, who would ever again have confidence in the pledged word of the United States?

Actually, the present power struggle in Mainland China offers a great opportunity for liberation from Communist tyranny. The Communist system has no mechanism for the transfer of power from one leader to another, such as we have just experienced with our national election. Communist dictators remain in power until they die of old age, after which follows the cutthroat competition of a life-and-death power struggle. Under the Communist system, the one who kills the most people gets to the top and stays there.

In 1953 the death of Stalin and the obvious weakness of the triumvirate of Malenkov, Bulganin and Khrushchev created a unique opportunity for freedom in Russia and the satellite nations. Several rebellions were attempted. Unfortunately, America turned a deaf ear to the pitiful cries of people so eager for freedom that they tried to fight against tanks with their bare hands.

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In 1956 at the time of the Hungarian Revolution. our state. Department even sent a message to Tito. which was relayed to Moscow, that the United states does not look with favor on the formation of anti-Communist governments on the borders o.f the Soviet Union. That terminated a second rare chance to free Eastern Europe from Communism.

An even greate1· oppo1·tunity is presented by the death of Mao Tse tung because of the splendld growth and economic success of the Republic of China on Taiwan. Starting in 1949 with an island th.at bad been devastated by 40 years of Japanese occupation, the Free Chinese have created a showcase of prospe:a:·i ty and freedom.

'1aiwan has become the No.2 economic power in tbe Ji'ar East. It 1s completing; its fourth large port and shipyard. lt can build large shi.ps eveii\9 beaply tban Japan, which bad already taken this business away from tugland and Norway.

Mainland China 1$ in a desperate com:li tio:n o:f poverty and oppression. Refugees run and swi1n out of net\ China at every crack in the Bamboo Curtain. Most. of these refugees are the young and the we11...educate<l who would have the best of whatever Hed China has to offer.

1'he continuing resolve of Taiwan to help their Chinese brothers achieve freedom was shown by Premier Chiang Chi:ng Jruo's 1tatement on November llu "We sh.all never engage in any Machiavelli.an or undercover dealings with the Communist bloc. No matter wbat may be the resat!t of the capricious stnaggle to decide the leader of the Peiping regime• we shall regard the No.l chieftain as our No.l enemy. Except for battlefield contact in the shape of a bullet, we shall httve nothing to do with bim.n

This is no time fo1· tbe Uni t d States to shore up the shaky regime that has inberited the mantle of mass-murderer Mao 'i'sEt-tung by accord• ing it diplomatic recognition or giving it the prestige of visiting American officialdom. A 'floppling of this Ued regime would not only liberate soo,OOO,OOO human beings from Comnn.mist tyranny. It would be the best guarantee the United States could have of peace•. The Kremlin would be so busy worrying about its 2,aoo...mile border with the anti communist Chinese that it wouldn't dare move against the United states, Israel• or iestern Europe.

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