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How to avoid World War III, 1950.

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I believe that World War III can be averted if we abandon the so-called Truman Doctrine which pledged our country to resist communism all over the globe, a commitment on which we are simply not able to make good and which our allies are unwilling to back up.

The President declared the other day that there is no conflict between the legitimate interests of the free world and those of the Soviet Union that cannot be settled by peaceful means. That is correct and it is in the direction of earnestly seeking and eagerly welcoming any and every opportunity for arriving at an understanding with the Soviet Union, even if it be only piece-meal, that true statesmanship lies. Negotiation is not appeasement! Let us make our defenses as strong as possible, but let us not bankrupt ourselves by trying to arm half the world against the other half or by sinking our military might in the great bog of Asia.



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