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Guest: Senator Thomas Kuchel (R., California)
Moderator: Harry W. Flannery

Mr. Flannery interviewed Senator Kuchel, the Minority Whip, on the extreme right and left, and the following was heard, in part:

KUCHEL: "Every decent American loathes any kind of slavery. He abominates Communism. I think he recognizes that the international Communistic conspiracy continues and endeavors to strengthen itself and its goal continues to be engulfing and destroying our kind of freedom. I think the average decent American in this room and in this country equally abhors Facism, and I suggest to you today that extremism of either the left or the right is dangerous not only to the AFL-CIO, but also to the cause of this country and the republic.

"You remember what a number of individuals from a notorious organization said about Eisenhower, who has given his life, as he has seen it, for the cause of free people. 'Ike is a Commie,' they have said. But that's not all. Why just a few months ago, in my own county in California, a professor, a national trustee of a right-wing organization spoke to 1300 people who paid \$1.50 to listen to him and said not simply that General Eisenhower was a Communist, but the late Jack Kennedy was a Communist agent and that the CIA on orders from Moscow, undertook the assassination, that monstrous act in Texas and that the Secretary of Defense -- and he named him, Mc Namara, had the Army of the United States practicing for a funeral a week before the murder took place. And those people applauded. I think I know something about the abuse that public servants take by extremists, and I simply urge you as one fellow citizen to another to stand up and fight them.

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"And ladies and gentlemen, the other day I attended a classified briefing by the head of the Central Intelligence Agency and others and I must say it was a very sobering experience. I think it is quite fair to say that this world in which we live is

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full of troubles. It presents us with a continuing opportunity and a continuing challenge. I recall the last volume of Winston Churchill's great work on the history of the Second World War -- it's entitled 'Triumph and Tragedy' -- and he describes the theme of that volume as follows -- 'How the great democracies finally emerged triumphant and so were able to resume the follies which had so nearly cost them their life.'