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Failure of Russians To Keep Agreements One of Major Obstacles Standing in Path of Peace Throughout World

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For 15 years, ever since the end of the bloodiest war in history, most of our obstacles in trying to organize for peace have been in the Kremlin, where the masters and the plotters of subversion, espionage and aggression have had their world headquarters.

Three presidents have traveled to meet with the Russian dictators in an effort to reach agreements and cooperation for more peaceful relations.

Major agreements were entered into and almost immediately thereafter broken in total disregard not only of the pledges made but in violation of the hopes of the new world we have been trying to build.

Every world crisis we have had since the end of the war has been Russian inspired and Russian planned. The cold war is Russian made. The record of Soviet betrayals and bedevilment of would-be free countries is unprecedented in history. Just look at what the Kremlin has done to Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary.

Mistakes of Judgment

The free world may have made mistakes. But they have been mistakes of judgment and not of evil intent.

But the free governments of the West will continue tireless and patient in their search for peace and a working agreement with Russia, supported by strength to maintain that peace. The free countries of the West will not be panicked by Kremlin threats or Khrushchev's displays of temper and name calling, so reminiscent of the rages of Hitler, who, too, was foredoomed to failure.

And lest Khrushchev and the Kremlin masters forget, it was American aid that helped save the Russian people from foreign subjugation. And I think it is about time they were again reminded of it.

Those of us who have had direct experience in dealing with the Kremlin are surprised that anyone in author-

ity could have been surprised at what happened to the summit conference in Paris.

This meeting was just another opportunity for the Russians to renew threats and to launch further Communist propaganda in an attempt to divide the free world and to break up the NATO and the Pacific alliances.

Summit Won't Work

I think that no further summit meetings can now be held, except under the auspices of the United Nations. I know something of the nature of summit meetings and I know they won't work as they are conducted. The fate of the world should not be thrown into jeopardy by exposing it to the whim of any one man who sets himself up as final authority. The United Nations was established to prevent the arbitrary imposition of the will of any one person or nation on the rest of the world. The summit conference has been nothing but an attempt to bypass the United Nations and thereby in the long run to destroy its usefulness and role as a force for peace.

After my meetings with Stalin and Churchill and Attlee at Potsdam, I refused to hold any further meetings of heads of government as long as I was President.

I have little faith in summit meetings as a means of negotiating solutions for problems that divide us from the Communist world. Russia's failure to keep agreements made at Yalta and Potsdam made any such further meetings of heads of state useless. Stalin, by ignoring his obligations solemnly entered into, was in effect trying to impose his own will upon the free world.

Making Relations Difficult
Khrushchev in Paris recently attempted to distort history once again by saying that the end of President Roosevelt ended a period of good relations between the United States and Russia.

But the truth is that for some time before Roosevelt

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did Russia was making relations between our two countries difficult.

Long before Roosevelt undertook the arduous journey to Yalta, he had already indicated misgivings about Russia's intentions with some of us. On his return, when he and I met to arrange for his appearance before a joint session of Congress to report on Yalta, he confided to me his concern about Stalin's attitude and Russia's role in the future.

When, on the death of Roosevelt, I became President, I was soon to realize the difficulties we would have with Communist Russia. When Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin asked me to arrange to meet with them to discuss future plans, I was at first reluctant to agree to such a meeting. But because at that

time we were anxious to get Russia to open up another front against Japan, I went to Potsdam. We entered into 32 agreements at Potsdam, none of which were kept by Stalin or his successors. It was clear to me after that what the United States and the free world were up against and what we had to do to meet the situation.

Peace Treaty Threat
Khrushchev has been renewing his threat to make a separate peace treaty with East Germany, although he well knows that there can be no final treaty regarding Germany unless France, Britain and the United States are parties to such a treaty. And the West will not agree to a final peace treaty with Germany until all Germany is united in a free election, as Stalin agreed to do at the conferences at Yalta and Potsdam.

This is also the time to remind Khrushchev that under the agreements covering the occupation of Germany, the Four Powers—Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union—were to act in joint control of all occupied areas and that no one of the four Allies was to exercise exclusive control or veto over any one part of the occupied territory.

If Khrushchev now attempts to sign a separate treaty with East Germany, he will be adding yet another violation to a long series. And he may be sure that the Allies will not yield to his arbitrary breach of an agreement, and

if he insists on going through with it, it will be Khrushchev who will precipitate a dangerous situation.

Khrushchev, in his further effort to twist history, cites our separate negotiations for a treaty with Japan as an excuse for his making a separate treaty with East Germany. In the first place, there is absolutely no parallel between events in Japan and

Germany. Russia's participation in the war against Japan was not only a mere token but belated and of no help. Russia moved only when the risk was small and designed to provide her with an opportunity for loot and reparations, to strip Manchuria, which she did, and to stake out her territorial claims on China.

But the primary reason why Russia was excluded from the negotiations with Tokyo for a final peace treaty was my determination to avoid repetition of the experience we had with Russia in Germany.

I feared that if Russia employed the same tactics of division, confusion, propaganda and subversion in Japan, we would never be able to restore Japan to normal life or achieve peaceful relations with her. The recovery of Japan and her quick rise to a position of respect, honor and responsibility among the free nations would have been thwarted by Russia, as is now the case with the puppet setup in East Germany.

The difference between East Germany and West Germany is understandably irritating to Khrushchev and his military clique. He does not dare tell his own people what the rest of the world knows — why there is that difference.

Slavery vs. Freedom
It is the difference between slavery and freedom. And there is no better example of the difference between freedom and slavery than what the Japanese people were able to do with our help and what the Russians would have imposed on Japan if we had allowed them to meddle and divide there as they did in Germany.

The experience that we had with Russia in her violation of agreements for free elections by the governments in Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria

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Pet Snake Needs a Wife, Claims Boy

Miami, Fla. — Eleven-year-old Skipper Hoagland has a pet kitten named Boots and a pet boa constrictor named Pepe. Boots doesn't eat mice but Pepe does.

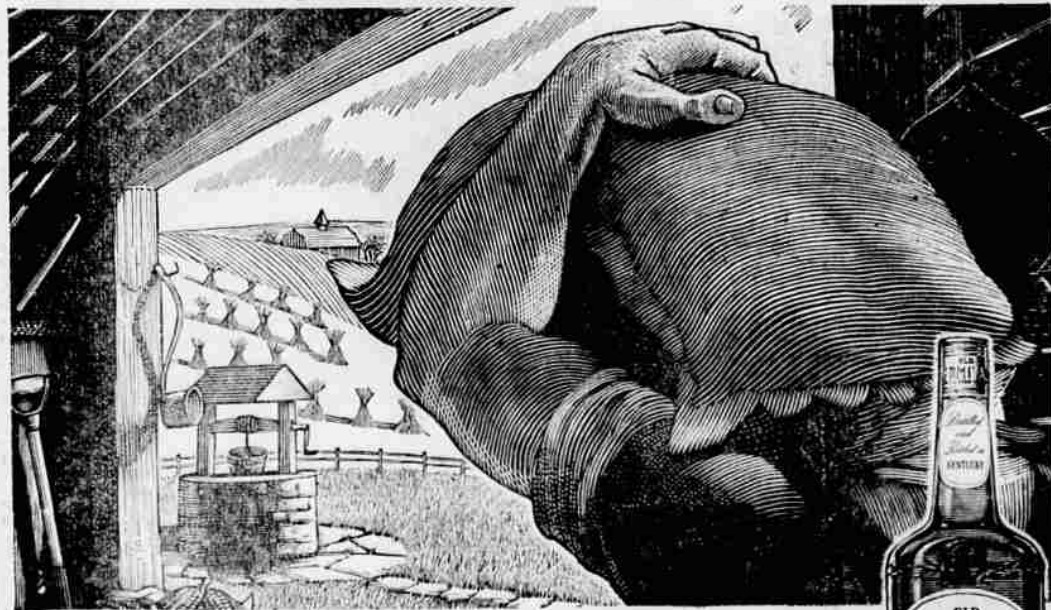
The snake gets along fine with the cat, but not with Skipper's mother, Mrs. Calvin Hoagland.

"I'm scared stiff of snakes," she said, noting she often comes upon Pepe unexpectedly while she's dusting the house.

"He'll grow to be 12 feet long," said Skipper cheerfully. "I'm saving up to get Pepe a wife—a lady snake."

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and Rumania also left us no choice but to avoid involvement with her in Japan. Omnicious as the outlook seems at the moment, I do not think Russia will dare to embroil the world in war, for she knows the consequences to her as to everyone else in such a senseless business. So long as Russia insists on using methods short of war we must not give her any reason to suppose that we are weak or can be bullied into submission to her designs. We will never yield to appeasement but always keep the door open to peaceful negotiations through the United Nations.

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