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SHOW UP OR SHUT UP

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What has happened to the United States and its place in the world, or doesn't it have a place in the world anymore? We used to be a nation admired and feared, but now we are a nation scorned and ridiculed. This game of international affairs isn't the high school football game of yesteryear. When the game is over, all hard feelings aren't forgotten, and the players do not shake hands until next year. The game that we are involved in has no return match; once it is lost, the loser is through for good. Is the United States going to be the loser? Well, that is the direction in which we are heading. It is quite apparent that the present administration thinks that they get points in this game for their grammar usage in the verbal threats which they are making. Unfortunately, these useless threats are not doing the job, and the United States is losing the prestige all over the world.

It has always been the custom of the United States to act as a protector in Cuba affairs. What has happened there? The Monroe Doctrine had stood since 1823; what have our politicians done with it? It is filed away where it can not be found with all other documents that do not stand for appeasement.

If we do not call the bluff of the Russians now, we might as well hang out the white flag and pull down Old Glory, which has flown proudly for so many years. It is time to help Cuba out of her dilemma again and to forget Nikita's threats, instead of answering threats with threats that are never backed up. If we let this, and other incidents go, there will be a

note handed to the Russians saying that we are afraid and have lost our nerve. Back peddling has always ended in defeat for a nation.

Also, in future years there will be leftist uprisings in this country as there are in all the other countries, and the Communists will have done exactly what they said they would do—win the war without fighting, all they will have had to do was sit back and wait for us to destroy ourselves.

In short, if the United States does not start acting, instead of talking, we will find ourselves in the same spot as Japan and Italy. It will be the beginning of the end for the United States.

