

begun when China invaded Upper Mongolia...I'm sorry, when Japan invaded Upper Mongolia in the thirties, and turned Upper Mongolia into a satellite state, and it may very well be ten or fifteen years from now that historians are going to say that World War III began when the Soviet Union moved into Afghanistan and turned Afghanistan into a satellite state. Now I think this is a very grave and serious situation we have in the Middle East, and the lesson of Czechoslovakia, and the lesson of Hungary, and the lesson of Munich is that we have got to be tough, and that the United States cannot stand by when such blatant acts of aggression take place. Now as a practical matter, short of sending troops into Afghanistan, there are very few things we can do. I mean we can discontinue the sale of computers and technological equipment, which we have done, and we can cut back on the Soviet fishing rights, which we have done, and we can cancel the grain shipments to Russia, which we have done. Now that, no doubt, is going to hurt Russia and it is, no doubt, going to affect their economy, and it certainly is going to affect the American economy, but realistically do we have any alternative but to discontinue this kind of trade with a nation that is undertaking this kind of conduct. I really don't think we can, and I simply can't join in this resolution as long as it calls upon the President to go on national television and reverse his policy. I think that would make a terrible mistake and I don't think people are realistically suggesting that. Now, I fully agree with the sponsors of this resolution that the American farmer should not bear the full burden of this, and I think that what we have got to do is look for other means to spread the loss, but I really don't think that reversing ourselves on this particular issue makes sense at this time. Now, let me just review for a brief moment the incidents that have taken place in Afghanistan the last few weeks. Now, in recent years Afghanistan has been ruled by an independent sovereign nation, and it was ruled by a neutralist government. A year ago the Russians installed their own government led by Prime Minister Amin. Now when he took over a year ago he had about 85 to a 100 thousand Afghan troops at his disposal, but he was not competent and he was not able to wage war against the rebels and his effective forces evidently declined to 15 to 20 thousand. So disenchanted by the ineffectiveness of the Amin government the Soviet Union decided to invade that sovereign country, and it decided to systematically eradicate much of the armed forces of the Afghan government, to destroy its strongly felt religious heritage, and to demolish in mass executions large segments of the Afghan population and to install their own satellite government. Now I think we know well how they accomplished this, by trickery and by deceit, and some of the