

veteran groups that are upset are Jews? Am I a Jew? I'm considered anti-Semitic by the Jews in this state, the most anti-Semitic person in this state. Just a few days ago I was sent a copy of a publication by B'Nai Brith telling what an anti-Semite I am, how contemptible I am, how terrible and vicious the things that I say against Jews are. So here I stand. What do I gain from this? It is an issue that transcends what these Jews in Nebraska feel about me. It transcends whether you are a Democrat, a Republican, black or white. We're talking about crimes against humanity, crimes committed against people because of what they were, not because of what they did. And when you can try to erase the seriousness or the viciousness from a regime that attempted to destroy races of people because of what they were by saying, we're trying to embarrass Reagan, is one of the worst types of stratagems that can be utilized in a debate on an issue this serious. There are Republicans in the House and in the Senate who have condemned in stronger words than I have in that resolution what the President is about to do. His personal friend who is the head of the United States Information Agency said, they are now talking about damage control in the Republican Party because the damage has definitely been done already and now they've got to try to contain it if they can. And some Democrats who may be trying to play politics said they hoped the President makes the trip and he will wound himself irreparably. This is not a political issue although some are trying to cast it in those terms. I think it should be brought out that by coincidence Bitburg is near one of the largest missile installations in Germany. It should be pointed out that Kohl is one of the European leaders who is in favor of the deployment of American missiles, and this is one of the reasons given by Reagan's people why he agreed to do this in the first place and that Bitburg is significant because it is near the missile deployment site. He is not talking about looking out at the crosses, row upon row, as in Flanders Field. He is not talking about people who died in a glory of struggle or who were "victimed" by Nazism and Nationalism. He is talking about the deployment of missiles in Western Europe. He is talking about pulling Helmut Kohl's chestnuts out of the political fire. But regardless of what Kohl has in mind, regardless of what Reagan's advisers thought they were going to achieve, the fact is that an issue has been placed squarely before everybody in this country and we should say and do something about it. That which is within our power to do is offered to you with