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President Eisenhower has pulled down
the shabby facade of 'modern Republicanism'
in the current campaign by sacrificing
constructive leadership for misguided
partisanship.

Regrettably, the President has only
belittled himself and further undermined
his last remnants of future national
leadership by stooping to Nixon's tactics
of name-calling and distorting the facts.

✓ In this troubled world, no more serious
challenge confronts us than easing inter-
national tensions. Democrats in Congress,

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particularly northern liberal Democrats, have a record of responsible cooperation with the President in meeting this international challenge.

Yet with one reckless sweep of the brush, the President has now tried to condemn as 'radicals' the very ~~northern~~ ~~liberal~~ Democrats who in many instances came to his rescue on vital international issues against the opposition of reactionary Old Guard Republicans and conservative southerners he now apparently embraces.

It was these ~~northern~~ liberal Democrats

who saved reciprocal trade, and blocked
drastic cuts in foreign aid. It was these
~~northern~~ liberal Democrats who headed off
reactionary Republican attempts to block
confirmation of Paul Hoffman as a delegate
to the United Nations -- the same Paul
Hoffman who made such a brilliant address
to the Women's UN Rally in Minneapolis a
week ago.

✓ If the reward for such bipartisan foreign
policy cooperation is to be smeared as
'radicals' by the President at campaign
~~time~~
time, then the President is indeed charting
a most difficult course for himself and the

country during the next two years ~~he~~
~~remains at the government's helm.~~

For Republicans who sincerely believe
in foreign aid, in reciprocal trade, in
liberalized immigration laws, and in civil
rights, it must be ~~tragic now~~ *very disappointing* to see the
President ~~they supported to such a flip~~
~~flop over to~~ join the right-wing
reactionaries of both parties who have
consistently sabotaged his efforts on these
vital issues.

It can only make the path to progress more difficult ahead, serving neither the best interest of the Republican party nor the nation.

There is a role for partisanship in our Democracy, and the President is expected to be partisan. But the times call for caution against blind and misguided partisanship that sacrifices hope for constructive leadership in the years ahead.

By publicly turning his back on those who tried to work constructively with him for the good of the country, regardless of

partisanship, the President has performed a disservice to himself, his party, and his country.

President Eisenhower must have shut his eyes and shuddered when he embarked on his campaign tour, in view of what he knows are the facts of the last session of Congress.

The Eisenhower-Nixon-Dulles Administration has admitted that it needed Democratic help to get the Mutual Security appropriations past the obstruction of the GOP isolationists in Congress. It got this help when 73% of the Senate Democrats lined up in favor of

mutual security in the last session of
the 85th Congress and 72% of the House --
and a far higher percentage of the northern
liberal Democrats.

And while we northern liberal Democrats
were joining hands with the President to
save reciprocal trade, the fight against
President Eisenhower's bill was being led
by Congressman Simpson, Chairman of the
Republican House campaign committee.

When the Democrats, with Administration
approval, introduced legislation giving the
President the power to grant economic aid to

Eastern European and other satellite nations which showed signs of becoming less dependent upon Soviet Russia, Republicans, led by Senator Knowland, issued an ultimatum to the White House -- and the Eisenhower Administration surrendered.

L In the House, 64% of the Republicans supported a move to cut \$4 million from America's contribution to UN Point Four technical assistance -- against the recommendation of their own President.

In the Senate, 81% of the Republicans voted to restrict U.S. participation in

the International Labor Organization ~~id~~
~~delegates from Red countries were seated~~
-- against the recommendations of their
own President. Eighty percent of the
Senate Democrats voted with the President.

Yet now the President blindly embraces
these Republicans who voted against
him, condemns the Democrats who voted
with him.

The old GOP slogan of electing
Republicans to 'help Ike' now has a hollow
ring. It is about time we thought instead
about the need of electing more democrats
to help the country.



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