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1. Americans are apt to scoff at the idea, that a military coup in the U.S., as so often happens in Latin American countries, could ever replace our government. But that is an idea that has grounds for consideration. Which military organization has the potentialities of executing such action? Is it the army? With its many conscripts, its unwieldy size, its ranks of bases scattered across the world? The case of Iran. Walker shows that the army, at least, is not fertile enough ground for a far right regime to go a very long way. For the same reasons of size and composition, which service branch can qualify to launch a coup in the U.S.? Small size, a permanent hard core of officers and few bases is necessary. Only one outfit fits that description and the U.S.M.C. is a right wing infiltrated organization of dire potential consequences to the freedoms of the U.S. I agree with former President Truman when he said that "the Marine Corps should be abolished."

2. My second reason is that undemocratic, country wide institution known as segregation. It is, I think the action of the ^{active} segregationist minority and the great body of indifferent people in the South who do the United States more harm in the eyes of the world's people, than the whole world communist movement. As I look at this audience ~~there is a~~ ^{there is a} sea of white faces before me where are the negroes amongst you (are they hiding under the table) surely if we are for democracy, let our fellow negro citizens into this hall. Make no mistake, ~~segregationist~~ segregationist tendencies can be unlearned. I was born in New Orleans, and I know.

In Russia I saw on several occasions that in international meetings the greatest glory in the sport field was brought to us by negroes. Though they take the gold medals from their Russian competitors those negroes know that when they return to their own homeland they will have to face blind hatred and discrimination.