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"Fulbright on China"

In your editorial of April 28, "Fulbright on China," you pointed out that had the Senator "thoroughly" read the writing of an author whom he quoted, he would have read portions with which he did not agree. Permit me to say that had you "thoroughly" read his recent series of speeches, points of which you have criticized so liberally, you would have read:

"In the abstract we celebrate freedom of opinion as a vital part of our patriotic liturgy. It is only when some Americans exercise the right that other Americans are shocked . . . I do not suggest that we should heap praise on the Chinese Communists, dismantle NATO, abandon Berlin, and seize every opportunity that comes along to appease our enemies. I do suggest the desirability of an atmosphere in which unorthodox ideas would arouse interest rather than horror, reflection rather than emotion . . . what is wanted is not change itself but the capacity for change."

May I also add that regardless of whether or not you agree with Senator Fulbright, *The Washington Post*, as a leading newspaper in the Nation's Capital, should carry some text of major speeches given by a ranking member of the United States Senate instead of publishing only skimpy stories and lengthy editorials stating disagreement in impolite language.

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