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DALLAS, AUG. 8 (AP)-FORMER MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER PLAYED U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND CALLED THE TONKIN SEA INCIDENT "HOT-LINE POLITICS" TODAY IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN CRUSADE. OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON, WALKER SAID:

"HIS INTERNATIONAL KNOWLEDGE MAY NOT EXTEND FARTHER THAN THE PEDERNALES RIVER."

JOHNSON'S LBJ RANCH IS SITUATED ON THAT TEXAS STREAM.

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SINKING OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TORPEDO BOATS AND ATTACKS ON SHORE INSTALLATIONS WERE "POLITICALLY PLAYFUL, DECEITFUL, AND GIVES THE AIR OF THE ACT OF A BULLY," WALKER SAID. "THE EXCHANGES DID NOT ORIGINATE IN SOUTH VIET NAM. THEY ORIGINATED IN HOT-LINE POLITICS."

WALKER TIME AND AGAIN REFERRED TO THE PRESS AND EACH TIME DREW APPLAUSE, LAUGHTER OR CHEERS FROM THE CROWD OF ABOUT 1,000 PERSONS. "THE PRESS WAS EVIDENTLY INFORMED THEY SHOULD REACT WITH EXCITEMENT," HE SAID OF WHAT HE CALLED THE "TONKIN SEA INCIDENT."

"GET RID OF OUR PRESENT FOREIGN POLICY," HE SAID, "AND GET RID OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT. NOTHING WILL WORK WITH (SECRETARY OF STATE) DEAN RUSK HANDLING IT."

"OUR TOP FIVE DIVISIONS ARE IN NATO WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN FOR 13 YEARS, FACING THE COMMUNIST SOVIET REPUBLIC. WOULD THE PLAN BE TO REDEPLOY THIS FORCE AGAINST CHINA? AFTER THE ELECTION, IF DEAN RUSK IS STILL THERE, REDEPLOYMENT WOULD MEAN TURNING THIS FORCE FROM RUSSIA TO PEKING. WHAT A HOAX. RUSK AND THE ENTIRE JOHNSON SECURITY COUNCIL WILL NOT SURVIVE THIS SWITCH."

TO CHEERS OF HIS AUDIENCE, WALKER ADDED:

"WHAT IS THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE? THE RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA...AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WHERE THAT LEAVES US IS UNHOLY TO LOOK FORWARD TO. WE HAVE ENOUGH COMMUNISTS IN THE UN WITHOUT ADDING ANY MORE. X X X "

THERE WERE CHEERS AND CRIES OF "THAT'S IT, THAT'S IT!" AND "THERE IT IS!" FROM THE CROWD AS WALKER SAID IN CADENCED TONES: "SHOOT IN TONKIN...KEEP CASTRO QUIET...WE WANT A NICE CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY."

THERE WAS LAUGHTER FROM THE AUDIENCE, AND WALKER SMILED, WHEN HE SAID "COMMUNIST" AT ONE POINT IN HIS SPEECH WHEN HE INTENDED TO SAY "CONGRESS."

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE," HE COMMENTED.

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THE REV. BILLY HARGIS, TULSA, OKLA., BASED MINISTER WHO HEADS THE CHRISTIAN CRUSADE, FOLLOWED WALKER TO THE SPEAKER'S STAND AND ASSERTED:

"THIS IS THE HAPPIEST DAY OF THE DISCOURAGED CONSERVATIVE OF THE PAST 10 YEARS--BUT THE GREATEST SACRIFICES ARE AHEAD."

HARGIS SAID HE BELIEVED IN THE TEACHINGS OF MATTHEW, MARK AND JOHN RATHER THAN THOSE OF "KARL MARX AND MARTIN LUTHER KING."

GOD "TEACHES FANATICAL EXTREMISM," HE DECLARED.

"GOD CANNOT BLESS A MIDDLE OF THE ROADER. TO BE LESS THAN EXTREME IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM OR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST IS TO BE A FOOL."

HARGIS SAID THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY "SHOCKED THE PEOPLE INTO KNOWLEDGE OF THE THREAT OF COMMUNISM."

"IT CLEARED THE RECORD," HE SAID, "WHEN THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER SAID LEE HARVEY OSWALD (ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF KENNEDY) WAS A COMMUNIST AND HE ALONE KILLED HIS BROTHER."

"STILL LIBERAL EDUCATORS, REPORTERS AND POLITICIANS CONTINUE TO SOW HATRED AROUND THE BIER OF THE PRESIDENT WITH SLURS AT THE CONSERVATIVE ELEMENT."

HARGIS SAID THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S NOMINATION OF BARRY GOLDWATER AS ITS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WAS A HAPPY NOTE FOR CONSERVATIVES.

"IT PUTS A QUALIFIED SPOKESMAN FOR CONSERVATIVE CONCEPTS AGAINST A SPOKESMAN FOR INTERNATIONALISM," HE SAID. "IT SETS THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONALIST AGAINST THE AMERICAN LIBERAL."

"LET'S DO AWAY WITH THESE PHONY DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN LABELS. LET'S JOIN ONE GROUP OR THE OTHER. LET'S STRIVE FOR REALISM."

HARGIS CALLED FOR TELEVISION DEBATES BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTIAL ANDIDATES.

"THERE ARE NO VALID REASONS FOR LYNDON JOHNSON NOT MEETING BARRY GOLDWATER IN TELEVISION DEBATE," HE SAID.

"IF JOHNSON CAN'T CONFRONT GOLDWATER ON TELEVISION, HOW CAN HE CONFRONT KHRUSCHEV IN THE KREMLIN?"

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