

From interview of William Kunstler by David Lawsky, KPFA Public Affairs. Interview (on other matters) recorded 22 Jul 71, broadcast same day.

Lawsky: That was the end of the interview, but just before Mr. Kunstler left I asked him if he thought, as some people do, that China's acceptance of President Nixon's trip is a sell-out of the North Vietnamese. Mr. Kunstler said:

Kunstler [voice]: Well, I think it's the danger of big power politics in the world. I am very much afraid of big powers, China, the United States, Russia and so on, and I think that they tend to grind up small countries and small liberation movements and so on, and these are sacrificed to the political, economic or social needs of the large powers. In this case I don't know what the Chinese motivation is but I sure as hell feel that the Nixon motivation is the same as Eisenhower's "I shall go to Korea if elected" - is to go to China and that will give him such an edge over [any?] Democratic opponent that he will I think be elected with ease. It's kind of ironic that Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai may be the means of Richard M. Nixon getting back into the White House.

Lawsky: Thanks a lot.

That was an interview with William Kunstler, recorded this afternoon at the Alameda County Courthouse. This is David Lawsky, for KPFA Public Affairs.