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(AP)—Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama recently told a group of foreign correspondents he believed the United States may have been "fighting the wrong people" in World War II.

In a wide-ranging interview with the correspondents on March 3, Mr. Wallace also said he thought there might never have been a second world war if the United States had cultivated the friendship of the Japanese and Germans.

Reached today in Montgomery, Ala., Mr. Wallace said he had been quoted out of context in published reports about the interview.

"We were fighting the right people but our diplomacy led us to fight people who should have been our friends," Mr. Wallace said in explanation.