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America have any interest in Taiwan even. Wasn't it a part of the Cold War overall, and the Uncle Tom Chinese that went along with America, were on Taiwan and, therefore, America, by latching onto the nationalists could use that as a stick against mainland China, isn't that what some of this is involved with?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I suppose it has been part of our...part of previous history, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If there had not been a communist versus Uncle Tom Chinese, Americans would not even be aware of what happens in China, would they, other than the Great Wall and perhaps some of their circus acts? And the panda bears?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If your question is aware, I'd say yes. I am trying...I am trying to find the definition of your verb there, but I think I have it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Wehrbein, is it necessary, do you think, for most of the members on the floor to read handouts such as you've given or maybe take a quick run-through of history books that give a kind of summary with reference to China, Taiwan, the relationship between mainland China and the nationalists on Taiwan before they would even grasp what the issues are here?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You said you think it is necessary?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think it would be necessary or do you think that most of the members have a general working knowledge about the situation?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You think they do? What year did the communists whip the Uncle Tom Chinese and run them out of mainland China?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Nineteen forty-nine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And did you know that before you saw it on the handout?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.