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Sen. Fulbright and the News

We have a group, including many of your readers, which meets bi-monthly in both Los Angeles and Pasadena, who now ask: "Is The Times becoming a pro-Fulbright follower?"

News items on Page 1 on July 29 and 30 seem to verify this accusation. Tom Lambert quotes Sen. Fulbright's acceptance of an apology from CIA Director Helms—and then remarks that he (Sen. Fulbright) said it "magnanimously."

We are inclined to believe that everything the senator says or does, demonstrates a selfish motive, rather than a 'magnanimous' one.

The senator has proven this too often by his 'rabble-rousing' publicly. As Ernest Conine says in his column (July 27) "Fulbright Poses the

Right Question, but Wrong Answers"—just like another schoolboy, regardless of his prodigious mind.

We still believe there should be more attention and credit given to the warning predictions of the late Gen. MacArthur regarding the necessity of our defense bastions on the islands of Formosa, Okinawa, and the Philippines, and their connection with an undeclared war in Vietnam.

It certainly is a foregone conclusion that the Chinese Reds and their Viet Cong ally, would sweep around that vulnerable corner to take possession of these islands, in event they were successful in the current Vietnam struggle. Then—as Gen. MacArthur said: — "Where would that leave us?" Behind the proverbial 'eight ball.' Why doesn't Sen. Fulbright admit this catastrophic possibility?

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The Times is not a "Fulbright-follower." We simply report the facts.—Ed.