

The Ugly American (1963 film) -- "from the novel by . . ."

- Set in Sarkhan (fictional)
- Marlon Brando as MacWhite (has a little speaking knowledge of Sarkhanese; WWII experience in Sarkhan working with resistance against Japan)
- Eijo Okada as Deong (MacWhite's old friend from WWII, as important to Sarkhan as deGaulle to France; most popular man there; shared MacWhite's views on democracy)
- Deong and others oppose American-built "Freedom Road" (which China says is American aggression and not for Sarkhanese); become increasingly anti-US
- Deong: "We don't get down on our knees to the Stars and Stripes here."
MacWhite: "You cheap, twisted ingrate--I am damned proud of the Stars and Stripes and they've been pretty good to you. Who do you think's been buying your groceries for the past seven years? I'm not talking about the United States government; I'm talking about the American people We don't need your gratitude and we don't want you down on your knees to us -- or Russia, or Red China either."
Deong: "This is not your country; it's mine."
MacWhite: "You are leading your people right straight to the slaughterhouse."
Deong: "You wouldn't care about us if the Cold War didn't exist. Millions of us know it." "Your democracy is a fraud; it's for white people only." "If we have to die again, we will die again; if we have to kill you, we will kill you."
MacWhite: "You're not a Judas goat, Deong, just a communist."
- MacWhite: "The United States stands by its military commitment everywhere in the world." But it is "still waiting to see some evidence of democratic reforms in Sarkhan." U.S. would give its "full support" under SEATO if communist troops cross the border with hostile intent as a result of the Freedom Road
- After assistant killed, Homer Atkins suggests slowing road building, but MacWhite says, "We are at war, Homer, and the more we back down the more they'll attack." (Homer and Emma are protected by villagers when communists try to kill them.)
- MacWhite discovers that Deong was never a communist, just duped; he is being set up for execution by communists once he takes power: the revolution "has been betrayed." Deong is killed by aide: "I can't believe it. Good-bye, Mac."
- MacWhite on TV: "We can't hope to win the cold war unless we remember what we're for, as well as what we're against." "I can't preach the American heritage and expect to be believed if I act out of impatience or sacrifice my principles for expediency." "[T]he only time we're hated is when we stop trying to be what we started out to believe 200 years ago. I'm not blaming my country. I'm blaming the indifference that some of us show to its promise. If the cold war disappeared right now, the American people would still be in this fight against ignorance and hunger and disease because it's right. . . . If I have one appeal to make to every American, it would be to" (Viewer watching tv turns it off.)