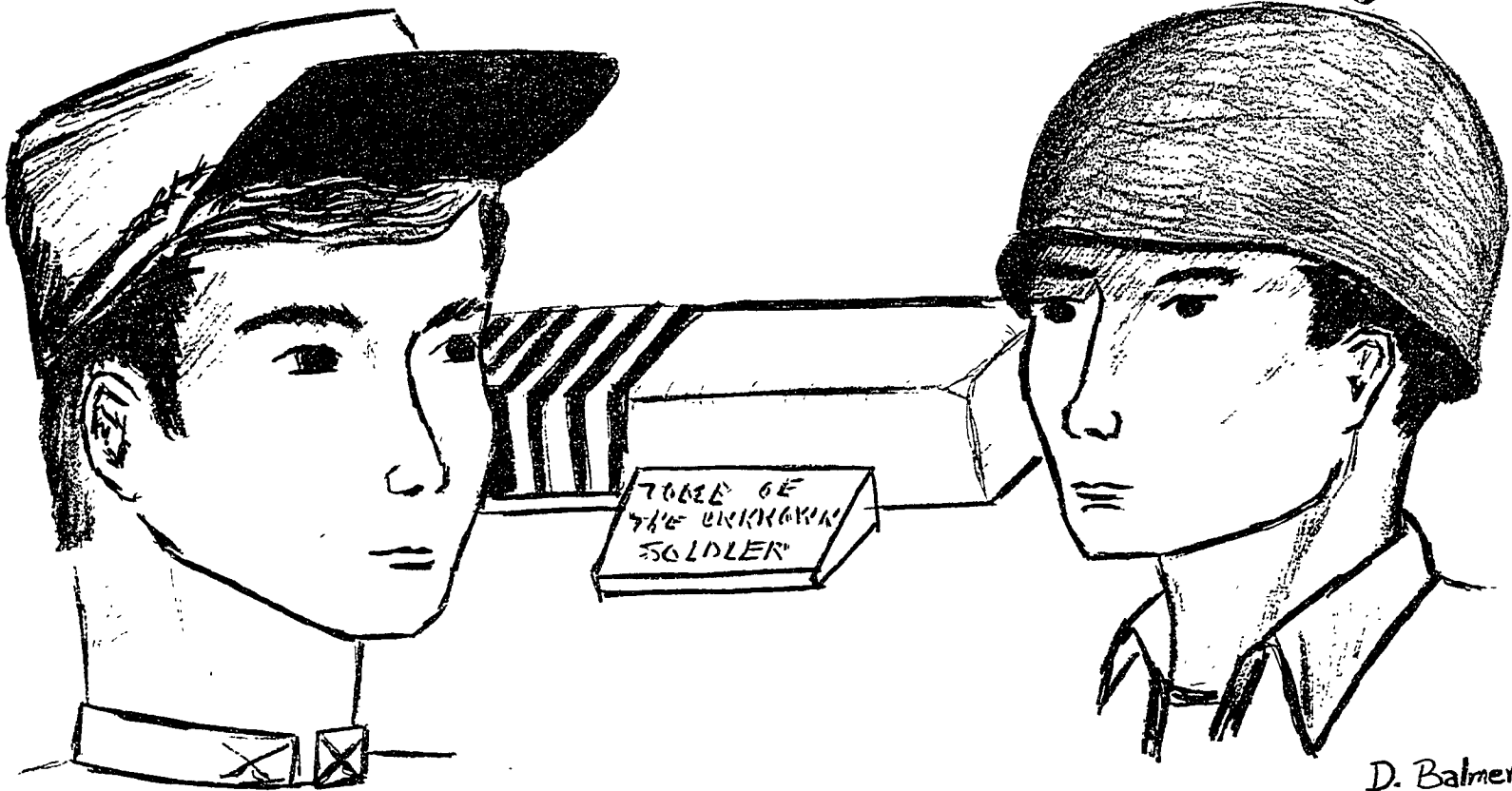


MEMORIAL DAY



May 30, 1868

May 30, 1968

One hundred years ago May 30th, Memorial Day was officially designated by Gen. John A. Logan for the purpose of decorating the graves of dead Union and Confederate soldiers. This day was chosen because it was the date of discharge for the last Union volunteers. At this time Abraham Lincoln expressed his grief over the losses of the war between the States.

We saw that all deplored war, and all sought to avoid it, but as there were those who would make war, so there must be those who would accept it.

Lyndon B. Johnson

On this Centennial of remembrance, the United States is deeply entangled in war again. This war, however, is not over and the last of our fighting men are not sent home. We spend our days here and we feel a remoteness from what some of our men are fighting; yet we also are as involved in our minds as they. These men are fighting and dying in Vietnam for what we feel will make others able to be independent and capable of moving their own destiny.

Memorial Day 1968 came and went quickly and softly for those of us who feel no personal losses of war. The ceremonies and decorations are gone but can be seen through newspapers or described and recorded by television and radio for us. Can we forget? We are reminded each day by these media as we look and listen to the sights and sounds of war. We must remember. Memorial Day is every day for all who look for a peace which we hope to find again.

We can look toward peace, as in peace we must look toward war.

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