

Poor Relative



EDITORIALS ---

In his address to the American people Tuesday night of last week, President Nixon singled out a group of important Americans which he called the "silent majority."

He gave an importance to the vast group of solid Americans who calmly and without arm-waving and shouting continue to support their government, whether they agree in complete and absolute totality with every iota of policy and method.

These are the people who believe in democracy under a republic form of government and are willing to let the process work for them.

But, we are beginning to wonder if it is not time for the "silent" people to begin, in a quiet and orderly way, to make themselves known and thereby become more effective in matters of great concern.

We want to be counted with those who believe that the war in Vietnam is a horrible situation. There are few valid excuses for having a half mil-

lion fighting men in that far away country which has not proved yet that it is willing to defend with vigor its own cause.

But, our country is there, spilling the blood of its youth for an idealistic goal in which the people of this nation believe.

And, now that the soil of that tiny nation is stained with the blood, sweat and tears of 300,000 men, there is no walking away unless there is to be a satisfactory measure of honor.

This nation can not afford to turn its back on Vietnam unless the peace settlement leaves the U. S. with dignity and honor.

Thus, we believe it is time for those who think in that direction to break their silence and to indicate quietly that they too have a feeling in the matter.

We have taken two steps to break that silence into what might be called a "soft-spoken silence."

For one thing, last week and this we are wearing a small bit of red, white and blue on the lapel of our jacket.

That means that we believe in the government, that we want government in an orderly and dignified framework without disruption and without pressure from street and curbstone harangue.

Secondly, we addressed a very brief note to

President Richard Nixon
White House
Washington, D. C.

and told him that we want to be counted with his "silent majority."

We have no illusions that he will see our letter or even know that we have written. No, some unknown clerk will open the envelope from Mount Joy, Penna., quickly scan it and toss it into a "for" or "against" pile.

But our insignificant note will be felt if the messages are weighed or counted.

If they are counted, at least we are one. If they are weighed, our position amounts to at least a half an ounce.

That tiny tiny bit, I hope, is an orderly and proper way to quietly break the "silence" which on some occasions is so terrifying.

Let America stand for something worthwhile and let America speak quietly and with dignity in a calm and orderly way.

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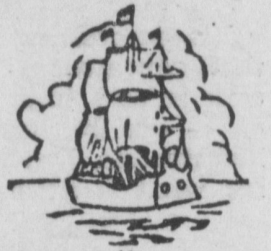
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Others are saying ---

More and more the already over-burdened taxpayer is hearing sounds out of Harrisburg bucking for a state income tax.

What seems to have been happening through the years is a reflection of the clamoring by nearly all segments of the population for more and better services.

The representatives of the people, with their ears to the ground, have bowed to the demands of so many groups — from education to welfare — and have passed measures to appease all the clamorings, but in their zeal to please them all they have often forgotten one principal ingredient in the pie — the means to finance the measures they have wrought.

It is a sad situation when our legislators must fear for their jobs come election time and acquiesce to every demand — often against their better judgment.

The many groups or associations have learned that the more militant their stance the better chance they have of getting what they want. Most times the tactics used could be termed a form of blackmail on a grandiose scale.

There are two schools of thought on filling the legislative seats.

The first, of course, is that to get and keep the top talent, the rewards must be commensurate with the representative's ability. This approach has its merits, no doubt about it.

Then there is the one which would hold the pay to a modest scale so that

the representative would not be subject to so much bowing to pressure, because the job simply would not be worth the price of his own conscience. This line of thinking also could be a meritorious one.

At any rate, as long as everyone wants a bigger and bigger piece of pie, and legislators are bludgeoned, taxes are going to be needed to meet the demands.

Meanwhile, good old steady, hard-working Joe Doak is getting more and more kicks in the teeth.

He works hard, minds his own business — and winds up being the forgotten man!

—Elizabethtown Chronicle

It Depends Upon You

"The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations progressed through this sequence:..

"From Bondage to Spiritual Faith.

"From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage.

"From Courage to Liberty.

"From Liberty to Abundance.

"From Abundance to Selfishness.

"From Selfishness to Complacency.

"From Complacency to Apathy.

"From Apathy to Dependence.

"From Dependence Back Again to Bondage.

"In 10 years, the United States will be 200 years old. This cycle is not inevitable— IT DEPENDS ON YOU."

If You Would Write ---

Would you like to write to your state or federal representatives in Harrisburg or Washington? Here are their addresses:

FEDERAL

Sen. Hugh D. Scott, Room 260, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, Room 4317, Senate Office Building, Washington D. C. 20515.

Rep. Edwin D. Eshleman, 416 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20515.

STATE

Senator Richard A. Snyder, Box 21, State Senate, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120.

Sen. Clarence F. Manbeck, Fredericksburg R1, Pa. 17026.

Rep. Harry H. Gring, Reinholds, Pa. 17569.

Rep. Sherman L. Hill, 201 Manor Av., Millersville 17551.

Rep. Jack B. Horner, 23-A S. Market St., Elizabethtown 17022.

Rep. Marvin E. Miller, 501 Valley Rd., Lancaster 17601.

Rep. Harvey C. Nitrauer, 125 South Street, Myerstown, Pa., 17067.

Rep. John C. Pittenger, N. West End Ave., Lancaster 17603.

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