

Ask Not What Your Country
Can Do For You . . .



EDITORIALS ---

Loyalty Day served significant purposes this past week!

As never before, perhaps, it tended to focus a searching light upon patriotism itself.

As Loyalty was emphasized in this community, another kind of emphasis was displayed in Washington, capital of the nation.

The danger of both kinds of demonstrations is that each categorically label the other disloyal.

While it appears probable that the Washington people made their point as early as last Thursday and should have gone home; it also appears that some people at home may have been somewhat over demonstrative, too.

Loyalty, like some other qualities, can be and is expressed in different ways—depending upon the viewpoint of one who is displaying his feelings.

As the days grow into months, it is becoming more apparent that more and more people are shifting their private, if not their public, stances on some critical issues before the nation.

To challenge loyalty on the grounds of ideological addressment is intellectual suicide.

A growing feeling among the people of responsible approach is that methods and seasons for disengagement from military activities in far corners of the world deserve immediate attention.

Within the framework of staunchest loyalty, the shifting outlook and opinions of the people are not locked onto the 'my country/right or wrong' stance.

Loyalty is concerned with the feeling of "right" and the responsible approach to the objectives of what is right.

Thought of the Week --

THE COST IS SMALL

Kindness has been described in many ways. It is the poetry of the heart, the music of the world. It is a golden chain which binds society together. It is a fountain of gladness. Kind hearts are more than coronets. Kind words produce their own beautiful image in man's soul. Everyone knows the pleasure of receiving a kind look, a warm greeting, a hand held out in time of need. And such gestures can be made at so little expense, yet they bring such dividends to the investor.

—The War Cry

INHERITANCE

I am most of all thankful for my birthplace and early nurture in the warm atmosphere of a spiritually-minded home, with a manifest touch of saintliness in it; thankful indeed that from the cradle I was saturated with the Bible and immersed in an environment of religion of experience and reality. It was a peculiar grace that I was born into that great inheritance of spiritual wisdom and faith, accumulated through generations of devotion and sacrificial love. I can never be grateful enough for what was done for me by my progenitors before I came on the scene. They produced the spiritual atmosphere of my youth. I became heir of a vast inheritance. There is nothing I would exchange for that.

—Rufus M. Jones

A Last Line

MY LEGACY

A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.

—Albert Einstein

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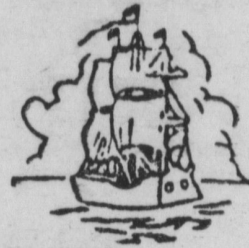
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WASHINGTON REPORT

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The growing pressure by opponents of the Vietnam War to set a date for withdrawal of all American troops, regardless of existing circumstances, is a call to an arbitrary retreat that invites disaster. The Vietnam conflict is an unpopular war, but we must not allow its unpopularity to permit the President's critics to adopt the policy they advocate — a policy, which if enacted, would produce severe consequences for the Nation and for the world.

The President's policy has two broad aims. First, it seeks to bring an end to American combat involvement in Southeast Asia as soon as possible. Second, it seeks to allow South Vietnam the opportunity for self-defense against Communist aggression. That policy is working. The number of American troops in Vietnam has been reduced from 540,000 in January, '69 to 270,000 this week. And, the South Vietnamese daily are assuming more of the responsibility for their own defense.

But, as the evidence mounts that the President's program is a success, certain political and ideological forces within this country seem even more determined to make the United States withdraw from Vietnam immediately and unconditionally. These forces seem intent upon insuring an American defeat in Southeast Asia.

If the United States withdraws from Vietnam in the manner prescribed by the new isolationists which permits the Communists to change failure into victory, our credibility as a world leader will be jeopardized.

What thousands of tons of military hardware from Russia and Red China and the manpower of their ally, North Vietnam, failed to accomplish will have been accomplished by leftist critics in our country. The world will have to assume that the political power of the anti-war faction has rendered the United States incapable of opposing Communist expansion.

We went to South Vietnam to counter North Vietnamese aggression. We went because without American action there was no one else to prevent the aggressors from reaping rewards. We determined that such action was in our national interest because aggression rewarded breeds further aggression and eventually brings on a choice between all-out war and surrender. And, that is a choice which Americans should not have to be asked to make.

Yet, because we went to Vietnam we became embroiled in a long and unpopular conflict. Mistakes were made in the past, both military and political. But in the final analysis, those mistakes should not discredit the good reasons for ending this war in such a way that aggression is not rewarded and our credibility is not destroyed. President Nixon is determined to maintain that kind of responsible policy, and to bring this war to a close without encouraging another in its wake. He deserves the support of all of us in his effort.

The catcher's mawk was invented in 1876 by F. W. Thayer of Harvard University

If You Would Write --

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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.

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

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