

I Speak for Democracy

I not only gladly and proudly speak for democracy, but I also am willing to stand up for democracy. Dictatorship is brutal because it is brittle, it cannot bend; it can only break or be broken. It cannot lead its people; it can only drive them. Democracy, on the other hand, is flexible; it bends without breaking. It sways to the left or to the right, and returns to the point of normal balance. It calls for leaders, not drivers. A free people can be led a greater distance and to greater heights than a slave people can be driven. Why then shouldn't every American citizen wake up, speak up, stand up for democracy?

Democracy in America makes us free. We are free to speak without fear, free to worship God in our own way, free to stand for what we believe is right, free to oppose what we believe is wrong, and free to choose those who govern us.

I speak for democracy because it is a society cooperating for the good of all. It is a government owned and managed by its citizens. We must not forget that America is the first great successful democracy, and that years after its foundation the rest of the world promised its failure. But it did not fail. American democracy spread. The great world war was fought, in

fact, for the maintenance of the American idea of democracy. Negroes, white Protestants, Catholics, Jews and others paid the price for us to enjoy democracy.

As we look forward into the future we entrust the happiness and safety of the people of the world to enlightened democracy.

It is a combination of these essentials — unlimited resources and people of character that makes this great democracy of ours — The United States of America!

I speak for democracy because it means that we have no privileged class, no class that is exempt from the duties or deprived of the privileges that are implied in the words, "American Citizenship."

Democracy must be based on homes where the interests of men, women, and child receive equal consideration. Helping to make happy homes, now and in the future, is the most important thing that youth can do for democracy.

Just as democracy starts in the home as an obligation, it ends there as a reward.

Think of the many "isms" that are around in the world today. Most all of them dismiss, ignore, and brush lightly aside the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Isn't it fortunate that we have

at hand a system of education which can give to our boys and girls the knowledge and ability to separate the true from the half true — to look "isms" straight in the eye?

The coming generation, with minds and hearts reinforced with such knowledge, is more powerful than an army.

Democracy lies in the hearts of men and women. When it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court, can do much to help it. The spirit of democracy is the spirit which is not lost so easily as it is right. It is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women.

The Constitution of the United States gives one of the best statements of the purpose of government to be found anywhere. It says: "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the good and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

The Mayflower Compact, that historic document written by the Pilgrims who landed on the Massachusetts coast in 1620, is also remarkable for its clear statement of the purpose of government.

Lincoln, in the Gettysburg Address, gave us a good definition of

democracy. It was a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Theodore Parker defined democracy as not I'm as good as you are, but you're as good as I am.

Another one of the great documents that express democracy is the Declaration of Independence. In part it reads:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

These great documents bear the spirit of democracy. The constitution of the United States begins "We the People." The Mayflower Compact begins in a similar manner: "We do solemnly combine ourselves." The meaning of democratic government is to be found in these words: "We live together; we combine; we look after our common interests." "We, the People must work together in order to provide for the common good."

The time of re-dedication has arrived! Personal, active participation in the affairs of the nation, the state, the city and the community by all citizens of goodwill and public spirit is our only safeguard for the freedoms we have so dearly won.

C. V. B. Offers Scholarship

One of the most outstanding accomplishments of the Christian Volunteer Band is the establishment of the CVB Scholarship. The following charter drawn up by the Band gives the purpose and qualifications for the scholarships.

"With hearts that are thankful for the opportunity that is ours in receiving our education at Gardner-Webb College, we, the members of the Christian Volunteer Band hereby establish the CVB Scholarship in the hope that God may bless and use it through the lives of those who shall benefit from it."

"The CVB Scholarship shall be controlled by a committee consisting of the president of Gardner-Webb College, the head of the Department of Religion, the Dean, and the president of the Volunteer Band. The selection of persons to receive benefits will be left to the discretion of the committee subject to the following rules.

"Recipient must be in financial need to continue his education. Must be making grades which will convince the committee of his sincerity.

"We prefer the awards to be given to those who are dedicated to full-time Christian service, but we shall not impose this limitation, but trust to the judgment of the committee.

"The awards shall be presented at the beginning of the second semester, but this shall not be binding if there should arise a case which, in the judgment of the committee, is qualified to receive it earlier, or later, which ever the case may be.

"The number of persons to receive awards shall be decided by the committee, and also the amount to be given to each, according to the needs of each individual case. Both of these conditions will naturally be governed by the amount in the Scholarship.

"We request that a member of the committee inform each recipient of the origin and purpose of the CVB Scholarship, and explain the means by which it is kept alive.

"We request the Volunteer Band to contact its members and to inform at least once a year informing them of the accomplishments and status of

the Scholarship and seeking their support. We request that this charter be read at the opening and closing meetings of the Volunteer Band each year. Will each of you pray that others may have the same opportunity that is yours?"

"We will indeed be happy if one of the members of the committee will read this charter to the assembled student body in chapel once during each year and request prayer for the success of this effort, for we believe the spirit behind the CVB Scholarship to be synonymous with the spirit which has made, and shall continue to make Gardner-Webb College a brighter light in the field of Christian education."

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Bobby Bush

Bobby Bush, a product of Summerville High School, Summerville, Ga., came to Gardner-Webb last fall as a freshman. He was supposed to strengthen the football team. Bobby had a good scholarship offered him at North Georgia College, but he chose Gardner-Webb. Gardner-Webb so he could be with the boys with whom he had grown up. We call them the "Georgia Boys."

By the type of games Bob plays we can see that they are all a thrill to him, but one football game in particular Bob recalls as having enjoyed. The football bus rolled into the Brevard campus on the afternoon of the game last fall, and what should greet the team but a dummy hanging at half mast on the flag pole. When the bus was put there with the No. 17 jersey, signifying that Bush was the man they must stop if they were to beat G-W. How surprised they were when it was Bobby Bush who repeatedly punted out of bounds inside Brevard's five-yard line, and scored two touchdowns.

That dummy that once hung on the flag pole, now hangs as a decoration in Bob's room.

As we stand about Bob was to bolster the football team, which he did, but he has overshadowed his football career with more recent activities in basketball and baseball.

While in high school Bob accumulated quite a number of athletic honors, and has maintained about the same reputation in the Jr. college conference. Playing basketball four years, baseball four years, and football four years, his career was culminated his senior year by being elected on all-state and all-district teams in all three sports.

This year at G-W, has been somewhat the same story. He scored six touchdowns in football, finished the basketball season with the highest

Mary Sudreth

One of the most well-rounded girls on our campus is Mary Sudreth who hails to us from Lenoir, North Carolina. We can prove this to you by all the offices she held while in high school. During her freshman year, she was secretary of her class; treasurer sophomore year; vice-president and secretary of Annual Staff her senior year. She was vice-president of the Allied Youth Club her junior year, and she was president her senior year and a member of the Beta Club.

Mary is very active in sports, too. Her freshman year she was co-captain of her basketball team and captain the remaining three years, scoring an average of 25 points per game. In the Field Day events Mary won first place in the 50-yard dash, first place in softball accuracy throw, and second in basketball accuracy throw.

Mary was voted best all around, most likely to succeed, neatest, cutest, best personality, most dependable and best leader. Since Mary has proved all this to be true while at Gardner-Webb — well, don't you too agree she is one of the most "well rounded" persons you have ever known?

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