

More than a century ago, Alex de Tocqueville, the brilliant French political philosopher, while on a visit to America, forewarned of the present day state of affairs when he wrote the following description of the welfare state:

"It provides for their security, supplies their necessities, directs their industry and subdivides their inheritance...what remains...but to spare them all the care of thinking and the trouble of living?

"The will of men is not shattered but softened, bent and guided. Men are seldom forced by it to act; but they are constantly restrained from acting. Such a power does not destroy, but prevents existence. It compresses, enervates, extingushes and stupefies a people, until each nation is reduced to timid animals of which the government is the shepnerd." (end of quote) Alex de Tocqueville wrote this a long time before Karl Marx was ever heard of ... but this is exactly the aim of communism...to reduce man from a proud being in the image of his creator...to a timid animal in the need of a shepnerd. The aim of communism...is accomplished by the means of a welfare

state...and in America, we are well on the road.

Here, we think is the most opportune time to bring you "The Creed of Every True American Patriot" as written by Dean Alfange.

"I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon...if I can. I seek opportunity ... not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the State look after me. I want to take the calculated risk to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of Utopia.

"I will not trade freedom for beneficence, nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master, nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud, and unafraid; to think and act for myself, to enjoy the benefit of my creations, and to face the world boldly and say, this I have done.

"All this is what it means to be an American." And to this we will only add just one thing...a question mark. Is this what freedom means to you?

What would you do if C upid shot you with a bow and arrow?

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Fincher Jerrell- I'd pull it out!! Nancy Helen Bruton- I'd shoot 'em back. Mike Harvell- I'd leak. Betty Sue Bruton- Give it to Gary. Bobby Dickens- I'll you know when he shoots me. Wayne Hicks- I'd ask (her) for a date. Ann Moore- Tell him, "Thank you." Patsy Thompson- Let it all hang out! Mrs. Koch- I'd disect him. Danny Davis- I would murdellize him. Doris Lilly- Break it in half and give it to someone. Johnny Harris- Run through the woods screaming. Horace Ledbetter- I guess I would become a casanovia. Rudy Lassiter- Scratch!!! Dotty Lilly- I'd give it to someone special. Allen Cranford- Pull it out and tell him to use it on somebody else because I'm "hitched." Donnie Freeman- I'd in love. Sara Pat Andrews-"Ouch"! Marion Dorsett- I'd send it to Gastonia. Jerald Hillard- I'd hang'em. Wanda Lemons- I guess I'd fall in love. Kay Hunsucker- Don't ask me! John Hodge- It wouldn't ever happen. Janice Craig- I guess I'd fall in love! Liz Dickens- I'd kiss him I guess!