### Freedom Foundation Award Winning Lefter

By Mike Brewer From the days of the infancy of our nation to its present position as the greatest power in the world, the theme of "A Free Ballot - A Free Country" has sounded loud and clear in the halls of American History. It was expressed so dramatically in Patrick Henry's never-to-be forgotten line of "Give me liberty or give me death." This concept of liberty meant the right of each individual to express his feelings and opinions as to how his government should function; with the key instrument of expressing this feeling being the vote or ballot. Henry's liberty or death principle did not die with the colonial erabut has continued to live in the hearts and minds of a very freedom loving citizen through the annals of our proud heritage. It is very much alive today for when the public and its elected officials witness the right of the individual to the vote being infringed upon, they act swiftly to correct the situation. This has been exemplified by the passage of the historical fifteenth and nineteenth amendments, and more recently by the 1957 Civil Rights Act. There are many other examples of this country's desire to obtain for everyone an equal opportunity to voice his opinion as to what course this nation pursues, but these are too numerous to mention.

From our analysis, there arises a question: What do these striking illustrations, in providing the free ballot, have to do with the development of a once small band of thirteen colonies into the most powerful nation the world has ever seen? The answer to this question lies in the idea that the system of allowing the vote to every individual possible has created an environment suitable to the best possible growth of a democratic government. This growth in turn arises from the laws and concepts which act as a catalysis to the moral and spiritual development of this country. These laws and concepts come from a wide divergence of ideas and opinions expressed by the public. The public then makes its wishes and desires known through the use of the prime tool of a democratic society . . . the free ballot. The free ballot to the individual is his one means of saying to his fellowman, his elected and appointed superiors, his country and the world, THIS IS THE WAY I FEEL, OR THIS IS THE WAY I WOULD HANDLE THE SITUATION. If one takes away the individual's right to the free ballot; one no longer has a free country. Instead, a situation is created wherein an expression or belief which one has to offer has been virtually put to death. If an idea or concept is put to death, there results a cancerous growth which tends to eat away upon society. The core of this cancer begins with the restriction of the individual's most precious right: the free use of the ballot. This growth then spreads to the individual's associates, family and friends who perhaps in turn are also denied this right. I further spreads by means of apathy, discontent and disbelief in the concepts of a free society until a large segment of the nation or country is internally destroyed at its own hands. Once freedom of expression by ballot is impeded and restricted, the decay of the once proud nation begins. Wars, rebellions, apathy, discontent, anarchy, and all the monsters created by the above described situations

raise their ugly heads as stalwart reminders of the foul situ-May Almighty God grant this nation one great blessing; that its government, its citizens and its leaders have the insight, the knowledge and the judgment to see that the only solid foundation upon which democracy stands is the free ballot. May our Creator also grant us one further blessing; an insafiable inspiration to strive to improve upon our position on the right of the free ballot for all. If we endeavor to do this then the eyes of the rest of the then the eyes of the rest of the world will cast a sparkling beam toward us and seem to say "this is the nation which carest this is the nation which is truly 'A government of the people, by the people and for the people, both rich and poor, white and black." Let us then join in a concerted effort, my fellow concerted effort, my fe country men, to never be fied with the status quarather to endeavor to a that Utopia in which is balled in the passages successful life and well Let us use as our great quest the immed of one, John F. Ken us go forth to lea

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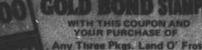
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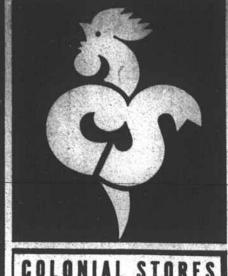
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