

Retreat Caused by False Economy

The latest estimate of the armed strength of the Korean Reds places the size of their army at over 200,000. It is small wonder, then, that the few American troops across the waters are being mauled and pushed into the sea. Our men are out numbered and fighting with inadequate weapons, and it is only desperation and an inner strength which allows them to hold their precarious position.

Wars are against the Word of God, and are therefore sinful and instruments of the devil. Yet when a country is forced into conflict and finds itself on the side of right and justice, it then becomes a sin not to fight.

Knowing from long, bitter experience that there will always be wars, we have allowed ourselves to become shortsighted after every conflict and our army and navy wasted away from malnutrition. Economists slash military appropriations to the bone, and when we need our armed might, it is not there. We refuse to give needed funds for military research, and when war comes, we raise our voices because our weapons are outdated.

It costs a great deal to maintain preparedness—more than many are willing to pay. The local National Guard unit has cost the government over \$20,000 in cash during the past year, not to mention the thousands of dollars in equipment which is used. This money is spent for one-night-a-week soldiers. The cost of maintaining a full-time unit is proportionately greater.

If we are victorious in Korea, we must never again allow ourselves to become complacent. We will have been given a lesson at comparatively small cost, and the use we make of our knowledge will determine whether the free-democratic countries of the world continue to exist or they fall beneath the power of Red Russia because we are practicing false economy.

The Name of God in Public

Some continental Europeans are reported as expressing amazement, amusement or near-disbelief at the fact that American national leaders are currently referring to the name of God in public utterances on the international crisis. There are countries where such references would evidently incur ridicule of a sort that public leaders feel they could not afford.

Most Americans will regard this attitude on the part of some of their allies with interest. Americans have no reason to be ashamed of their reliance on God in time of national stress — or at any other time. Results both spiritual and material, in national character and in national prosperity and security, have proved such reliance to be sound policy.

But if American leaders are not afraid to call on God for aid, neither do they do so merely for public effect. Most leaders who have importuned or praised God in public have also sought Him in private.

Atheism, agnosticism, "rationalism," imply a lack of faith in divine power. They are evidence of limited or otherwise erroneous concepts of Deity. Much of Europe at one time or another has suffered from political or ecclesiastical tyranny, which distorts the people's sense of God to a point where they imagine they wish to repudiate Him and suppose they can do so.

Some nations have escaped in larger measure such tyrannical cynicism it breeds. Consequently they can refer to Him publicly and commune with Him privately without injury to their intellectual self-respect. Whether some nations or countries — or at home — look on in disbelief, scorn or envy, most Americans are free to frankly to refer their needs and hopes to God.

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Disappointed at the recent liquor store robbery, I am not simply because there was a robbery, for that is something as some people had rather steal than work. I am like the long time it took for the robbery to be discovered, also the person who discovered the robbery was not of the law, which leads me to believe that a more prompt discovery might have led to an earlier discovery with a more prompt solution of the crime.

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