

### SYNON ON PACIFISTS

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The mail brings a gentle letter from a gentle lady inquiring as to my views on pacifists.

Nice letter, and I wish it were in my makeup to tone my response in the dulcet manner of my correspondent.

Unfortunately, it isn't.

My opinion of pacifists approaches the vulgar. I hold pacifists in such deep-down contempt I have trouble expressing my feeling. Pacifists are the night crawlers of society, the dirty little cowards who would demean their betters, who feel free to spout their drivel because people of character "make allowances", forbear. Pacifists are the sort who equate liberty and license. They are the backwash, the dross, the misbegot. I have more respect for the Cosa Nostra.

Pacifists; the word makes my ears sting. Where do you find them? Where? Only in lands of hard-bought personal liberty, liberty born of the blood of fighting men, men who laid down their lives for others, so that others, even pacifists, might make mockery of their sacrifice.

And who are they? Look at them: 'Way out, for the most part, and mentally flabby, scions of affluence, cringers posing as martyrs. The lowest.

Don't ask me of pacifists. I despise them.

What really gets to me when I think of these scuts is the shallowness of their arguments, their hypocrisy. They are American born, all I know about, and they should know—do know—there is no jingoism in this land. We fight only in defense of others or in our own defense, and then only upon the greatest provocation. Yet, these mongrels would have us uncap our weapons—or so they say. What a safe, self-serving posture; how contemptible. They know very well we won't quit, disarm, that our men will go on protecting them as they protect us all.

And with that inner assurance these effete sheep bleat the day away and make the night hide-

ous for a million mothers.

Since it is fighting and nothing more — so they say — that gives rise to their choleric mouthings, the question comes, why don't they give equally of their forked-tongue litany to the Communists. Those godless murderers are fighting, too, as I reckon: Somebody, sure as shooting, is mowing down American men.

I don't propose that they sing-song the Commies from the can-

tuary that is this land. I mean, go to Hanoi. Tell it to the jaw of the inscrutable, as they tell it to us. Go over there and decry their war leaders, their war effort, as they ridicule ours. Give old Ho Chi a shot of this group-grope, love-in, sit-in business. Do that, once, and let us know how they make out, the dirty cowards.

I understand some 300 or more of these night-crawling, banjo-whanging, draft-card-burning Benedict Arnolds are presently serving time in Federal penitentiaries. Good, But 300 isn't enough. Every last one still unshackled should be bound over. There is no hole too deep, no hell too hot for them. I would cage 'em and let 'em rot. By their actions, by their traitorous words, they have forfeited the right to live at liberty among

liberty-loving people. And save your letters. I don't want to hear any more about it.

We are at war and I am for our side. Next question.

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by Henry E. Garrett, Ph.D.

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Q: Dr. Garrett, I have heard it said that teachers are born, not made. What is your opinion?

A: No one is born to be anything: lawyer, salesman, garbage collector. A man or woman who is intelligent, emotionally well

balanced, patient, well spoken, calm and honest should make a good teacher — with training. But one possessing these traits should make good in almost anything. Interest is often the crucial factor.

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