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"Where Shall We Look For Leadership?"

David Lawrence in the December 29th issue of the U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT asks, where shall we look for leadership in these dangerous times? He answers well and to the point

Hundreds of millions of people today live in fear. Among them, however, are legions of youth who are not afraid to die--who are not afraid to give their all for a great cause.

People at every age level, however, are bewildered. They need leadership. They look back at World War II and feel it has not accomplished its main purpose--to emancipate mankind from slavery. Military victory was achieved but no peace. Humanity is not unwilling to make further sacrifices--to finish the job. If military means constitute the only way, free peoples will accept that way.

But millions of persons feel there must be some other way besides war. That's why there is wavering. That's why the "will to fight" has been dormant in countries which made sacrifices before. By some governments, unfortunately, this reluctance is misconstrued as a readiness of peoples to surrender vital principles--to accept the easy way out.

. . . War is brought nearer when there is a compromise on principle--an appeasement of those who are faithless to their pledges and promises. . . . It is time for clear thinking and deliberate planning.

The editorial then brings up the issue as to who our real enemies are. They are not the peoples of Soviet Russia, or the peoples of China or of North Korea or of Siberia. They are no longer the people of Germany and the people of Japan. Our enemies are the governments who claim to represent the innocent people who are the victims of governments that seek to exploit people and make cannon fodder of their youth.

The Soviet Government has forfeited its right before mankind to represent the Russian people. So has the Communist Government of China. . . . We compromise with truth, we appease, and we bargain with evil when we try to deal across the table with tyrannical and despotic governments. . . .

Let us not be deterred by the cry that to rearm morally or militarily may offend enemy governments. . . .

Above all, let us seek help in the only place where mankind has an abiding faith--in the leadership of God. . . . Prayers to Almighty God will not avail, however, if we are not ready to face truth within ourselves, if we are not willing to purge ourselves of the sins of materialism which so often cause us to seek the easy ways of expediency rather than to accept the hard ways of duty and sacrifice.

Prayer is a two-way line of communication. We must give ourselves to service if we expect guidance in return. . . . When we are willing to clean house of evil at home, we will be strengthened to resist evil abroad.

In this Christmas season, we are usually reminded of the great teachings of Jesus. We are inclined, however, to overlook our own sins and, with self-righteousness, focus on the sins of others. . . . We bow humbly and ask for Divine Guidance.

Once again we call your attention to the need for PRAYER AND PENANCE--and we will fight it out on this line if it take from now until June. In dealing with ourselves, let us be humble and call a spade a spade. God, however, sometimes calls a spade a club and uses it to wake us up by walloping us over the head.