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Not in my wildest dreams did I ever consider such an editorial as I write today. In this article, I write myself out of my political party, and make other statements which in a few short months may be considered treasonous.

Conditions at home and abroad compel me to speak now. I have remained silent this long because the assassination work was an excuse. That work can no longer justify my silence.

This editor has serious doubts as to just who is running the country. We doubt LBJ is at the helm. Considering the Walter Jenkins affair, "The Gay Place" by Bill Brammer needs to be reread for new, and deeper meanings.

Abroad, only the patience of other world powers can prevent us from going to a world wide war—a total war when the vital interests of the United States are not seriously threatened.

If the world is patient, then Americans can expect to be fighting in Vietnam for twenty years with no victory. Losses of American lives may be more than a million just to remain where we are in a country divided and unhappy.

Vietnam is a country which has never known democracy and we impose a dictatorship and a war on them in order to show them the advantages of democracy. One of our troubles is that we have supported too many dictators as a means of proving the worth of democracy.

In America, the tight money policy seems to be a tool to actually defeat some Democratic Congressmen. A defeat of 60 to 80 congressmen will give Johnson a reason for turning to the right in politics. The tight money is not controlling inflation. Prices of food are jumping unreasonably in anticipation of price controls, according to some authorities.

We must soon abandon the important space race in favor of spiraling military costs. We must have a regimented society with price, wage, and rent controls along with quotas and allotments.

The wild unexplainable acts of a sick man in Austin is providing the impetus for a National Police force such as this country has never dreamed.

This editor has always voted for Lyndon as the lesser of two evils. It was a mistake. We wonder if the Democratic Party will be able to survive the administration of Lyndon Baines Johnson. Even the name of the party may have to be changed when he is gone from the scene.

I will vote Republican in November, but I pledge no loyalty to that party.

Now, I feel better.

E.M.