

EDITORIALS

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"LOVE RUSSIA OR LEAVE IT"

Solzhenitsyn's courageous attacks against a dictatorship have inspired many people. Strangely though, according to reports, Solzhenitsyn really did not want to leave the Soviet Union and had to be forcefully deported. Most likely in the USSR there are no bumper stickers on the few autos telling people to "Love Russia or Leave It." Critics of that system are kicked out, jailed or worse at the whim of officials in the name of their "national security."

Apparently, the gifted Russian writer so loved his country that he tried to expose the cancers in his society even at enormous personal risk.

Would it be in bad taste, too far-fetched or against our "national security" to suggest that maybe Daniel Ellsberg, Dr. Spock, and others are our own "Solzhenitsyns?"

1974 TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The first Texas Constitution, in 1845, authorized support for a system of free schools to provide an equal opportunity for all. This provision has always been a part of the great American dream. In Texas, we have provided vast sums of money to support this dream. The last session of the Texas Legislature took a long look at the Texas Public School system. They wanted to know if some schools were better than others. They wanted to know whether some schools were better financed than others. They wanted to know if some schools had better facilities, better and superior scholastic systems.

When was the last time you took a look at the schools your children attend? Texas Public Schools Week, March 4-8 will provide you with the opportunity to see your schools in operation. During that week, all classrooms—elementary through high school—will be open to the public for visitation. This is an excellent time for you to find out what kind of schools your children attend.

Texas Public Schools are your concern. Your tax dollar goes to support and maintain them. Your children's future rests on the kind of education they are receiving today.

Is your school system providing your child with the values and skills, the means for living productive lives in a complex social environment? Find out all you can. Visit your local schools during Texas Public Schools Week—March 4-8.