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Back in the spring of 1968, President Johnson tacked up a "vacancy" sign on the White House. His action brought sharply into focus today's toughest problem. That is the problem of locating and motivating great and dedicated leadership.

We are living in a day of paradox that has produced an abundance of certain kinds of professional and amateur leaders. Among these, emphasis is placed upon a mixture of, on the one hand, appealing for support of the masses and, on the other hand, seeking to keep the masses undormed in specific areas.

While many public officials are preoccupied with the very practical problem of securing enough votes to be elected again, or for the first time, nongovernmental experts are preoccupied with trying to keep the general population under control for their special points of view.

One result has been a rapid decline of powerful statesmen in every area of our life—including

fixed by all these events and live in fear that the American public will recognize that we are caught up in a secondary stage of outright revolution. And they seem to fear that the American people will realize that all-out revolution is the determined goal of enemies in our midst.

Liberal thinkers want us to believe there is no communist threat to the internal security of this country. But the record is there for all to see. Stogoes of Russia, Cuba, and Red China run rampant in our cities, inciting mobs to violence, and make unimpared trips to the world's communist capitals to refuel their own inner boilers of violence and to be reassured of unending support from the bosses of communist revolutions.

While we may be a frightened nation, we must not be a beaten nation. Let every American remember that he still has a voice, a writing pen, and a ballot. We can change bad trends to good trends. We can reinforce the qualities of our land that made and kept our people free and we can reverse the mischief wrought by today's voices of social commuion that carry the torch liberals have waved for two centuries.

So let the decision makers whom we follow be highly resolved that American citizens will not either die or live like cattle under the dictatorship of foreign ideologues. Let them stand firmly on the American Constitution, the rule of law, and the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Let them hold to dignity, honor, and pride which mark the defender of human and spiritual rights—rejecting the servitude and dependency of state socialism.

These are the kinds of people we should seek out and follow.

*No shoemaker would stick to his last were his shop burning down. He would try to put out the fire in order that he might again stick to his last!*

loot and snipe, and the machinery of law and order is being tampered with deliberately by forces that proclaim the need for a new social order. There is evidence that even our public officials are surrendering in the face of these spreading problems and turning for help to sources that have repeatedly proved themselves less than adequate. When the mayors of mighty cities speak to the entire nation and say they cannot meet the staggering problems of their municipalities and must have the direct intervention, and subsequent partial control, of the federal institutions of men, we are in trouble.

Elected officials, like millions of private citizens, are increasingly falling under the spell of the siren call of "something for nothing" and looking to Washington to work the magic of billions in a basket.

The warning is sounded that unless guaranteed annual income for the poor is adopted, the entire country will go up in flames. We are told that unless jobs are magically created out of tomorrow's breaking dawn, tailored to the demands not of the people who need the jobs but of those who presume to speak for the jobless, that terror will reign and blood will run in the streets.

The American population is told that unless we give five or six of our Southern states to a minority race for a separate nation, there will be a civil war! This is nothing more or less than government and social existence by blackmail.

In just one short week, April 4 to April 11, 1968, 125 cities in 29 states, including the District of Columbia, were attacked by lawless mobs in portions of their metropolitan areas. Thirty-nine Americans were killed and more than 3,500 badly injured. Some 3,600 fires were started, and damages totaled almost \$46 million in insured losses and millions more in losses not covered.

Too many of our leaders seem to be trans-

may well abide within the spirit of millions of people who never bother to stir the mix.

To be a leader of men, one must learn to govern himself before he is qualified to govern or inspire others. There is a conspicuous absence of self-discipline and personal control in the lives of countless Americans who stand in the forefront of today's disturbed order.

A true leader will listen to the voice of public opinion. He will not be blindly swayed by it, nor stammered into irrational action. If he has the real welfare of people at heart, the true leader will have the courage of his own convictions and he will chart the course of his major interests accordingly.

Not only political figures but many strivers in other fields make extravagant promises that cannot possibly be kept. It is less than human, for example, for public figures in education, sociology, philosophy, economics, and commerce to hold out hope to struggling people whose incomes range from nothing to a bare existence that a magic formula has been discovered that will lift all our citizens out of the despondency of poverty up to a level of more than just enough.

It is a practical matter to state that many such promoters would drive the nation into the deep hole of financial blackout if they succeed in converting the United States into a welfare state. In England,

politicians and sociologists are more realistic. Instead of a welfare state, they call it by its proper name, socialism.

And socialism is the form of human organization always employed by communist countries.

What type of a person shows the mark of a leader? How does he think? How does he act? And how would he handle the multiplying thorny problems that are plaguing America and keeping us off balance?

He would be a man of the highest principles. He would meet his responsibilities, as well as his critics, head-on. He would face vital issues and take a firm stand rather than burying them under meaningless words or trying to keep them out of view.

An effective leader will ask himself questions. He would want to know what are the problems of our people; who is responsible for those problems; who are the enemies of the United States and freedom around the world; and what can be done to correct them?

He would recognize that bitter divisions among our people, rising debt, rapidly growing inflation, human hatred, lawlessness, and godlessness are among the key issues of the day. He would honestly and openly recognize the obvious failures chalked up in these areas in the recent past and he would not be afraid to honor and increase every success that has developed. On the world scene, he would

have to identify the communist conspiracy as the greatest single danger to the future of mankind. He would want to know what we are doing about the advance of communism; what the United States must do to counter the growing enslavement of once free people; and what, in the final analysis, we must do to prevent our own nation from being engulfed by this same cruel ideology.

What about the public economy? One needs no degree in economics to see that we are squandering billions upon billions of taxpayers' dollars in disastrous schemes and futile programs that do nothing but please and encourage our enemies.

What remedies would this hypothetical leader develop? He would halt all financial aid and encouragement to our avowed enemies, and he would make certain that every American dollar going outside this country would be for a useful and progressively free purpose.

The War on Poverty would no longer be used as a political foot-

ball. The legitimate poor and sick would be helped. But those Americans who are able to work would work!

The mark of a leader shows upon that one who would face up to the fact that immorality is being actively promoted and that many of the nation's campuses of higher learning are being used as recruiting stations for revolutionaries. You find the mark of a leader when you see the man or the woman who takes drastic steps to do everything he or she possibly can to halt the flow of drugs, increase in narcotics addiction, flagrant abuse of dangerous chemicals, and the slaughtering of the health and morals of our young.

Not until we have had enough of self-serving leadership that undermines our strongest foundations—and accept the watchword for true freedom among all people again—can we say that we are truly awake. That is why an earnest seeking for Americans with the real mark of leadership is today's most important business.

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## A RIGHTENED NATION

There is a real danger that 200 million Americans will suffer because of spreading fear that could paralyze the will of both our people and our leaders. A rapidly spreading wave of hysteria threatens to cancel out the always powerful and

effective American quality of calm and logical reasoning. True, crime is on the increase, howling mobs take to the streets from time to time and burn and