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## Unity, Freedom and Supremacy of Law

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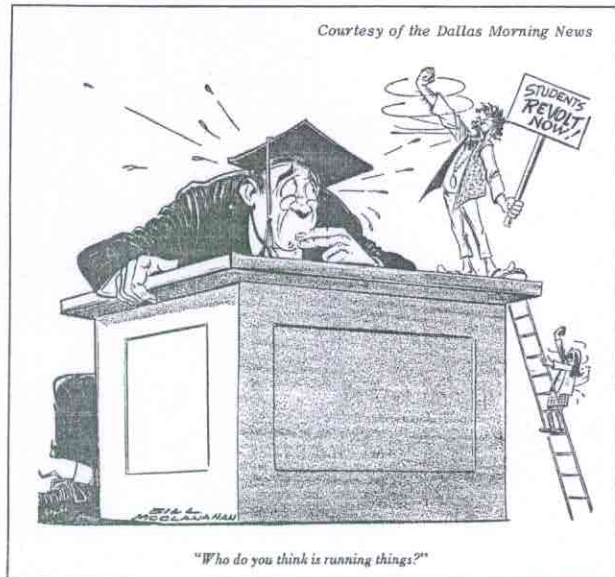
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Unity is a basic element of our Nation's strength. The United States rise to a world power has been possible because its people, who often disagree on the means to an end, have been unified in a common cause—the cause of freedom, liberty, and justice under the rule of law. Dissent, discussion and opposition are healthy and vigorous components of our way of life. This is how democracy works. However, it is important that we keep sight of our objective, that we preserve our system of self-government, and that we remain united.

Passing the heritage of unity from one generation to the next is a crucial and vital step. Effective communication is essential in this transition, and it becomes more difficult as the complexities and challenges of our society increase.

Without a doubt, our young people today are exposed to more extremists and radicals than ever before. These fanatics deal in bigotry, hate and falsehoods, and their primary aim seems to be to turn young Americans against their country. They preach theories overburdened with simplicity but with no depth in principle. Understandably, many young people are confused by these agitators and their high-sounding dictums on love and peace. Logic and moderation are obscured and overrun by emotional causes which do not measure up under the scrutiny of truth and reason. Virulent extremists see only the black and white; for them, there are no shades of gray. They act on impulse and have no patience with those who question their mo-

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tives. Their demands for direct action with ready-made remedies appeal to some rebellious-minded youths.

We can be grateful for the responsible young people who carefully weigh issues before committing themselves. They do not blindly follow self-proclaimed do-gooders without checking their credentials. The rational young man and woman today know the difference between constructive criticism and outright demagoguery, between meaningful inquiry and undermining conspiracy, and between liberty and license. No right-thinking young American wants to forsake the proven principles of lawful, democratic freedom for chaotic anarchy and disorder.

I would say that we do not give sufficient attention and credit to the responsible youth of our country. We are so concerned with

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#### *False Images in 1968*

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The term "image" is used and over-used during a presidential election year, and it is necessary for the voter to keep his eyes and ears open in order to keep from falling for a projection that is imaginary rather than real. Whatever the effects of imagery on the 1968 election,

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the unlawful conduct of a small segment that we fail to fully appreciate and recognize the worthy ideals, aspirations and achievements of the overwhelming majority of our young people. This is a grave injustice and, no doubt, is one reason we find it difficult to effectively communicate with the young age group. We must improve our communication with the younger generation and strengthen the chain of unity before it is too late.

Americans of all ages, of all races, and of all stations in life must face reality. The undeniable truth is that no nation, regardless how great or strong, can survive when torn by internal discord and strife. Unless we stand united—a free society ruled by supremacy of law—we shall fall prey to the forces which seek to enslave the world.\* \*

it is constructive to look at other areas of our national life in which imagery plays a prominent part.

One of the worst of these is the portrayal of the American who wants to keep his country free as an "extremist," as if anyone could be "extreme" in love of freedom. If it is good to be a patriot, as most Americans believe, the question arises as to why it is considered bad in some quarters to be a "super-patriot." If it is worthwhile to be constructive in one's approach to national problems, can anyone ever be rightfully blamed for being "extremely" constructive?

These "extreme" labels have been widely applied in recent years, but fortunately there are signs that such labels are no longer accepted. The turn to the right in the nation is real and meaningful and gives Freedomists the best opportunity they have had in years to press home their case.

Fortunately, their case is wholly affirmative in nature. It is not based on hate or destruction, but instead on an abiding love for freedom and a determination to be constructive in all efforts to save freedom.

The time to go all out in these efforts is now. What is done in the immediate future can preserve liberty as far as man can see ahead.\* \*