

Citizens watchdog duty

We seem to be living in a time when citizenship is making severe demands upon us.

The behavior of Mr. Nixon and "his" executive department indicate that they will try any action they feel is possible to achieve their ends even though the act is unconstitutional, illegal and immoral as witness the present bombing in Cambodia and Laos.

Further, they tend to defend their acts and ignore opposition to them (witness Watergate) until public indignation is thunderous and overwhelming.

If our democracy is in such sorry state that the President and the executive department are only going to uphold the Constitution and obey the law when citizens pressure them to, then we must accept the reality of that situation and accept responsibility for demanding that they cease being scofflaws.

I urge your readers to monitor the actions of our executive branch. If any find his conscience being offended, then let him act; voice his objections through letters to the media, congressmen, senators and any others who might have power in or influence on the government.

If we citizens fail to discharge that watchdog duty in these days that are so threatening to our country's democratic tradition, the free system of government we love may be lost.

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