

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

He Said It All

Editor — Hugh W. Ellsaesser (Letters, January 30) said it all, and I wish I had been so articulate. However, if there is a time when one of those rag-tag, bob-tail liberals is elected President my voice will be heard yelling "impeach, impeach, impeach." In the meantime, how about some post-mortem impeachments? That should be some fertile ground. And I don't mean Truman.

LORRAINE LACKLAND.

Fresno.

The Difference

Editor — What seems to have been overlooked by the free speech advocates in the discussions around the near-riot at the Board of Education meeting is the crucial difference between Marxist revolutionary ideas and the ideology of National Socialism.

The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights guarantee the right not only to advocate, but to rise up and change the form of government if said government no longer suits the people. But nowhere is the right given to any individual or group to advocate or implement slavery, the liquidation of Jews or blacks or any other group or individual because of race, creed, or color. The opposite is true: all people are considered created equal and entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Marxist revolutionary ideas may be "repugnant" to some civil righters, but the ideology of National Socialism is not only repugnant. It is criminal.

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Nullified

Editor — In response to Hugh Ellsaesser's letter of January 30, the mandate that Richard Nixon received has been nullified by his disgraceful conduct in office. No liberal or member of the "Eastern Establishment" in their wildest dreams could have written the

scenario of the last 8 months of the Nixon administration. It would have been dismissed as too inept and unbelievable.

I hope that the mess Richard Nixon has made of the country will in the long run serve a useful purpose. I hope people will be less gullible in the future and the publicity that Watergate and other unscrupulous activities has received will serve notice on future Presidents that we consider the Presidency as a sacred trust, not to be used for personal gain, but to be an opportunity to serve the country in a really dedicated, responsible way.

MRS. ALICE OLSEN.

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State of the Union

Editor — President Nixon's State of the Union address was a thing of beauty. He was surrounded by applause as he told us how bad it was and now how good it is. It felt nice to hear of some good things that this country and the momentum of its great people have done.

But when Mr. Nixon pleaded for an end to Watergate because it has gone on too long I remembered what kind of man was speaking. . . A year of Watergate is not enough. Almost daily we find more areas uncovered which have been hidden by those who perpetrated the events.

It is true that the people are able to forget unpleasant experiences with the passage of time. But let's not forget who has delayed most in clearing the air during "this year of Watergate." Let's not forget who fired the Watergate prosecutor because he was too efficient. Let's not forget who has delayed answering subpoenas, thumbed his nose at the California courts and who has dragged his feet every step of the way during "this year of Watergate."

Sometimes the truth does not come easy. Sometimes a democratic society must struggle to preserve its freedoms against those who would sell it short for

quick personal profit. But I hope the 93rd Congress does not give up its investigation short of uncovering all the facts. Before I will ever again trust a politician I will have to see this 93rd Congress do its job relative to Watergate and not give up just because it's too long, too delayed, too unpleasant, although it will be all of that . . .

WEB BARNETT.

Modesto.

Editor — The most significant feature of President Nixon's State of the Union message was the fact that it was immediately followed by an ad for a room freshener, that followed by an ad for a remedy for upset stomach and headache. Indeed, this is real and prompt response to the needs of the American people.

ELEANOR EDGREN.

Oakland.

Silence is Golden?

Editor — If Edward Cox has definite proof that John Dean III is a "liar," as he stated, he should appear in front of the Senate Watergate Committee and testify, under oath, as Dean has done, and if his wife Tricia really believes that the President "rules" this country, she should study the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. Perhaps the members of Mr. Nixon's family would serve him better if they remained silent.

G. A. BALDWIN.

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Detente

Editor — Detente with the Soviet Union?

Now there's a word for you, detente. It's French, of course, the language of diplomacy. An easing or relaxing of tensions. Such a definition however is so diffuse as to be meaningless. A concrete and accurate definition: If you don't drop any bombs on us, we won't drop any bombs on you.

HARRY QUARTERMAIN.

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