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Urges Public Resentment at Today's Evils of Government

Davenport, Iowa, Editor, The Times:

This country belongs to every man, woman and child who lives in it. The leaders of the American Revolution deliberately created a government different from any previous government, in that the government was instituted to serve the people rather than to exploit them. It was a government of limited powers with the accent on liberties guaranteed to the individual by the government, with certain powers withheld from the government and remaining in the people.

Under this government, with complete freedom in matters of religion, politics and economics there was unleashed such a glorious era of accomplishment that the world yet marvels at the results. With men free to pursue their lives as they see fit, and to work hard as they choose for the rewards that follow, there has been here created an area of freedom and achievement that is out of this world as far as other nations are concerned.

There are forces in the world and in this country that are not content to see this area of well-being. They wish to change it to suit some pattern of their own. It is to the interest of every thoughtful American to retain the freedom

and liberties that we have enjoyed since 1776 and 1787.

People being what they are, there can be no substitute for freedom of the individual as regards his conscience, his right to choose his work, and his right to retain the profits of his labor beyond the necessary expense of government. To redistribute the wealth, to make all men equal, is a vicious dream that would destroy the springs of ambition and the well-being that flows from individual effort to better one's own condition.

The forces working to change and conquer our country have operated so cleverly and consistently and have been so successful that many people who resent the changes being forced upon us have unconsciously adopted the defeatist attitude that they can do nothing about it. Everyone can do something! We can mention in our everyday talks and contacts the dangers we face, and express our individual resentment at the present day conditions that we find in our government. The same can be done in letters that we write.

Stop and think! If 150 million Americans did this, how long would the graft and crookedness continue, to say nothing of predatory taxation?

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