

This Week's Guest Writer

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The vitality of a nation lies in the spirit of its people. The great urge to fight for the right to live freely under God made these United States that we cherish. A country grows and is strong as long as it lives by the code upon which it was founded. A tree may grow tall and spread far if its roots are firmly bedded. Let us remember on this Memorial Day to freedom the sincere intents of our nation's founders, and their faith. Faith was a great motivator in the days of '76.

A burning desire to express freewill and an abiding belief in their right under God to do so caused our forefathers to establish this nation. From individual opinions expressed and acted upon cooperatively, our powerful national spirit grew. We have accepted the challenge to break the bonds of limitation and conquer new horizons of achievement. It is a distinguishing American characteristic.

Ours has been an age of freedom and growth. The forward strides in material culture are almost unbelievable. This whole structure is based upon individual accomplishment. The ideal life, as we have come to think of it, can only survive by free effort and enterprise. A great group of sincere people in this country is joining together this year in an effort to renew the spirit of the founders. This Fourth of July, the original meaning of Independence Day is being recalled. The ringing of church bells, the prayers of sincere citizens will recognize gratitude for our continued freedom under God. From God alone comes the gift of true freedom. Each of us can add his individual strength to this great universal spirit. As we pray for the preservation of our own way of life we must remember the development of a new way for many of earth's millions. We must remember that freedom itself is a variable ideal.

It is necessary for sincere standard bearers to admit to other people their own ideals of life. If we would be big brother to the world we must help others to grow in accordance with their own concepts. Most misunderstandings between nations are enlarged pictures of differing racial approaches to life. The yearning of the ideal life is present in all peoples. All peoples, however, do not of necessity see the same ideal.

The spirit of liberty is not peculiar to Americans, nor Englishmen, nor Indonesians. Spread over this whole world today are cold and hot battlefields where men are struggling and dying for their ideals of freedom.

History shows repeated risings of people of all lands in surges of the will to break oppressions. Men all desire the same basic factors in life. These are in essence simple: food, clothing, shelter, and the right to enjoy some of God's gifts to man.

It is in the approach to these things that there is variance. While we, as a nation, seek to preserve our own way we can fill a truly great world role. We can carry not merely the biggest stick but back it up with the broadest tolerance and the warmest understanding.

We are all brothers under the skin.

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