

Goldwater but Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., who finds America "like one big company town with the bland leading the bland." It is not William Buckley but John Kenneth Galbraith who bemoans a sightless society which trudges toward a brave new world down the path of least resistance.

Now the issue takes on a fascinating irony with frightening implications. It is not the critic but the creator who finds his work unworthy. It is not the OUTS trying to depose the INS but the INS trying to find their way out that mocks the progress of two generations and sends tremors of doubt reverberating through the Great and Hollow Society.

What good are revolutions if we are devoured by them? For how long can mere innovation masquerade as substance? Has our nation's talent for acquiring wealth left its people impoverished? Are we to remain a nation of sheep led by Judas goats down the paths of deception and self-destruction? Can we believe we are winning the war against communism in Vietnam or the war against poverty in America? The casualty count in Vietnam and the cities ablaze in America brutally expose the myth of success.

Prosperity is *not* at an all time high when the value of the American dollar is at an all time low. We do *not* enjoy the world's richest standard of living when we tremble to travel the streets at night. We *cannot* applaud America's record for good health and long life when our nation's infant mortality rate is inexcusably high, when pollution fouls our waters and contaminates our air. These are the facts.

We are a people bereft of inspiration and adrift without policy. The confidence of the American people that once could conquer a continent has been shaken to the core. We cower before the challenges we must face, we cringe where once we would tower.

The country is in crisis. We face a foreign crisis, a domestic crisis and a moral crisis. That's what the 1968 election will be all about. And that's why the Republican Party confronts great obligations as well as great opportunities.

The Republican Party offers the American people a choice — the choice of strong, honest leadership. And when I speak of "strong" leadership, I do not mean strong in the popularity polls but strong on principle. When I speak of "honest" leadership, I speak of a leader who has the courage to tell the public the truth. Now, as never before, there is a great need for America's leaders to talk forthrightly and frankly, to emphasize realism and not rhetoric.