

schools of our Country, and are openly, or in various subtle ways being presented daily to thousands of our college, high school and grade school pupils.

As loyal Americans who appreciate the privileges and the liberties that are yours, and who by reason of your very education in this splendid college have benefited from the opportunity this Country affords to everyone, each one of you, I know, is loyal, whole-heartedly so, to the principles that underlie our democratic form of government, and whose application has made possible the wonderful growth and development that made this the greatest land in the world.

It isn't enough, however, these days to be conscious of this loyalty and to have it firmly rooted in your heart, when so many in our midst are working day and night to spread the gospel of discontent. It is the duty of all of us, and particularly, I say, of you teachers, who will exert so great an influence upon the coming generation, to think and to work as zealously for the cause of democracy as the malcontents among us are working for its destruction.

In choosing the profession of teaching you have, indeed, chosen to enter one of the most important and vital phases of our national and civic life. The best advice I can give you now, as you prepare to leave your college days behind, is that you take away with you and cherish the ideals of service and love of Country that you have absorbed within these walls. Keep alive in your minds the thought that you, as a group, are one of the greatest assets our Country has today in its fight against destructive elements and subversive "isms". Set yourself the noble task of strengthening and perpetuating the welfare of democracy, and of our Country. If you do this, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you truly are doing your share to preserve intact and pass along to succeeding generations principles of government that are the noblest ever known to civilization: principles that guarantee to the individual the rights that are inalienable and are the counterpart of citizenship as we comprehend that term. You will do this, I know, as good Americans, and your reward will be a continuing soul-satisfying conviction that you have fulfilled nobly the commission herewith entrusted to you.

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WE must recognize that there is great moral unrest in the world, and that standards of conduct, of morality, and of honor, which former generations accepted without question, now not only are being questioned on all sides, but in some countries, and even by a far-to-large minority in our own Country, these standards are being derided and rejected.

Furthermore, the ideals of democracy, once the very basis of all national thought, are being attacked from many sides by self-seeking cliques throughout America, and unhealthy doctrines are being spread even through the schools. Whether you choose to enter the field of industry or commerce now, or to go on to college, you will be exposed to these theories, theories that are opposed to all that you now know to be acceptable. Fellow-workers will attempt to win