AN OPEN LETTER

TO THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S DEBUTANTE PARTY

WE READ A STATEMENT in the Press made by one of the young defendants after the court case involving alleged damages at a debutante party in Southampton, Long Island: “Everyone knows there is too much drinking in this country, but what can you do about it? Everybody knows the morals of this country are going down the drain.”

WE THE UNDERSIGNED believe we have the answer to the young man’s question. We believe it is time our generation stopped self-righteously deploiring this state of the nation or irresponsibly contributing to it. The time has come to change it.

WE REPRESENT hundreds of young Americans across the nation who have committed their lives to create a new society in America and the world with the global program of Moral Re-Armament.

WE ARE IN REVOLT against a society which creates the climate of immaturity and lawlessness that leads to such a debacle and to such a cynical statement. We have got to stop it.

WE ARE IN REVOLT against the gutlessness of well-meaning Americans who lack the courage to explode the corruption existing in all levels of our society, who sit silently while one woman follows another God out of our schools, who permit men committed to atheism and anti-God to proceed unchecked, who proclaim one set of standards and live another.

WE ARE IN REVOLT against the line of the “new morality” which is forced down our throats by books, magazines, television, films, professors and some churchmen. Sex, violence, lust and godlessness are taking over the nation. When venereal disease among young Americans rises 189% between the years 1956 and 1961, when 13,000,000 children come from broken homes—who is responsible? We are.

WHERE ARE THE YOUNG AMERICANS who will pay the price in their own lives to stand up for what is right in the country? Where are the fighting Americans who will cure the hatred, bitterness, impurity and selfishness which divide families, destroy races, debase youth, split nations?

THE FREE WORLD looks to us for leadership. The captive world looks to us to make freedom a reality again. We know that if America fails the world fails.

WE ARE OUT TO BUILD A NATION where families teach mankind how to live together, where industry—management and labor—teach the whole world how to work together, where all races, colors and classes learn together with all nations how to lead the whole world forward. We are cut to create a force of young Americans more dedicated to building a world that works than any Communist or materialist. We will create an America to whom the whole world will turn and say, “That is the way men are meant to live.”

WE BELIEVE IN MODERN AMERICA. We believe she will rise to the challenge of the times. We believe she will demonstrate the great reality that free men will accept of their own accord the discipline to be governed by God, so that millions on the earth will never be ruled by tyrants.

THE CHALLENGE facing the American youth is not to go backward to the decadence that destroyed the Roman Empire, but to go forward to the revolution of Moral Re-Armament.

WE CAN REBUILD THE MODERN WORLD. Let us go forward to absolute moral standards for all men everywhere: absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love, not as an end in themselves, but as a means for giving us the energy, the maturity, the responsibility, the clarity that will take humanity forward to the next stage in human evolution.

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