



A WORD TO DEMOCRACY

Democracy has locked horns with Totalitarianism; it is a struggle for survival. We are convinced that Democracy will be the conqueror, and this isn't wishful thinking either.

We can see that Totalitarianism is not the best thing for this modern world, especially as it finds no place for the individual in the life of the nation. So in these countries the individual is sacrificed without any compunction, for the good of the whole.

We know that Democracy has its weaknesses, and we hope that in the post-war years we shall overcome most of them. One of its problems is the paralyzing powers of individual selfishness, which is so detrimental to the health of the nation. The Totalitarianists sacrifice the individual, and in Democracy the individuals too often sacrifice the State in order to gain their own selfish ends.

We don't have to look far afield to see the symptoms of this divisive element in our Democracies, it is obvious in the Air Force. People who complain if they don't always get their own way, or the best of every situation. People who just won't cooperate, who want to work things out in their own way. Selfishness displays itself in greed, indifference, disobedience, and in many other ways that disregard the interests of others. How patriotic is much of our so-called patriotism? Selfishness in any form jeopardizes the highest interests of any nation.

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