

where orthodoxy chokes freedom of dissent; where faith in the eventual supremacy of reason has become so timid that we dare not enter our convictions in the open lists to win or lose."

There are some ways in which we cannot - and would not compete with Communism; in elevating fear into a civic virtue; in making denunciation the test of loyalty; in lauding hatred and violence as the badge of patriotism; in making drab conformity the test of good citizenship.

Nevertheless, in other ways we can, not only compete with Communism, but triumph over all it represents in evil and tyranny. To do this, however, and while building up ramparts against military aggression, we must stand firm in defence of those principles of tolerance and fair play, law and justice, which are the main source of fundamental freedoms, human rights and true national greatness.

There is no cause for complacency or easy optimism in the international situation today. But there is no cause, either, for hysteria or despair. We have a deep-rooted strength derived from freedom that the massed battalions of regimented slaves can never hope to possess. That strength will prevail, and, please God, it will one day bring about a peace that will be something better than an uneasy interlude between wars.

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