

Next 100 Years Depends on Us

NOW that we have made it a free nation for 200 years, let's try to make it 300 years!

The first century of the United States of America was a period of great growth and momentous difficulties, but freedom prevailed and free enterprise flourished.

The second century was marked by greater progress than man ever achieved in a comparable period in virtually every field of human endeavor, and this nation stands as a beacon of hope for countless millions of oppressed, enslaved people.

Yet, a sizable number of American citizens have conceived notions

The very freedoms which we have sought and attained make it possible for those who would destroy our nation to gain advantages over those who want our country to remain free. Communism is deadset to destroy capitalism and to make "the state" superior to the individual all over the world. This is no secret.

Our principles of freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion, along with other rights and privileges of a free people, also give the Communists among us the right to peddle their propaganda. Each year they seem to make some converts.

The right to own property and to engage in a business of employment of our choice has served as a foundation stone upon which capitalism, industry and prosperity have grown. Yet, anti-business groups took advantage of the Bicentennial occasion

to carry protests and demands for "economic revolution" in America. They want to change to systems that have destroyed freedom elsewhere.

Our Constitution provides for rule by the majority of the people, not by a minority and not by a big, centralized government or bureaucracy. In demanding their rights, it sometimes seems that special interest groups also are attempting to assert that they have a "right to rule." This is the kind of stuff from which dictatorships are made!

If our nation is to survive as a free country for another century, governmental power must remain in hands of the majority.

Some people have expressed disappointment that our Bicentennial was not celebrated with a mammoth exposition at Philadelphia or a spectacular demonstration for freedom in Washington, plus great and costly ventures elsewhere.

Throughout our life, the Fourth of July was observed where it has the greatest significance — with individuals who meditated upon the meaning of freedom, how we attained it, how we got to where we are now, and where we are likely to go in the future.

The amount of money that was spent on celebrations is not of vital importance. The important aspect was how many Americans pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to the preservation of liberty, as did the signers of the Declaration of Independence two centuries ago.

Our nation's future depends upon how many of their children inherit the values of freedom, and how we preserve freedom in the home, but we also need more of churches, schools, business and honest public officials for it to thrive.

And Away We Go!

