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Dear Reader:

Walter Brennan, the only three-time Academy Award winner, has observed that "Merrill Root says more worth saying, with more wisdom and beauty and just plain goodness, than almost anyone I ever heard of." Of course Professor Root's powerful essay on "Loyalty," which begins on Page 49, speaks eloquently for itself. Mr. Brennan was commenting for the jacket of Professor Root's great book, *America's Steadfast Dream*, just published by Western Islands and reviewed by Tom Anderson beginning on Page 75.

Alabama Governor George C. Wallace, whose "What I Believe" begins on the next page, says of Professor Root that he "is a great man who loves our country and understands its people and purpose. He is the Poet Laureate of the real America that is simple and decent and good, and I recommend his book to everyone who would know why so many growing millions of us have dared, even now, to Stand Up for America." Gary Allen, who writes on Page 17 of the real America and its middle class, agrees wholeheartedly.

And Dr. Medford Evans, who begins his brilliant examination of "The Presidency" on Page 39, says of E. Merrill Root that "he puts one in mind of Bayard Taylor's lines: 'The bravest are the tenderest, — the loving are the daring.'"

We hope that this Christmas you will want to give *America's Steadfast Dream* to someone you love — because it is wise, and true, and beautiful. And because it proves Tom Anderson is right when he says in his essay on "Christmas" that "the hope of the world does not lie in the United Nations, in do-gooding, in full bellies, in missiles, armies, treaties, or power pacts. It lies in the character of man. And the great hope for the character of man is the example of Jesus Christ. Americans must learn that. And especially they must learn that the Christmas wish of 'peace be with you' means not the peace to be bought by surrendering your friends to the dungeon or the slave state, not the peace of the firing squad or of the graveyard, not the peace of the successful dictatorship. It means the peace within you that comes through Christ."

We wish you the merriest Christmas ever!

Sincerely,

Scott Stanley Jr.

WHAT I BELIEVE

Governor Wallace Lays It Out Straight

Honorable George C. Wallace, Governor of Alabama, served six years in the Alabama Legislature and was for five years an Alabama district judge. He served as Governor of Alabama from 1963 to 1966, when his late wife Lurleen Burns Wallace was elected, and he was again elected Governor of that state in 1970. Governor George C. Wallace was the American Independent candidate for President of the United States in 1968, winning the 45 electoral votes of five states and nearly 10 million popular votes — the largest in history for an American third-party candidate.

■ IN OUR nearly two hundred years as a nation, we Americans have withstood many crises. But at no time in the past has the United States been so decisively challenged both at home and abroad. It has become increasingly obvious during the past three years that our national leaders have let us down. Their failure to resist effectively the Communist onslaught from abroad, and their wholesale promotion of socialism at home, have heralded a retreat from greatness of which all Americans should be truly ashamed. Yet at precisely the time when good citizens should be rising angry, many appear to be in a state of narcosis.

The primary reason for this is that the incumbent President brought to office with him a reputation as an arch foe of Communism abroad and of the Welfare State at home. You remember how he made statement after statement to that effect, both before and during his Presidential campaign. But the proof of politics is in the practice. And the real Mr. Nixon has proved to be as different

from Candidate Nixon as was Mr. Hyde from Dr. Jekyll.

The problem is that millions of Americans who would be highly agitated if Mr. Humphrey were doing what Mr. Nixon is doing are telling each other that nothing can be very wrong because the "Liberals" aren't holding the reins of state. If you think that, I've got news for you: Richard Nixon ran on my platform and is running the country on Hubert Humphrey's.

The major reason that President Nixon has been able to have his cake and eat it too is that the longhairs of the "Liberal" media treat him as if he were still breathing down the neck of Alger Hiss. That was more than twenty years ago, and the anti-Communist days of Richard Nixon are long gone. But radical TV and newspaper journalists continue to provide protective coloring for Mr. Nixon as he moves the country Leftward towards total government.

You know, I think that before America can be returned to sanity and justice, something must be done to bring balance to the giant news media, particularly television. Contrary to what they might think, I don't want to dump the Brinkleys, Cronkites, Reasoners, *et. al.*, in some electronic junkyard. It isn't necessary, and I wouldn't do it if it were. I just want to make sure that such overstuffed shirts no longer have a monopoly on television news. Think about it a minute. You've got room for more than a dozen channels on your television dial. Why is it, then, that the only national TV news you get is packaged in but three network news-rooms in New York? When you figure

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