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Dear Reader:

You saw our cover on the way in. Perhaps you stopped there awhile, trying to recall the name of some teacher you knew who from September to June read slowly, meaningfully, from the Holy Bible each morning at quarter of eight. And you listened with maybe twenty other boys and girls, and what you learned about God's laws, and man's nature, and our language at its most beautiful, has been as important in your life as anything you have learned in all the years since.

As we thought of it then, before the Supreme Court recognized how quickly such a thing can destroy the character of a nation and her youth, reading from that Bible seemed the natural thing to do. Of course we were all just children at the time, and hadn't been away to college to learn whatever it was we all learned at college. You remember the lectures there, all about academic freedom, and how we mustn't burn books unless they are found by the federal Office of Education or the United States Supreme Court to be full of unscientific references to the God of our fathers, known of old, Lord of our far-flung battle-lines . . .

As we looked at that cover we remembered something else, too, from a classroom very much like that shown in Mr. Canavan's painting. The words are those of a prayer by Rudyard Kipling; a prayer about the then mighty British Empire, on which it was said the sun never set. The remembered words go like this: "Far-called, our navies melt away;/ On dune and headland sinks the fire;/ Lo, all our pomp of yesterday/ Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!/ Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,/ Lest we forget - lest we forget!"

You know what Kipling meant. But of course you went to a school like that on our cover. And you will understand his warning when you see it repeated in Gary Allen's article on subversion of the American military which begins on Page 1; in Dr. Medford Evans' study on the Pentagon Papers which begins on Page 39; and, in Dr. Susan Huck's report from Free China which begins on Page 35.

The lines above from Kipling, by the way, are from his "Recessional" prayer. It is hard to keep from adding, not at all as an afterthought, that they conclude: "Thy mercy on Thy People, Lord!"

Sincerely,

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OUR MILITARY

The Attack On Duty, Honor, Country

Gary Allen, a graduate of Stanford University and one of the nation's top authorities on civil turmoil and the New Left, is author of Communist Revolution In The Streets - a highly praised and definitive volume on revolutionary tactics and strategies, published by Western Islands. Mr. Allen, a former instructor of both history and English, is active in anti-Communist and other humanitarian causes. Now a film writer, author, and journalist, he is a Contributing Editor to AMERICAN OPINION. Gary Allen is also nationally celebrated as a lecturer.

■ IT IS now almost impossible to open a newspaper, select a book or magazine from a newsstand, turn on the television, or go to a movie without being subjected to some new form of attack upon the American military. The Line is the same, whether couched in the gliberal cant of the New York Times, the alley shrieks of the underground newspapers, or the electronic urbanities of Walter Cronkite. According to this grand coalition of "Liberals" and radicals, the Communists are now deeply divided. They desire peace, but are frustrated in their attempts to end the Cold War by America's cruel military-industrial complex.

"Who is the real enemy of the United States?" asks former Senator Joseph Clark, head of the United World Federalists. "Is it the Russians? Is it the Chinese? Is it the North Vietnamese? Or is it the Pentagon and its industrial allies who are tearing this country apart for no sensible reason affecting our national security?" There can be no doubt whom Senator Clark blames. And such Estab-

lishment "Liberals" are already boasting that if they have their way the hegemony of our military complex will soon be reduced to the relative perimeter of a Boy Scout camp. Look magazine cheers:

For the first time in thirty years, the American defense establishment is on the defensive.

Not since the 1930s - before World War II, the cold war, the Korean War, Vietnam - have those who build and manage our military machine been so seriously challenged.

Congress, less afraid of being labeled unpatriotic, is asking penetrating questions . . . It is only a step to asking whether we can have sufficient defense at lower cost, and perhaps use the savings for programs with lower priorities, like healing our cities and making poverty an anachronism.

That gliberal cant about "re-ordering our priorities" has become the media cliché of the year. The disarmament lobby has drowned the airwaves and blackened the newspapers with propaganda that millions of Americans are starving to death in rat-infested hovels because maniac warmongers in the Pentagon insist upon maintaining a garrison state in which generals rattle about with three megaton warheads for every babushka on the Russian steppes and two H-Bombs for every rice farmer in China.

Typical of this frenetic sloganeering is the comment by David M. Shoup, a former Marine Corps general turned high-

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The Underground In The Public Schools

Pope

He is not here,
but is risen.

