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In the past we have had ^{best speakers} speakers like Puck
we hope you can accept
presented NOW*

STEUBEN SOCIETY, 7 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 22,
1971, AT THE AMERICANA HOTEL, NEW YORK,
NEW YORK

DAY

*Mr. & Mrs. John
Wood/Brown
Judge Bullock
Al Bosch*

GOOD EVENING. I AM VERY HAPPY
TO BE HERE. IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO
BE AMONG CITIZENS WHO HAVE A DEEP DEVOTION
TO DUTY AND A KEEN AWARENESS OF THEIR
RESPONSIBILITIES AS AMERICANS.

I SHARE WITH YOU YOUR PRIDE IN
THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY
WAR GENERAL, FREDERICK WILLIAN VON STEUBEN.
CERTAINLY GENERAL VON STEUBEN OCCUPIES A
PLACE OF GREAT HONOR IN THE HISTORY OF
AMERICA. IT MIGHT WELL BE SAID THAT THE
AMERICAN COLONISTS WOULD NEVER HAVE WON
THEIR FREEDOM WITHOUT HIS VALIANT SERVICES.



IN LOOKING OVER THE STEUBEN SOCIETY'S OBJECTIVES AND AIMS, I WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY YOUR 14 POINTS AND NOTABLY THE FACT THAT THIS SOCIETY IS "DEDICATED TO ENLIGHTENED PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL STATE AND NATIONAL AFFAIRS."

Immigration Act - 1965 - Nationality Helpful Reform

MY REMARKS TONIGHT MAY NOT BE ENTERTAINING. I HAVE NEVER BEEN VERY GOOD AT COMEDY ROUTINES. BUT MY COMMENTS MAY BE ENLIGHTENING.

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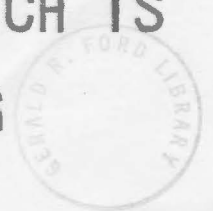
ALL OF US IN AMERICA NEED ALL OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE, FOR WE LIVE IN PERILOUS TIMES.

again

WE LIVE IN AN AGE WHEN FREEDOM HAS COME HEAVILY UNDER ATTACK.

I SPEAK OF THE CONTINUING DANGER OF COMMUNIST EXPANSIONISM.

I SPEAK OF AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE PERVASIVE AMONG



AMERICANS, AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH IS GIVING RISE TO BROADENED AND HEIGHTENED ATTACKS ON THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND ON THE INSTITUTION OF FREE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT ITSELF. Washington, D.C.

I SPEAK OF THE SOVIET DRIVE FOR SUPERIORITY IN NUCLEAR POWER, IN TECHNOLOGY AND IN NAVAL FORCES.

I SPEAK OF THE FACT THAT WHILE THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUES TO INCREASE ITS DEFENSE OUTLAYS, WE HAVE BEEN DRASTICALLY REDUCING OURS IN CONSTANT DOLLARS.

WHILE THE SOVIET UNION MAKES GREAT EFFORTS TO BUILD UP ITS NAVY, WE ALLOW OURS ^{signature} TO RIDE AT ANCHOR. WHILE THE SOVIET UNION SENDS INCREASING NUMBERS OF SHIPS INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE CARIBBEAN AND THE INDIAN OCEAN, LEADING MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE CAST



ABOUT FOR WAYS TO CUT OUR DEFENSE BUDGET.

IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR POWER, THE SOVIETS IN THE LAST THREE YEARS HAVE ACHIEVED PARITY WITH US. THE RUSSIANS NOW ARE DEVELOPING SUPER WARHEADS, MUCH LARGER THAN ANY IN OUR ARSENAL. AT THE SAME TIME THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN INCREASING THE NUMBER AND ACCURACY OF THEIR INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES.

THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR HANGS
OVER THE WORLD LIKE A TIME BOMB. LET US HOPE
THE PROCESS OF DEFUSING THAT BOMB BEGAN WITH
THE ANNOUNCEMENT LAST THURSDAY IN
WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW THAT THE UNITED
STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAD AGREED TO
NEGOTIATE LIMITATIONS ON BOTH OFFENSIVE
AND DEFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS
SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THIS AGREEMENT IS CLEARLY ONE OF



THE MOST SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGHS FOR
PEACE IN THE HISTORY OF THE MODERN WORLD --
A BREAKTHROUGH IN OUR EFFORTS TO PLACE
CURBS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS.

WHILE INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS LIE
AHEAD AND CONCRETE AGREEMENTS MAY YET
ELUDE US, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THIS INITIAL
AGREEMENT AS A STEP TOWARD PRESERVING THE
PEACE OF THE WORLD AND A STEP TOWARD RELIEF
FROM THE CRUSHING COST BURDEN OF THE ARMS
RACE.

THE U.S.-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT TO
PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING BOTH
OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS
HOLDS A VAST POTENTIAL FOR BENEFIT TO
MANKIND. IT INDICATES A MORE ENLIGHTENED
ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE RUSSIANS. IT
PROMPTS ME TO LOOK FOR THE DAY WHEN WE CAN

affirmatively



COME TO A SUBSTANTIVE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT. I FEEL THERE IS GENUINE CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM.

WHILE WE CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE, WE MUST ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THAT PEACE COMES TO THE STRONG. ~~W~~~~T~~~~H~~~~I~~~~N~~~~K~~ THE RECENTLY-ANNOUNCED U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENT POINTS UP THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HELD THE ABM IN HIS HAND AS A TRUMP CARD. IT UNDERSCORES THE WISDOM OF HIS REFUSAL TO THROW THAT CARD AWAY IN THE FACE OF ATTACKS BY THE SENATE DOVES.

in the last 11 two yrs

WE MUST NOT, OF COURSE, ALLOW THE EXHILARATION OF THE MOMENT TO RUN AWAY WITH REASON. *& logic.*

MANY OBSTACLES LIE IN THE PATH OF ANY FURTHER AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND NOT THE LEAST OF THESE HAS BEEN THE RUSSIAN ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT THE



DISMANTLING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.

IT IS A HOPEFUL NOTE THAT THE RUSSIANS NOW ARE INDICATING A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS A MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES IN EUROPE. THEY HAD BEEN INSISTING ON A U.S. WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT A CORRESPONDING SOVIET WITHDRAWAL FROM EASTERN EUROPE.

I AM OPPOSED TO A UNILATERAL REDUCTION OF U.S. FORCES IN EUROPE, NOW OR AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE. OUR OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE A MUTUAL REDUCTION, AND WE MUST EXPAND AND INTENSIFY OUR NEGOTIATIONS TO THAT END.

UNILATERAL REDUCTION WOULD WEAKEN THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING THE SOVIET UNION TO WITHDRAW SOME OF ITS FORCES FROM EASTERN EUROPE.



I WELCOME LEONID BREZHNEV'S ^{Course} INITIATIVE IN THIS REGARD. THIS WAS A RESPONSE TO A NATO INVITATION TO DISCUSS MUTUAL TROOP WITHDRAWALS. IT WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE NATO MEETING IN JUNE.

THERE IS, OF COURSE, CONTINUING TALK OF SHIFTING A GREATER PORTION OF THE NATO EXPENSE BURDEN TO OUR NATO ALLIES.

IN VIEW OF OUR SHOCKINGLY POOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION, A GREATER CONTRIBUTION ON THE PART OF OUR NATO ALLIES IS VERY MUCH TO BE DESIRED.

OF THE 300,000 U.S. TROOPS IN EUROPE, 210,000 ARE STATIONED IN GERMANY. MAINTAINING THIS LEVEL OF TROOPS IN GERMANY CREATED A BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS OUTFLOW OF \$1 BILLION EACH YEAR IN 1969 AND 1970.



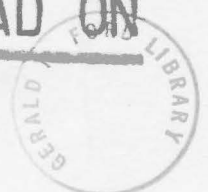
FORTUNATELY, THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT DESIGNED TO OFFSET MOST OF THIS BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS OUTFLOW DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1969 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1971. WE NOW MUST NEGOTIATE A NEW OFFSET AGREEMENT TO TAKE EFFECT WHEN THE PRESENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES.

RETURNING TO THE MATTER OF A UNILATERAL REDUCTION OF U.S. FORCES IN EUROPE, I BELIEVE THIS IS A CASE OF GIVING SOMETHING AWAY AND GETTING NOTHING IN RETURN.

in my judgment

THIS IS WHAT IS WRONG WITH GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILLI BRANDT'S EASTERN POLICY.

BRANDT'S EASTERN POLICY IS LIKE A SUPERMARKET HOPING TO COME OUT AHEAD ON SOME OTHER ITEMS BY OFFERING ITS



CUSTOMERS SO-CALLED "LOSS LEADERS."
THE DANGER, OF COURSE, IS THAT THE
CUSTOMER WILL AVAIL HIMSELF OF THE LOSS
LEADER WITHOUT BUYING ANYTHING ELSE.

AND THAT IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED
IN CONNECTION WITH CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S
EASTERN POLICY. THE SOVIET UNION HAS
SIGNED A NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC BUT HAS REFUSED TO
COOPERATE ON THE QUESTIONS OF FREE AND
UNHINDERED CIVIL ACCESS TO BERLIN,
IMPROVEMENT OF TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATIONS
FOR BERLINERS WITHIN AND AROUND BERLIN,
AND THE ENDING OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
BERLIN BY THE SOVIET UNION AND SOME OF ITS
ALLIES.

THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS
KEPT ITS SKIRTS CLEAN BY REFUSING TO
RATIFY THE TREATIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION



AND POLAND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE BERLIN
QUESTIONS ARE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

That makes sense.

AS FOR EAST GERMANY, THAT
COMMUNIST STATE HAS REJECTED BRANDT'S
PROPOSAL OF TWO STATES IN A SINGLE GERMAN
NATION AND OFFERS OF CLOSER AND MORE
NATURAL INTER-GERMAN CONTACTS.

My comments should not be misunderstood.

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS
REMAINED A LOYAL MEMBER OF NATO THROUGHOUT
ALL OF BRANDT'S OVERTURES TO HIS EASTERN
NEIGHBORS, AND OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN IN
CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THE FOUR-POWER
RIGHTS CONCERNING BERLIN WHERE THEY NEEDED
TO BE EMPHASIZED. THE ROUND OF EXCHANGES
ON BERLIN WHICH BEGAN IN MARCH 1970 WITH
THE SOVIET UNION ARE CONTINUING.



THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION,
WORKING WITH OUR NATO ALLIES, SEEKS A
EUROPEAN DETENTE. BUT WE ARE REALISTIC
ABOUT IT. OUR THINKING IS NOT BEFOGGED
WITH EUPHORIC MISCONCEPTIONS CONCERNING
SOVIET AIMS.

et comprehensive

ANY PERMANENT EASING OF TENSION
IN EUROPE MUST INCLUDE PROGRESS IN
SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF A DIVIDED GERMANY.

THE GERMAN NATIONAL QUESTION IS
ONE FOR THE GERMAN PEOPLE TO DECIDE. BUT
THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THIS
QUESTION ULTIMATELY WILL BE RESOLVED ONLY
BECAUSE THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC SPEAKS FROM
A POSITION OF STRENGTH--ITS SECURE
POSITION AS A MEMBER OF A STRONG NATO.

AS PRESIDENT NIXON HAS SAID,
"REDUCING THE MILITARY CONFRONTATION IN
EUROPE IS IN THE COMMON INTEREST OF



EAST AND WEST. OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO CREATE A MORE STABLE MILITARY BALANCE AT LOWER LEVELS AND LOWER COSTS."

BUT WHILE WE SEEK TO REDUCE THE MILITARY CONFRONTATION, WE MUST MAINTAIN THE RELATIVE STRENGTH OF NATO AND CONTINUE AMERICA'S STRONG ROLE IN NATO.

AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS NEED CONSTANTLY TO BE REMINDED OF THE SOVIET UNION'S WESTWARD EXPANSION AT THE CLOSE OF WORLD WAR II.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE RUSSIANS HAD BROUGHT POLAND, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY, BULGARIA, RUMANIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA INTO THE COMMUNIST CAMP THAT THE FREE NATIONS OF EUROPE JOINED WITH THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA TO FORM THE NATO SHIELD AGAINST FURTHER ENCROACHMENTS ON THE ATLANTIC WORLD.



THE 15-MEMBER NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION DEVELOPED INTO AN ALLIANCE THAT RIMMED RUSSIA FROM NORWAY ON THE NORTH TO TURKEY ON THE SOUTH. THUS DID NATO STOP THE SOVIETS' ^{post war} TERRITORIAL AGGRANDIZEMENT.

NATO'S PRINCIPAL VALUE TO WORLD PEACE LIES IN ITS MILITARY STRENGTH. WE MUST KEEP NATO STRONG. WE MUST NOT ALLOW IT TO LAPSE INTO DISREPAIR. OUR CONTRIBUTION OF U.S. FORCES TO NATO IS THE BASIS OF OUR ALLIES' CONFIDENCE IN US. WE CANNOT ALLOW THAT CONFIDENCE TO WAVER.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE BASIS OF NATO STRATEGY IN SEEKING TO DETER AGGRESSION?

WE MUST HAVE FORCES ABLE TO DEFEND AGAINST THE ENEMY WITHOUT IMMEDIATE RESORT TO NUCLEAR WAR. THIS WOULD GIVE US FULL

FLEXIBILITY IN RESPONDING TO ANY OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. WE MUST BE CAPABLE OF A STRONG AND CREDIBLE DEPLOYMENT OF MODERN NATO CONVENTIONAL FORCES. AMERICA'S GUARANTEE OF NUCLEAR DEFENSE IS, OF COURSE, CRUCIAL. IT SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE THE SOLE BASIS OF ALLIED DETERRENCE.

AND SO WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT AND WE MUST REMAIN STRONG -- WHILE AT THE SAME TIME WE SEEK TO WEAVE THE FABRIC OF AN ENDURING PEACE.

EVERY NOW AND AGAIN I THINK OF WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE ONE OF THE GREATEST SPEECHES EVER GIVEN BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT.

I HAVE IN MIND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S FAREWELL RADIO AND TELEVISION ADDRESS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, DELIVERED JANUARY 17, 1961.



*according to
the news
media*

THAT SPEECH IS MOST FAMOUS [^]
BECAUSE OF IKE'S WARNING ABOUT THE DANGERS
OF UNDUE INFLUENCE ON THE PART OF THE
MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. BUT IKE THAT
NIGHT SAID MANY OTHER THINGS FAR MORE
IMPORTANT.

AT ONE POINT, HE SAID. "UNTIL THE
LATEST OF OUR WORLD CONFLICTS, THE UNITED
STATES HAD NO ARMAMENT INDUSTRY. AMERICAN
MAKERS OF PLOWSHARES COULD, WITH TIME AND
AS REQUIRED, MAKE SWORDS AS WELL. BUT
NOW WE CAN NO LONGER RISK EMERGENCY
IMPROVISATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE; WE HAVE
BEEN COMPELLED TO CREATE A PERMANENT
ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY OF VAST PROPORTIONS."

A LITTLE EARLIER IN ~~HIS~~ *this same*
ADDRESS, IKE DECLARED: "A VITAL ELEMENT
IN KEEPING THE PEACE IS OUR MILITARY
ESTABLISHMENT. OUR ARMS MUST BE MIGHTY,



READY FOR INSTANT ACTION, SO THAT NO
POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR MAY BE TEMPTED TO RISK
HIS OWN DESTRUCTION."

THIS IS MY MESSAGE TO YOU TONIGHT --
THAT WE AVOID FEAR AND HATE BUT THAT WE
KNOW THE ENEMY AND BE EVER READY TO MEET
HIM IF AND WHEN THAT DIRE EVENT IS THRUST
UPON US. IT IS ONLY THUS THAT WE CAN FILL
THE ROLE OF PEACEMAKERS IN THE KIND OF
WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE.

I CONGRATULATE THE STEUBEN
SOCIETY BECAUSE I KNOW YOU ARE DEDICATED
TO THOSE PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE MADE AMERICA
GREAT.

LET US ALL EMBRACE THOSE
PRINCIPLES AND MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER IN
PURSUIT OF PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR PEOPLES
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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- 10—This Society is composed of administrative groups, known as "Units" and executive groups, called "Councils". To the District Councils are elected delegates and alternates from Units on a representative basis. To the State Councils are elected delegates and alternates from Units; Chairmen and Secretaries of District Councils are automatically delegates. The National Council is composed of delegates and alternates elected in each State on the basis of the number of Units. Such elections have the nature of promotion for ability displayed and service rendered.
- 11—This Society's members must be citizens of the United States of America, must be able to vote, be of good repute and, wholly or in part, of Germanic origin. Persons who were shifters and trimmers, or who are known to possess no pride of ancestry are not eligible for membership. No distinctions are drawn as to creed or political tendency.
- 11a—Germanic immigrants, desirous of becoming citizens, who otherwise possess the above-mentioned qualifications may join a "Prospective Citizens League". Where such a League does not now exist, a group of 15 or more such future citizens may apply to the nearest Unit or Council of the Society for a charter.
- 12—This Society holds that quality is the first consideration, quality being based not on wealth or position, but upon personal worth.
- 13—This Society endeavors to maintain strict discipline. Self-seeking is made impossible by the Laws of the Society. This Society supplements the activities of German-American organizations in a hitherto neglected field, and is not in conflict with any existing organization. The Society was organized in May, 1919, and operates in many States. Public discussion of intrinsic and internal affairs and the resources of the Society by unauthorized members is not permitted.
- 14—This Society is dedicated to enlightened participation in local, state and national affairs. It is not in any sense a political party, nor a group serving the purposes of any political party, nor shall it serve any individual's personal ambitions. The policies of the Society on all issues are developed by open debate in Units and Councils and especially at the State and National Conventions. These policies on important issues are clearly stated in the State and National Platforms and Programs, issued after each convention. These Platforms, the "Steuben News" and direct communications convey our stand to the public, to our government and to our elected representatives.



STEBUEN SOCIETY OF AMERICA
FOUNDED MAY 1919

Applicant's Name: _____ Citizen? _____
 If naturalized citizen, give date, place and number of issue of naturalization (citizen) paper. _____
 Occupation: _____ Are You of Voting Age? _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Home Address: _____ Tel: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip No. _____
 Born at: _____ Country _____
 Nationality of Father: _____ Mother _____
 If father or mother are born in the United States, are they of Germanic extraction?
 Proposed by: _____ Unit _____
 Recommended by: No. 1 _____
 No. 2 _____
 Introduction Fee: _____ Unit No. _____
 Date Elected: _____ Date Introduced: _____

quently and purposefully, until they decided definitely to organize in order to arouse citizens of Germanic origin to a greater sense of their civic, educational, patriotic and political duties and rights. Thus in May 1919 the Steuben Society of America was born.

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"THE PURPOSE"

The Society was created to be an organization independent of political parties and remains so today. It does not intend to dictate to its members how to vote, but endeavors to instruct them in the field of public service and the intelligent use of the ballot.

The Steuben Society of America is a voluntary membership organization formed to stimulate among all American citizens an active interest in their Government. It is National in scope and consists of Units in many cities. The organization desires to unite men and women of Germanic origin who have common interests, so that they may obtain a better understanding of their civic duties, and to assist them in taking an active part in public affairs.

The members of the Steuben Society are American citizens of Germanic origin who wish to promote civic betterment in the United States by doing their share and taking their proper part as loyal citizens in the political and social life of the country.

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OUR NATION — OUR IDEALS

The Steuben Society recognizes that ours is a nation of immigrants from all parts of Europe, who have built out of Nature's rich resources, often under privation and hardship, a mighty Republic whose industrial and agricultural wealth stands unequalled in the world today.

In acknowledging the contributions of all racial elements, the Steuben Society considers it a duty to instill a patriotic fervor in every citizen. It will denounce and forcefully oppose any and all attempts to discredit, malign or abuse any loyal element of the American people, and will zealously guard the liberties for which our forefathers fought.

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**AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE
STEBEN SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

Loyally to support the Constitution of the United States of America by advocating the proper application of its provisions and inculcating the principles underlying true democratic government;

To quicken the spirit of sound Americanism and foster a patriotic American spirit among all citizens;

To aid in maintaining the independence and sovereignty of the United States of America and its freedom from all foreign influence;

To establish co-operation among its members in the exercise of their civic duties and to encourage among them an active participation in every phase of our national life;

To promote the Welfare and enhance the happiness of its members and their fellowmen;

To perpetuate itself as a patriotic and fraternal voluntary membership organization and to provide for its government;

To guard our political liberty by maintaining an honest equality of citizenship regardless of the birth, origin or religion of any citizen;

To maintain the traditions of our country.



FOREWORD

Voluntary membership organizations have eminently contributed to the progress of these United States of America. Each organization directing its efforts toward certain worthwhile endeavors, in which it is interested, makes for an overall effort for the welfare of the entire country. We recognize the work of all such organizations.

The American Way of Life is a blend of the cultural gifts of the peoples of all lands.

As American citizens of German blood, we take justifiable pride in the realization that all segments of American life have been enriched by the contributions of men and women of our race in the arts, in the sciences and in government.

Our continuing contributions can best be assured and can only prosper in a climate of understanding and tolerance under a political system based on equality, justice and freedom.

It is to this objective that the program of the Steuben Society of America is dedicated.

This booklet is intended for those willing to share in a responsibility to your benefit to preserve and perpetuate our precious freedoms and to conquer apathy. This folder tells something of the Steuben Society of America, and is intended to serve as an appeal to join our ranks.

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"I hereby apply for membership in your Society, and if accepted, will give my best efforts to further its aims and purposes."

Have you ever been a member/proposed in any other Unit?

If so, state full particulars

Are you a member of any political Club, Society, League or Organization?

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Signature.....

I RECOMMEND

as a member for the Steuben Society:

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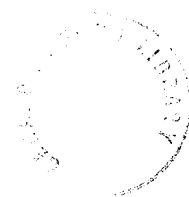
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The descendants of Americans of Germanic origin, together with the thousands of freedom loving people who have come to us in the intervening years have found

constitutional republic and for freedom in this nation. This struggle for American continues today as the people of our Nation the Free World are called on to face a atheistic doctrine promulgated the wo Communist subservients.

While man can now walk the moon — satellite, atomic, and missile age, we live in a world of alarms. With each new day, new anxieties becloud the future of our country; yet we must not panic. We must retain our sense and not become defeatists. Ideas and words of calm appraisal must rise from citizens, re party, above discordant voices and un opinions.

To remain a free nation we must rededicate ourselves to the principles heretofore established who over the years gave us our manifest of The Steuben Society of America works for the fulfillment of these goals. We urge all good participants in a rededication to the patriotic patriotism and the love of country in present great Republic.

For over fifty years, alert, upright Americans of Germanic descent throughout America united in the Steuben Society of America, a patriotic national organization, to maintain programs rendering worthwhile services on a State and Community level. The membership Society and its conduct is such as to command respect of all decent fellow citizens.

As a conscientious citizen you should be aware of your rights and duties. Order to secure and enjoy your rights and to respect your duties toward your country. you cannot afford to neglect your duties toward your country.

As an individual, your efforts are necessarily limited. As a member of an organized group much more worthwhile work can be done.

We would welcome the opportunity to enlist you as a member. For further information, why not contact us?

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