WE'RE WAVING THE FLAG IN THIS ISSUE. We're bringing out the red, white, and blue.

Normally we don't like the "grand old flag" as a motivation. We don't like the red, white, and blue hurled in our face continually.

Your feeling for America is your own, personal. If you were raised in Oregon, it is a part of these Oregon hills. It is made of the unstained crystal of Wolf Creek white water, it is the still strength of the Cascades. But it doesn't have to be rushing water and silent trees. Ask the sun-dried men of the southwest, the earnest young men in the pre-med, the Americans of Japanese heritage in the uniform of the United States' army. America belongs to each of us and to each it has its own meaning. We don't wave America often—not if we really feel it.

We're waving the flag when it should be waved . . . in the service of our America. We're daring to ask you to examine your patriotism. How long does it last? When the boys stand in formation and the prophetic notes of Anchors Away or the Air Corps song soar and boom it is easy to be patriotic because they're so handsome and so young because they haven't begun to live and now some are going to die—because before their sacrifice just as before God and nature one feels small. What happens to that feeling when it comes to volunteering a few hours each week to an essential American activity?

Patriotism is primarily a feeling but it is not much good to America if is has not the strength to be a motivation. Is your "motivating" you down to the filter center or an observation post? You're needed there. Coll Roseburg 288.

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