

Way Other Than War Must Preserve Ideals

There is a way other than war to preserve freedom and save civilization, "and we, in this generation, must find it," Judge Rex Kimmell told a large audience at First Presbyterian church Sunday night.

His address was at the first candlelight memorial service for Marion County's war dead, sponsored by the Federation of Patriotic Orders.

An impressive part of the service was the calling of the roll of the county's 101 veterans who have died in the last year. The rollcall was by Dave Hoss, master of ceremonies.

James Callaway, president of the federation, presided.

"In this country we have always uniquely insisted that the state, the government exists only to serve the citizen and that nothing is good for all which denies liberty unjustly to a single individual," Judge Kimmell said.

"When the greatest document ever penned by the hand of man was written the American system of liberty was founded on just a few basic principles which are man's creation by God, man's equality before the law and the existence of certain self-evident truths.

"Together, a united people, we must face the future with faith and courage. Our energies and our talents we must dedicate and rededicate to the preserving and strengthening of those great American principles. Future civilization is in the balance. In so doing this country will live to the end of time, forever progressive, ever freer, ever stronger, and ever durable. It is a tragic thing that our young men must die because of the evil that other people do, and it is tragic that evil is allowed to take root and flourish in the world, until only the savagery of war can tear it out. There must be—there is—another way and we, in this generation, must find it.

"Is America ready? Are we ready? Are we thinking, planning, working toward the great and difficult goal of lasting peace? Eliminate war or war will eliminate civilization. We must outlaw military aggression. We must recognize that

not only abroad, but right here in our own country are enemies which must be courageously met and overcome. I mean hatred, suspicion, intolerance, greed and selfishness.

"It is traditional that true Americans fear no enemy. In wars that we have entered we have never for a moment doubted that we would be victorious. It is the impetus of an unwavering belief in the justice of our cause which brings us victory in battle. If our belief in our love for the ideals of right and liberty and justice bring us victory in armed conflict, the operation of the same great principles will bring a solution of those other problems which beset the peoples of the world.

"We must outlaw aggression. We must build a peace that will work. There is no other way, from those who have died, to those yet unborn. It is we, the living, who must build or destroy the continuity of civilization. To have a civilization that is worthy of humanity will require greater understanding and greater effort. The peoples of the world must come to know that to live in peace is to live in mutual respect, that peace comes from fundamental regard for human rights and a full appreciation of the dignity of the individual person.

Kells Tells of National Chest Session at Dayton

Claude A. Kells, secretary of the Salem Community Chest, writes the Capital Journal an interesting letter about his attendance at a national meeting of Chest campaign chairmen in Dayton, Ohio, whom he refers to as "mostly business and professional men."

Mr. and Mrs. Kells stopped at Dayton on their way to Springfield, Mass., to attend a reunion of Kells' class at the YMCA College.

"Chest secretaries are not expected to attend without their campaign chairmen or presidents," he writes of the Dayton meeting. "Otto Wilson and Ed Majek could not go, but I got in anyway, because some of my good friends from the National Chest in New York are in charge of arrangements."

"Today my picture was taken with General James H. Doolittle, who is the national campaign chairman for the United Defense Fund, including the USO."

"Jimmy Doolittle made a thrilling address this evening at a dinner with about 500 present in behalf of support for the UDF, and his experiences with the USO in the war and since, and the urgent demand for increasing the work. President Eisenhower has accepted the honorary chairmanship and promised to give it his full support."

"I sat beside the Community Chest president from Washington, D. C. When he found that I was from Oregon he asked me if I knew Douglas McKay. He said that Mr. McKay will represent all federal workers in Washington in their Chest campaign this fall.

"The United Defense Fund comes to Salem through the Oregon Chest. The fund has many prominent American citizens giving a great block of time to promoting and interpreting the work of the UDF, which is USO, aid to Korean children, USO camp shows, American social hygiene, and National Recreation Association, for its work in the congested areas around civilian defense plants.

"Every state in the U. S. is represented at this meeting and it is very interesting to hear the points of view of men from various parts of the country."

"The meetings during the day are held at Sugar Camp, the park and educational and recreational buildings for employees of the National Cash Register Company, a beautiful area of 25 acres on the edge of the city. Everything is free, including a fine luncheon.

Kells wrote that before returning home they will see

"Tonight we have given humble thanks to the faith and courage which they, our dead, have bequeathed to us by their example. We who survive, have the greatest tasks in history, to make enduring for all time, the liberty for which our dead have given their lives. If we fail in this, their lives will have been given in vain. If we succeed, and succeed we must, we can do no greater honor to them than to erect a parliament of men in which all races and all peoples shall find security, justice and peace.

"The burden of the responsibility is heavy, but we dare not fail. With God's help we shall not fail."

Lebanon Kiwanis At Work on Park

Lebanon — Kiwanis club members have asked help from city residents in work on Riverside park. Crews are busy each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Helpers are asked to bring either saws or hammers.

A bulldozer has been donated by Smith-Kushl company to handle heavy work of clearing brush and leveling ground.

Much has been done to prepare the area for recreation use this summer. The Kiwanis club plans a park improvement program that will be continued over a period of years until the 28-acre tract is modernized.

Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, her 16-month-old son, and her husband, Dr. Edward Vergara-Caffarelli, who live in New York City.

Idanha Plans Set For Memorial Day

Idanha — Idanha Legionnaires and auxiliary members are making arrangements for a Memorial day program to be held in front of the Idanha first aid station Saturday, May 25, beginning at 10 a. m.

Included on the program will be a reading of the Gettysburg address by Maria Vickrey, speeches by the Idanha post commander, Buck Storey, and Idanha Community church minister, Robert Unger.

Following the program, to which the public is invited, refreshments will be served.

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