

“I Pledge Allegiance”

My allegiance is:

First TO MY LORD

Then, TO MY COUNTRY



I will not be casting my ballot
on Election Day.

This is NOT because of any indifference
or lack of interest!

I LOVE my country. As a God-fearing citizen, I pray for my country's welfare. I try to be law-abiding. I endeavor to be honest in paying my taxes. I believe in taking up arms in my country's defense, and will do so willingly if my country calls me to its service.

Why, then, will I *NOT* be casting my ballot on Election Day?

This is because of DISSENT.

Chief Justice Warren said, in his address at Columbia University's Two Hundredth Anniversary, "The founding fathers of this nation recognized the right and the value of dissent."

There is one thing in my nation's life that is radically wrong. My conscience tells me that I must maintain the attitude of dissent until it is made right.

The Word of God declares plainly, in Romans 13:1, "The powers that be are ordained of God." But our nation's Constitution (which elected candidates must swear to support, without mental reservation) fails to acknowledge any Power higher than "We, the people." Our nation's Constitution omits all mention of God. It fails to recognize that "the Kingdom is the Lord's, and He is the governor among the nations" (Psalm 22:28). Not once does our nation's Constitution acknowledge that Almighty God is the Great Lawgiver and the Source of all authority.

In the earlier history of this nation, the Colonial charters were replete with acknowl-

edgments of the government of God in the affairs of men, and of the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ in the affairs of nations. At present, 43 out of our 48 States include, in their state Constitutions, due acknowledgments of God's authority in human government and of blessings gratefully received from Him.

Our nation's Constitution omits all such recognition.

The late Dr. Peter Marshall, chaplain of the United States Senate, said in a sermon which he delivered June 29, 1947, "It is strange, and I believe tragic, that the Constitution makes no reference to God."

I am doing all I can to promote bills that have been introduced into every Congress since 1947, looking to the amendment of our nation's Constitution by "recognizing the authority and law of Jesus Christ, the Saviour and Ruler of Nations, through Whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God."

This issue was brought before the Platform Committees of the 1956 Democrat and Republican political conventions in Chicago and San Francisco.

Our nation's Constitution is declared to be "the supreme law of the land." Until it makes a suitable acknowledgment of the Law of God and of the authority of the Supreme Ruler of Nations, my conscience compels me to maintain an attitude of dissent in our nation's political elections.