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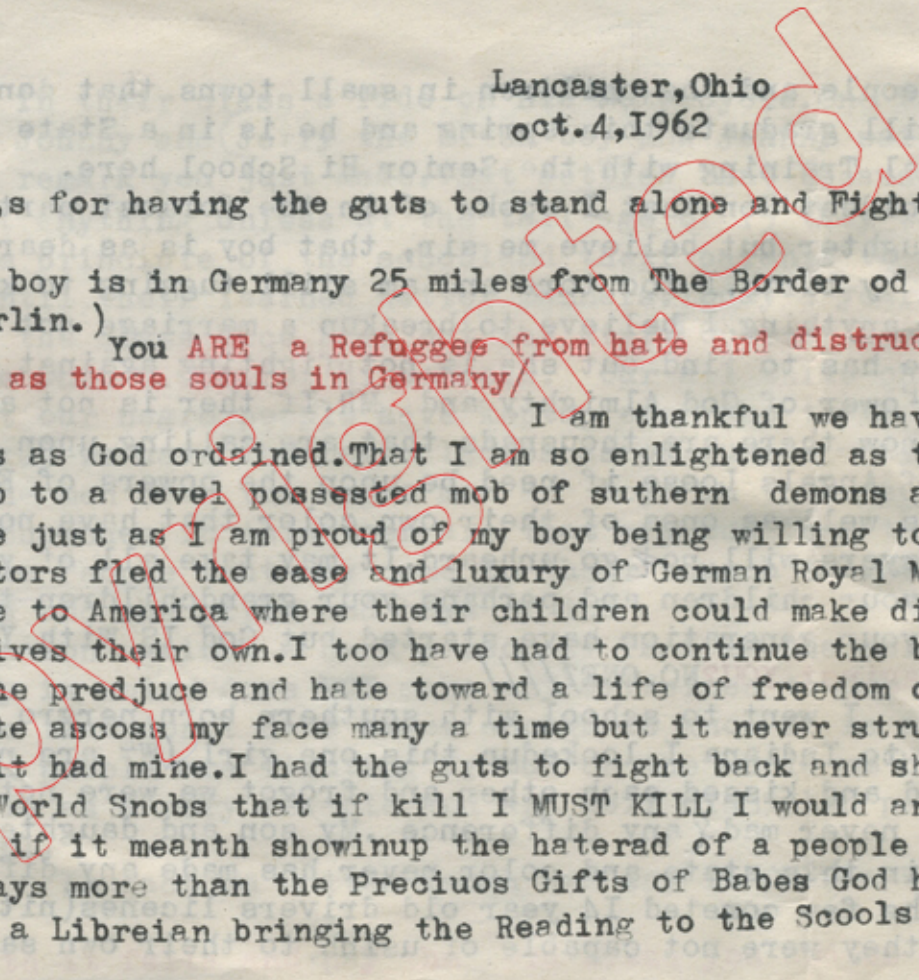
Mr. Meridith,

Congratulation,s for having the guts to stand alone and Fight The **Civil War over again/**

Our oldest boy is in Germany 25 miles from The Border od Hate (the Communist Wall in Berlin.)

You ARE a Refugges from hate and distruction of human rites just the same as those souls in Germany/

I am thankful we have a Governmen that recognises these rites as God ordained. That I am so enlightened as to praise a soldier that will stand up to a devel possessed mob of suthern demons and fight for the rites of YOUR race just as I am proud of my boy being willing to fight for the rites that his anchestors fled the ease and luxury of German Royel Military Life 150 years ago to come to America where their children could make disions of their own and call their lives their own. I too have had to continue the battle for our children aginst the predjuce and hate toward a life of freedom of choice I have had the hand of hate ascoss my face many a time but it never struct the tiny bodies of my babies like it had mine. I had the guts to fight back and show a hate filled generation of Old World Snobs that if kill I MUST KILL I would and die in the ELECTRIC CHAIR for it if it meanth showinup the haterad of a people that loved their own narrow minded ways more than the Preciuos Gifts of Babes God had given them. Today my Daughter is a Libreian bringing the Reading to the Scools and the



Older people and the children in small towns that don't as yet have a Library. My son will graduate this spring and he is in a State maintained branch of Vocational Industrial Training with the Senior Hi School here.

My oldest Son that I spoke of in the foremost part of this letter is the husband of my daughter but believe me sir, that boy is as dear to me as either one of my children by birth. I too tore and am still tugging to keep him from a mother that would do anything I believe to breakup a marriage not according to HER Religion.

Well she has to find out she is not fighting against humans this time but The Supreme Power of God Almighty and MR. If there is not another person in this Country (but I know there are thousands that are calling upon The Almighty to Turn His Legion of Angels Loose if need be upon the powers of Evil that would enslave your people as well as ones of their own color that have not had the advantages of their) Our prayers will not go unheard. It may take all of your life time and even the life of your children and perhaps your grandchildren to fully accomplish the job you and your generation have started but God IS With You and With HIM for YOU WHO can win against YOU? NO. ONEZ!!!!

I went to school with southern born negro children and when I went back out to Indiana I looked up this one girl (who are now in our 50.s) and we embraced and kissed each other and forgot we were not the same color because that had never made any difference. My son and daughter go to one of the highest cre schools in this state and color never has made any difference. My boy when he got one of the few coveted 14 year old drivers licenses (not all young people got these because they were not capable of using to their own safety a drivers license so you

3 took the only black boy in their class a ride on his motorcycle. One boy made a remark intended to insult Johnny and Jerry the black boy and Johnny said, He don,t smell near as bad as that remark you just made. That settled that because they knew they did not dare to start anything unless at the tall age of 15 they wanted their bottoms well warmed by the principle of the school and their parents to amply restisk their privleges until their learned better manners. Today 4 years later Jerry Hawkins is not only the class Vice Pres but the star Quarter back on the as yet unbeaten team in the Ohio O.C.L. for Hi Schools. Our all white church (since we have a nice church that our negro people have kept up even tho their numbers are dwindling as well as others) we have the negro ladies as ou guests many times in our social mettings and the men have the negro men and boys in their social mettings as well. Not all churches in this teen are that way but Then they are Just as Choosy of the White People taht may come to their church too. We even have social clubs o both sexes and the girls and boys of the schoold make no discrimination against a dark person if That is the onlt thing.

What I am trying to say is color does NOT make any differnec to our town. OH, of course we ha e hundreds too that don,t have semce enough to know it is a PRINCIPLE as well as a education you people are fighting fr but on the whole we have come to long ago accept your people as a very lovable and and well disciplined people and so has Columbus our capitol.

In fact we whites laugh and say is OHIO a White or a negro state.

Stick with it fella and ^{may} the Lord bless you and as Old

4 Abraham of the Bible. May your seed be as the sands of the desert too many to be numbered. When a race has suffered any more than the Jew I don, know which one it is.

Our town is The Birth place of Gen Sherman. My ~~grandfather~~ Great Grandfather was a Civil War Soldier and if We are good enough to take the black people as equals and love them as such As The Lord liveth I would like to take a Bull Whip and beat some sense into the heads of that Gov and evry one else. Like Their anchestors once beat your people not because your s did not have as much sense as them but because they did not have as good and it looks like they don, + have any more

I wouldn, + need a long white nite gown of a K.K.K.er nor a ghosts hood to cover my face iether. haha

Most sincerely,

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When God looks down upon you the dove

I Belong to God

He looks for

A Youth Stewardship Leaflet
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Nothing can be truer than that statement! Nothing is more important!

Perhaps I have not yet recognized the fact. Perhaps I have not been willing to admit it. That still does not change the situation. Everything belongs to God, and I am a part of that "everything."

Perhaps I say to myself, "I don't want to belong to anyone. I want to be my own boss!" That still doesn't make the situation any different. It would be like saying, "I don't want to be a child of my parents. I don't want to be an inhabitant of this planet." But we are! And life is at its best when we accept facts and build upon them.

So I come back again to the truth. *I belong to God. Every person and every thing belongs to God.*

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This is the fact which our Bible declares. Our world did not happen by accident. Someone made it. And that "someone" was God, for no man nor any other created thing could have done it. Therefore, "This is my Father's world."

"God created man in his own image. In the image of God created he him." This is what our Bible declares about people—about me. Like

everything else, I also was made by God. In fact, I was made "in his image" so that I might be His child and know Him as my Father.

I belong to God.

I belong to Him because He made me and I "live and move and have my being" in Him.

I belong to Him because I need all His daily gifts to me. He provides all the things that I need for my life. The sun, the air, my food, my clothing, my money, my family, my friends—all these things, in the last analysis, come to me from God.

I belong to Him because of His love to me through Jesus Christ. Jesus lived and died and rose again for me. He gave Himself for my salvation.

I belong to God, and that is good. I do not belong to him like a piece of property—or like a slave. I am His, as His child. God's thought of me and of all his children is always one of love. He always does those things for us which are for our good.

Because I belong to God—

—I will give my whole life in full acceptance of and in surrender to Jesus Christ in order to serve Him always.

Since Jesus died to save us, I can do no less than give myself to him. He deserves my body, my mind, my heart, and my soul. It all is His because "I have been bought with a price"—the life of the Son of God.

crossing over into

—I will use the minutes, and hours, and days which He gives me in ways which will please Him.

Time is precious. When it is gone, we can never have it back again. It must not be wasted or misused. It must be used in ways which will do good to others and which will please God. Part of it should be used regularly for private devotions and for public worship.

—I will use the talents which God has given me in ways which will build His kingdom.

All my abilities were placed within my personality as God's gifts. They need to be developed and then used for God's glory, whether they be talents for speaking, or music, or leadership, or creative skill.

—I will use the money which God allows me to have in ways that are unselfish and good.

Money is only a medium of exchange. It really represents my time and talents and life. These parts of me are sometimes turned into money so that I may buy other things which I need and want.

At least one-tenth of all my money I should return to God by giving it to the causes of His kingdom.

The nine-tenths or less which remain I should also use wisely so that it helps myself and others.

So I belong to God.

I give him my life, my time, my talents, and my money. *This is my Christian stewardship.*

allow He see Him in you