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Letter of the Day

'Fear and Panic' Over CIA Revelations

To the Editor of The Inquirer:

The USA is not, has never been, and will never be Utopia and if Walter Lippmann is the loyal American he professes to be, he should stop pretending that it used to be, and could be again. He states in his column of Feb. 21, "The American way of life has plenty of faults," so he intensifies the dilemma with barbed criticism of the CIA whose acknowledged goal is to protect America the Beautiful from those who would turn it into the "backed-up cesspool" of Mr. Lippmann's insinuations.

Regard the rudeness extended to our duly elected and appointed government officials by some of Mr. Lippmann's inhospitable, starry-eyed, campus "freedom lovers." Is this more American than a youth movement which chooses to serve its country in a positive way? In both instances our youth have been exercising guaranteed American

freedoms. Which appears the more misguided according to the ideals of our Founding Fathers?

There was a time when American youth's greatest goal was to become President of the United States. I shudder to ponder the results if such a poll were conducted today. Why is Love of Country suddenly a disdainfully provincial expression? Obviously, Mr. Lippmann is among the vocal minority of Americans who are still blinded by their fears of the 20th Century and who have yet to "examine their consciences and search their souls" for genuine truth in a Jet-Age world.

If he and his ilk will look in the mirror they will see who really has been displaying "fear and panic" over this entire CIA-student fiasco. It is not the average, loyal American of the unvocal majority!

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