

code of morals and action described in this Covenant.

The Price of Freedom

IN THE STUDY of a document such as this Covenant, we are confronted by the paradox of representatives of the nations emotionally desiring that all the benefits and freedoms of the free peoples of the world should be extended immediately to all those who are bereft of them, while advocating means to this end that would destroy the very things they wish distributed. These people see the mass misery of several areas of mankind and wish they could see instead a picture of the mass betterment of mankind. But they do not see nor understand that these material advantages of freedom must be earned and bought with the price of personal achievement, else the recipients are subservient to the power which granted them.

The productivity of freedom in what is left of the free world today, which is the great prize that is so coveted by all the rest of humanity, was not a grant to our ancestors which they passed down to us as an inheritance. The price of liberty is personal effort, as well as eternal vigilance. It can never be a gift, even from one generation to another, any more than an education can be trans-

mitted as a legacy from parents to children. The desire to be free is the natural heritage of all mankind. But each inheritor of the concept must develop the context of freedom himself.

The Mass Mind

NO ONE has better expressed this situation which confronts all believers in the rights of man than Ortega y Gasset, the Spanish philosopher, when he wrote in his book, *The Revolt of the Masses*:

"The very perfection with which the 19th Century gave an organisation to certain orders of existence has caused the masses benefited thereby to consider it, not as an organised, but as a natural system. Thus is explained and defined the absurd state of mind revealed by these masses; they are only concerned with their own well-being, and at the same time they remain alien to the cause of that well-being. As they do not see, beyond the benefits of civilisation, marvels of invention and construction which can only be maintained by great effort and foresight, they imagine that their role is limited to demanding these benefits peremptorily, as if they were natural rights. In the disturbances caused by scarcity of food, the mob goes in search of bread, and the means it employs is