

for having brains enough to use it. So we arrange to have all your decisions made for you in Washington!

Finally, when you reach sixty-five, you will be expected to retire, whether you want to or not, and to try to live on dollars which may then buy half as much as those Uncle Sam has withheld from your pay checks through the years.

PATHS TO DESTRUCTION

THOSE ARE some of the ways in which you will be under tremendous pressure to conform. They are the same paths that other nations have followed to their destruction. And the thing that makes it all possible is the widely accepted and utterly ridiculous idea that individuals do not count—only groups; that people have no brains—only governments; that it is undemocratic to act like a citizen of a democracy and to express yourself on important issues; that it is un-American to be “taller or shorter than Procrustes.”

The world's progress always has been started by individuals, not by groups. And these individuals have always been non-conformists—people who had a vision of something better than the status quo and had intestinal fortitude enough to fight for it; people who bearded Procrustes in his den

and did battle with him, instead of letting themselves be cut down to his size. Progress is never made by those who merely follow the crowd, but by those who dare to show the crowd a better way.

A CAGE OF APES

BLIND CONFORMITY, regimentation, and loss of the individual in the mass are both national and individual suicide. When we have reduced the world to a cage of apes, each imitating the other, we may be perfectly sure that we will be apes and nothing more. For leadership does not develop in an atmosphere that provides no opportunity for change, growth, and self-determination.

God gave you legs on which to stand, and may He forgive you if you use them only as something with which to run away from reality. Yet he who takes a stand on anything today is in danger of being torn to pieces by those who run with the pack. *Do you dare to be different?*

Despite all interpretations of the Constitution to the contrary, man still has innate and inalienable rights. One of these is the right to be an individual. But this right is also a responsibility. If you refuse the responsibility, as so many people today are doing, you will be deprived of the right—