

Mrs. Henry Sewell Turner

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July 10th, 1975.

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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

To indicate my approval and appreciation of your forthright and informative article, I have written to the Editor of the Wall St. Journal, and take the liberty of enclosing a copy of my letter.

My regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Admiral E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

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July 6th, 1975.

Editor, Wall St. Journal:

Admiral Zumwalt's article, "The shifting Balance of Superpower", appearing in the July 1st issue of the Journal, should be required reading for all members of the U. S. Senate, particularly those who seem to be intent on converting the United States into a snug social island in a troubled world sea which the Kremlin is sparing no efforts to dominate. The Admiral knows inside out, the subject of deteriorating U. S. Naval forces in the face of burgeoning Soviet forces of the latest and most modern design and their deployment in the world's most strategic area, - the Near East.. His words should receive most careful consideration by those who insist that the rulers in the Kremlin are really nice, peace-loving people with whom we should learn to understand better. . I support 100% the last part of that proposition, and reject the first part by the same percentage.

Perhaps I am too simplistic, but I venture the question: At this point does not the U. S. face the prospect either of national socialism, a la Great Britain, or national survival as a great nation, based on a adequate defense? We must decide between continuing to impair the social, moral and economic integrity of the nation thru transfer payments from the productive segment of the society to the nonproductive segment, ie: welfare, or to turn resolutely to face the problems of the real world in which we must live. The former will produce the lassitude which now envelops the once great British nation; The latter will provide the hard going involved in defending the beautiful concept of freedom under American democracy against the determined onslaughts of international communism

But there is an economic side to this question quite apart from international military strategy.. We are in a recession producing high unemployment, not dissimilar from conditions in the 1930's. The New Deal struggled for almost a decade to produce prosperity in vain. It took the war effort to put the economy on its feet. . Today, the liberal senators wax eloquent about the evils of the military-industrial complex and look to welfare on a huge scale to somehow bring jobs and prosperity.

Experience demonstrates clearly that money spent on defense seeps down effectively thru every level of the economy, and it produces useful, tax-paying activity, which cannot be said for welfare and unemployment relief. Lets revive the economy by putting a lot of people to work bringing our defenses to the level required by the position we must maintain on world affairs. By so doing, the economy and the fabric of our society will be vastly strengthened and we will prevent the Soviets from making, as they are now doing, a mockery of detente. But the time is now.

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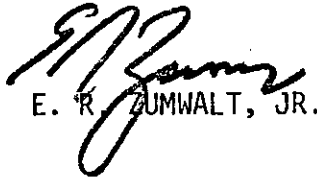
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Dear Mr. Turner:

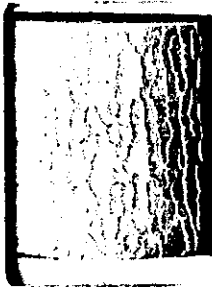
Thank you very much for your letter of 10 July
and the copy of the letter which you sent to the
Editor of the Wall Street Journal.

Your kind words are much appreciated.

Sincerely,


E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.

Mr. Henry Sewell Turner



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