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MOST SIGNIFICANT CARTOON — FEBRUARY 12, 1953

More and more the news of the day is coming to us in pictures and this is especially true if television can be classified as the most accurate portrayal of a current episode. The cartoonists for a century or more have been recording a pictorial history of the important incidents in American life. The Lincoln Foundation advisory group, periodically, has been selecting the Most Significant Cartoon appearing in the newspapers for February 12th. The 1953 Recognition is given to a cartoon by Erle B. Slack "Our Reliance is in the Love of Liberty . . ." appearing in the *Tulsa Daily World* which is reproduced, through the kindness of the cartoonist, in this bulletin. The quotation used by Mr. Slack as the essence of his cartoon is from a speech Abraham Lincoln made at Edwardsville, Ill. on September 13, 1858, between the debates with Douglas at Freeport and Jonesboro. The paragraph from which the statement is excerpted follows:

"What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling sea coasts, the guns of our war steamers, or the strength of our gallant and disciplined army. These are not our reliance against a resumption of tyranny in our fair land. All of them may be turned against our liberties, without making us stronger or weaker for the struggle. Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in our bosoms. Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, every where. Destroy this spirit, and you have planted the seeds of despotism around your own doors. Familiarize yourselves with the chains of bondage, and you are preparing your own limbs to wear them. Accustomed to trample on the rights of those around you, you have lost the genius of your own independence, and become the fit subjects of the first cunning tyrant who rises."

Attention is also called to other Lincoln drawings which appeared in the American Press for February 12. The caption used gives a general idea of the emphasis and the name of cartoonist and newspaper where the cartoon appeared is also stated:

With Firmness in the Right"
Alexander, *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*
Follow the Leader
Bernadier, *New Haven (Conn.) Journal-Courier*
Thank you Abe
Bimrose, *The Oregonian*
From Gettysburg to Heartbreak Ridge
Conrad, *Denver Post*



The Battle Still Rages
Crawford, *Newark Evening News*
He Would Approve
Fisher, *Oregon Daily Journal*
To Lighten the Task
Gale, *Baltimore News-Post*
Text For America '53
Goldberg, *N. Y. Journal American*
Thought for Today
Green,
The Providence Journal
We Need Never Become
Lost
Hesse,
St. Louis Globe-Democrat
Man of His Word
Holland,
Washington Times-Herald
His Prayer Still Lives
Hungerford,
Pittsburgh Post-Telegraph
The Truth goes Marching
on
Hutton,
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Inspiration to Unity
Jacques, *Boston Post*
Shining Example
Knecht,
Evansville Courier & Press
Abe to Ike
Lang, *Daily Oklahoman*
The Bright Light
Mergen,
Miami Daily News
"As God Gives us to see
the Right"
Parks,
Los Angeles Herald-Express
Fences
Parrish, *Chicago Tribune*
Everyman Grows a Little
Taller
Potter,
Oakland Tribune
Enshrined in the Hearts
of his People
Pratt,
Sacramento Times
"With Energy and Sleepless Vigilance go Forward
and Give us Victories."
Robinson, *Indianapolis News*
Rededication—In Another Time of Struggle
Rolk, *Kansas City Star*
Still More Chains to be Unshackled
Roberts, *St. Petersburg Times*
"Of the People—For the People"
Sanderson, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*
What Knowledge didn't come easy
Shoemaker, *St. Paul Pioneer Press*
"United We Stand, Divided We Fall"
Valtman, *Hartford Times*
Lincoln Said it First
Warren, *Tulsa Tribune*
New Emphasis
White, *Akron Beacon Journal*
Still Lincoln's America
Williams, *Detroit Free Press*
He Belongs to the Ages
Yoes, *San Diego Union*