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This is the name of the game: "Sell Out!"

I don't know how many of you complacent citizens have cable TV, or how many of the ones who do have cable TV watched Key's Show on Channel 43, 10 p.m. until 2 a.m., this past Sunday, July 13.

There was a guest on one segment of that show, from 12:30 until 1 a.m., named George Thayer, who has a book called, "The War Business."

Over the past year, I have been writing letters about all sorts of things that have been going on within our government, that are not in the best interest of this country as a whole, but are in the best interest of select groups only. There have been a lot of other people saying the same things, for a lot longer time than I have, on a national level without much more success than I have had on a local level to make people aware of what is being done to their country.

Well, here is a new bit of news for anyone who still may be interested in their country. According to Mr. Thayer, our so-called "patriotic and peace" loving government is selling arms to all countries they can convince that they need them and forcing some countries who don't want to buy them to buy them anyway, or else we'll pull our standby forces out and leave them at the mercy of Communist enemies, West Germany for one.

It was also brought out that the CIA, our Central Intelligence Agency, is paying people to smuggle guns and branches of our military are selling obsolete weapons of war and do not have to make any accounting of the money they have been receiving.

I thought this came under the heading of being a traitor but I guess I was misinformed. It is now called being expedient and if you're real good at the art of sellout you get an award.

Well, so much for our "millions for defense theory," not our defense, even in taxes so we can help arm

the whole world. I think how many of our men were killed and wounded with arms manufactured in the good old peace-loving U.S.A. and how many more will be in future wars?

Well, I guess if you have to go, it may just as well be by a home grown product. I'm sure you'll be just as dead and, after all, weapons of death are very impersonal; almost as impersonal as the people who grow wealthy from the manufacture and sales of them.

Wouldn't you think a nation clever enough to invent so deadly a germ gas, that just one drop could wipe out thousands of people and clever enough to put a man on the moon, would know that you can't buy regard and respect by playing both ends against the middle?

But if we think our kids are disgusted with us now for our lack of concern and not enough to take a stand against what we allowed to happen to our country, our grandchildren will really hate our guts especially in the face of this new political policy (new to the average citizen, that is.).

I'd like to close this letter with a paragraph taken from a speech by William Penn in 1662, "All men are created equal, the Declaration of Independence asserts and are further more endowed with certain rights that cannot be taken from them. Nevertheless, as the Declaration concedes, these rights can be hindered and obstructed; and therefore in order to secure them, governments are instituted among men. And governments - this is the important point - derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

So if all of the governed people, who are sitting on their hands, or the ones who only hang out their flag occasionally to show how patriotic they are, don't mind future generations and past patriots being "sold out" by greedy unpatriotic profiteers, I guess the rest of us who do care are slated to go to hell with the rest of you, but at least we tried.

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