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# READERS' VIEWPOINT

YOUR NAME—KEEP LETTERS BRIEF

price ranging in value now from three cents to \$108.50, and is for used stamps. I am sure the collectors have all the used ones and if all the things we are saying about silver are true, no doubt the collectors will have all the Franklin half dollars.

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston on January 17, 1706 and died April 17, 1790. He was an outstanding American and it doesn't hurt us to give him a light occasionally when we flip a light switch.

Norma M. Hale,  
Apt. 5-D, Lakeland  
Jackson, Miss.

## Foreign Policies Still On Course

Editor, Daily News—Foreign policies pursued by our State Department are so adverse to the best interest of this country they are almost unbelievable. As they zigzag, they still follow a fixed purpose — that freedom shall lose.

It is a no-win policy for us, but not a stalemate. We fared as usual in Geneva, where we helped set up a neutral government for Laos. When it is overthrown by the enemies of communism, known as the Right, our State Department attempts to reinstate a neutralist government which has already demonstrated it will not work, as coalition with communism did not work when we betrayed our friends on the China mainland in 1946.

We fight in the jungles 12,000 miles from our capital where our Ambassador has helped to overthrow our ally.

It is to be hoped the policies in Viet Nam, where our soldiers die, will not continue to be as bad as elsewhere. We will not take effective action 90 miles offshore, where our continued existence is involved, to oust a cheap communist dictator our State Department studiously helped establish there.

A. G. Hill  
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## Hopes To Begin Sane Discussion

Editor, Daily News — As a native Mississippian, I have known and loved this land and these people all my life. This concern leads me to write this letter, in the hope of helping establish a sane discussion of our social problems.

Until ten years ago, I had never questioned our "way of life." I regarded the Negro as basically inferior and unable to accept full citizenship. Of course, I, like most white men, had never known a Negro intimately, and those I had known were uneducated members of the lowest economic and social class.

After the 1954 Supreme Court decision, I resolved to learn more about the Negro at every educational and social level. To my surprise, I found that the seeming inferiority of many Negroes is due to both fear and ignorance. In truth, the educated Negro is easily the moral and intellectual equal of any white man, and the difference between men is quite literally skin deep. I was confident others of my race would make this same discovery and that soon we would be ready to grant the Negro full equality.

However, after ten years, we not only continue to deny the Negro full citizenship, but we have forfeited many of our own rights as well. We are subject to one-party rule, with a press that supports only the party in power. We are besieged by our leaders with hate and scare propaganda, designed to convince us that the United States is our enemy and its President a traitor. Those who dare deviate from the party line are branded Communists, and their jobs, property and even lives are in danger. We allow no speakers for different points of view into the state. And we have even assumed God's responsibility in deciding who is

fit to worship in our churches. All these are marks of a closed society, a police state; and when this is suggested, we loudly admit it by screaming for the heretic's head.

Those who have to gain from such a society are not those of us who support it, but those in positions of political and economic power. The time has come to recognize this, to eschew violence, and to turn as free and decent men, black and white together, to the business of making all American peaceful, vigorous and productive.

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