

These men, he insists, could not have been "puling softies."

Mr. DeVoto, blames several agencies for the fact that some of our youth are a bit reticent in offering to sacrifice their lives for their country. First, he blames our false prophets, who up until now have been preaching what they term "mistaken doctrines." Now they about-faced and advise our youth to sacrifice their lives for the American way of life, "Surely we have had enough warnings that American fascism can come in as the denunciation of fascism," Mr. DeVoto warns us. Really, do our youth actually know from these false prophets just what the glory of sacrifice might mean, he says.

From our American literature for the past ten years we were told that our American way of life was an irretrievable blunder--that the game was up--that American traditions, racial stocks, institutions, ideals and symbols were corrupt and stupid. "Any intelligent man who had accepted such teaching," Mr. DeVoto continues, "could naturally find no decorum in dying to save such a country." Mr. DeVoto's solution is not to burn such books but to "repair the errors and expose the lies."

Down our familiar Main Streets, inhabited in no small part by members of the American Legion and their families we can still find the seeds of our hopes for the future. "There is no denying it," he says, "the components of our new democracy, the seeds of its future, the liability of failure, and the determinants of triumph are the people who live on Main Street and belong to the American Legion."

From its beginning the American Legion has worked for Americanization and for the strengthening of defenses, but Mr.