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OUR VANISHING FREEDOM

In these days we hear so much about dictators in lands beyond the seas. I am wondering whether or not we here are not beginning to lose some of the rights that we have had and that are guaranteed to us by the Constitution? I believe that Justice Sutherland issued a real warning to the people of the United States in his dissenting opinion in *Associated Press vs. National Labor Relations Board* 301 U. S. 103, when he said

“Do the people of this land—in the providence of God favored, as they sometimes boast, above all others in the plenitude of their liberties—desire to preserve those so carefully protected by the First Amendment: liberty of religious worship, freedom of speech and of the press, and the right as free men peaceably to assemble and petition their government for a redress of grievances? If so, let them withstand all beginnings of encroachments. For the saddest epitaph which can be carved in memory of a vanished liberty is that it was lost because its possessors failed to stretch forth a saving hand while yet there was time.”

We still have here in our land freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion. Here and there are encroachments upon our liberties. Is it not time right now to wake up and protect our rights? Let us heed the warning given by the Justice and protect our rights.

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