

exist and which we all recognize to be abhorrent to any kind of human standards. There is such a thing as nationalism. Nationalism has a tendency from time-to-time to destroy and distort fundamental human values. That is my opinion. I think that there is a danger in America that American nationalism can do, has done in the past from time-to-time, has had that kind of effect. There are such things as the victims of nationalism. Maybe the reason that this has been brought so close to home to me personally is because there was a time in my past when I was asked to be a soldier of the United States Army when that army was fighting a war in Vietnam that I intellectually did not believe to be right. As it turned out I was never asked to go to Vietnam. I went to Thailand. I never had to participate in combat but I suspect that if I had been asked that duty, honor, and country would have won out and I would have gone. And if I had gone, and if I had shot somebody, not believing in that war, would I have been any better than an SS soldier? Maybe that is the wrong comparison, but would I have been any better than a German soldier who was not a Nazi or who did not participate or know of the atrocities being perpetrated by SS soldiers.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Chambers didn't believe in the Vietnam War, if I remember correctly his position. Would he have been offended by the President of the United States going to honor the dead of the war in Vietnam? I see some analogies there, and so I really ask, Senator Chambers, what is the factual situation, and if it is not an SS cemetery but a German soldier cemetery, then is it not appropriate to grieve for the victims of nationalism whether they are German or American or whatever they are?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vard Johnson. There is 9 1/2 minutes left.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, because we have very little time left on this resolution, I will make my remarks quite brief. I support the resolution. I have read the resolution carefully. I think the language is very strong language. It is not the kind of language that I traditionally would use. I think on the other hand that dealing with an issue as fraught with meaning significance and consequence as is this question, and the