

soldiers. I think the lesson will not be one of glory, of honor. I think he'll walk away with the same feeling I have walked away with in exactly that circumstance and that is a deep embarrassment and melancholy about the spirit and nature of the human condition that we have fallen on such bad times so often over and over again and that our commitment should not be one of war, but one of peace. As the Geneva talks go on, I think it will cause and serve all of our causes, those of us who care about peace, and the maintenance of the West and the strong position, much better to have President Reagan standing looking out at the graves of soldiers...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...witnessing again the horror of war, the loss of humanity and not being able to escape as I, who have done the same thing and looked out at those crosses was not able to escape that it is a charade when we talk about the glory and honor for the dead. I didn't feel it one whit. My words were empty. I walked away sullen, solemn, embarrassed, hurt, melancholy. I think that's what happens when you stand up in a graveyard and look at a field filled with crosses that seems to have died for a failure of mankind, not an ennobling principle of mankind. It doesn't bother me one whit that the President will stand in that same situation, look out and see that same sight, because I think he will feel the same thing and that will be a leavening, humanizing feeling for him to have, one that I hope he does, one that I hope he senses. I have known it, I've found it powerful, I think he'll feel the same thing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, then Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. We are reminded often by the World Herald that this is a nonpartisan Legislature. I find it ironic that a registered Independent originally made this resolution and today a registered Republican is asking for reconsideration of it because it failed in the past. I don't think anybody here that has any morals at all condones what was done in the second world war when it comes to the atrocities. What I am wondering about is, if those atrocities were committed against nothing but Presbyterians or nothing but Episcopalians or only those who were Catholic or Methodists, would it matter as much to us since it was atrocities committed upon Jews? I'm wondering