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{This morning, Thurs°, Feb° 10, on the TODAY Show, ~~there was~~ were several democratic candidates expressed ~~disgust~~ disgust at Nixon's saying that candidates for the presidency president should not take stands or make statements that will encourage the enemy to continue the war until after the election. One of them McClosky (sp?) said that the feeling of the whole country last summer a year ago was that we should get out of Vietnam immediately, and that Nixon was wrong in not having done so and that all Americans have a right to discuss the situation in Vietnam as fully as they desire, and it is wrong to criticize anybody for doing so.

Listening to this, one could not but feel how unfortunate it is that some very serious mistakes have been made. The first of these mistakes was the mistake of Johnson in thinking that ~~the US~~ a democracy can carry on a limited war. Most people do not want to be bothered with war; they have their own private concerns. If they live in a monarchy ~~where the~~ or a dictatorship where leader makes the decisions and they are endangered if they express dissent they are apt to go along, so as they do not personally come into great danger and loss--they are apt to go along with the decisions of the government and ~~make~~ raise little opposition. ~~In~~ In a ~~democracy~~ democracy the giving of money, and particularly the giving of ~~thousands of~~ lives of people and of having relatives/injured for life, to /carry on a war is something that people do not want. Most are interested in their own immediate concerns and the only way that a democracy can carry on a war successfully is to do as was done in the US° in WW I° and WWII° to issue great amounts of propaganda to get /people stirred up to white heat, feeling that this is something which must be carried through and fought and won as quickly as possible. Under these conditions a democracy can do a tremendous task such as was done by the US° in both of these wars.

{A dictatorship can carry on a limited war with a certain number of people being killed, and a certain number injured right along, and there is not apt to be much opposition. Thus it can determine on a policy and carry it through even though it takes many years. This is impossible in a democracy.