

# PEOPLE'S FORUM

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## A FEW WORDS ON WELTNER

To the Editor of The Herald:

This Weltner boy, a Representative in the House of Representatives from the 3rd District of Georgia, and nominee of the Democratic primary to succeed himself, has announced that he will not serve further as the Representative from the 3rd District of Georgia.

This action of Weltner's is indeed a step in the right direction. It would be just fine if every office holder in the United States who holds to the philosophy such as Weltner's would follow suit.

It is quite easy to understand the reason back of Weltner's action. I refer to the true reason; not the reason he made public. Had he seen fit to adhere to the truth, he would have said that he is taking this action because he has been a miserable failure; that he is seeing, day by day, a disintegration of all that he has worked so hard for.

Weltner forfeited the respect and confidence of all white people and a majority of Negro people in the section of the country he calls home, because of his activity in favor of Civil Rights legislation. Now he finds himself a man without a country; a man without a friend. Quite naturally this state of affairs has caused him to become despondent, which he now evidences by his action in refusing to try to go on as Representative from the 3rd District of Georgia.

I believe that the reason Weltner gives for his action is the flimsiest I ever heard, and it has no semblance of truth in it. He says that he has to take this action because of the loyalty oath which the Democrats require every candidate to take, and which Weltner took. Weltner seems to want people to think that by the action which he is taking, he is no longer bound by the oath he took. He swore that he would support every nominee of the Democratic party, and he af-

fixed his signature thereto. Any subsequent action by him cannot in any way affect an oath which he had previously taken.

If Weltner is looking for a job, I suggest that he apply at a broadcasting company for a job as news commentator. They might appreciate his talents there.

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