

THE TIME HAS COME
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About two years ago we read an article, which appeared in the *Washington Post* and other newspapers, headlined, "The Professor Strikes Back." We intended to reprint it in the *Bulletin* but, since it appeared later in *U.S. News and World Report* and also in *Reader's Digest*, we never got around to doing so.

The article was written by K. Ross Toole, a Ph.D. and Professor of History at the University of Montana who, fed up at the time with the accumulating idiocies of protesting, revolutionary youth on the campuses, delivered an angry broadside defending the accomplishments of his over-thirty generation and pointing out some unpleasant facts about spoiled children, juvenile rhetoric, parental stupidity, campus violence and irresponsible academic leadership.

The original had been written as a letter to his brother who copied it and sent it to friends who, in turn, recopied and sent it to more friends, until it was picked up by one newspaper and then another. Two months later it had been reprinted in more than 500 papers and read by 50,000,000 Americans. Within a short time, Dr. Toole found himself on the receiving end of more than two hundred letters a day.

The result of this experience is a book, "The Time Has Come," recently published in the fall of 1971 by William Morrow and Company. We've looked in vain for it to be reviewed elsewhere but perhaps, as Dr. Toole wryly observes in the introductory chapter, its publication probably is enough to declassify him as a "liberal" and ensure that it will be pointedly ignored by the cadre of professional literary critics.

The book deals intelligently and sometimes harshly with the generation gap, the militant young, the uncommitted young, the older generation, the university system, the college faculty and the legal technicalities of university control and discipline. There is criticism aplenty for all, but, unlike the dissenting radicals and the violent advocates of change who insist that society must first be destroyed and have no plans beyond that, Toole offers good advice to young and old and has a few positive, constructive suggestions about what should be done to straighten things out.

If you haven't read it, dig it out from the library or order it from the bookstore. It will be well worth your trouble.