**Chapter 29**

The Ordeal of Liberalism

*Reviewing Objectives*

**A thorough study of Chapter Twenty-Nine should enable the student to understand:**

1. The new directions of domestic reform manifested by John Kennedy’s New Frontier program.
2. The new elements added to Kennedy’s program by Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society proposals.
3. The reasons why the movement for African American civil rights became increasingly assertive in the 1960s.
4. The significance of Martin Luther King, Jr., to the civil rights movement and the importance of other forces, including the Nation of Islam.
5. The new elements that Kennedy introduced in both the nation’s defense strategy and its foreign policy.
6. The background and sequence of events leading to the Cuban missile crisis.
7. How the United States became committed to defending the government in the southern part of Vietnam and the reasons why United States involvement in Vietnam changes both quantitively and qualitatively in 1965.
8. The reasons why the 1968 Tet offensive had such a critical impact on both policy toward Vietnam and American domestic politics.