

Dean Acheson Quotes

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A memorandum is written not to inform the reader but to protect the writer.

~Dean Acheson

I learned from the example of my father that the manner in which one endures what must be endured is more important than the thing that must be endured.

~Dean Acheson

The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.
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~Dean Acheson

Always remember that the future comes one day at a time.

~Dean Acheson

Between 9 and 10 AM the American radio is concerned almost exclusively with love. It seems a little like ending breakfast with a stiff bourbon.

~Dean Acheson

Negotiation in the classic diplomatic sense assumes parties more anxious to agree than to disagree.

~Dean Acheson

The great corrupter of public men is the ego - corrupter because distracter. Wealth, sensuality, power cannot hold a candle to it. Looking in the mirror distracts one's attention from the problem.

~Dean Acheson

Great Britain has lost an Empire and has not yet found a role.

~Dean Acheson

I have a curious and apprehensive feeling as I watch JFK that he is sort

of an Indian snake charmer.

~Dean Acheson

I have almost invariably found that charm is used as a substitute for intelligence in persons of both sexes. Thus, I have always been and will remain wary of it.

~Dean Acheson

The limitations imposed by democratic political practices makes it difficult to conduct our foreign affairs in the national interest.

~Dean Acheson

You can't argue with a river, it is going to flow. You can dam it up? put it to useful purposes? deflect it, but you can't argue with it.

~Dean Acheson

No people in history have ever survived who thought they could protect their freedom by making themselves inoffensive to their enemies.

~Dean Acheson

The test for aid to poor nations is therefore whether it makes them capable of being productive. If it fails to do so, it is likely to make them even poorer in the - not so very - long run.

~Dean Acheson

Charm never made a rooster.

~Dean Acheson

Vietnam was worse than immoral - it was a mistake.

~Dean Acheson

With a nation, as with a boxer, one of the greatest assurances of safety is to add reach to power.

~Dean Acheson

The trouble with a free market economy is that it requires so many policemen to make it work.

~Dean Acheson

Brains are no substitute for judgement.

~Dean Acheson

How could the USA champion individual freedom in the world generally while denying it to an important minority in its own country.

~Dean Acheson

The future comes one day at a time [so don't fear and try to solve all the worries and problems of the future today].

~Dean Acheson

The greatest mistake I made was not to die in office.

~Dean Acheson

Greatness is a quality of character and is not the result of circumstances.

~Dean Acheson

If we learn the art of yielding what must be yielded to the changing present, we can save the best of the past.

~Dean Acheson

Controversial proposals, once accepted, soon become hallowed.

~Dean Acheson

Time spent in the advertising business seems to create a permanent deformity like the Chinese habit of foot-binding.

~Dean Acheson

We have actively sought and are actively seeking to make the United

Nations an effective instrument of international cooperation.

~Dean Acheson

Washington is like a self-sealing tank on a military aircraft. When a bullet passes through, it closes up.

~Dean Acheson

The first requirement of a statesman is that he be dull.

~Dean Acheson

No man comes out of his own memorandum of conversation looking second best.

~Dean Acheson

To leave positions of great responsibility and authority is to die a little, but the time comes when that must be faced.

~Dean Acheson

I will undoubtedly have to seek what is happily known as gainful employment, which I am glad to say does not describe holding public office.

~Dean Acheson

The defensive perimeter [of the United States in East Asia] runs along the Aleutians to Japan and then goes to the Ryukyus.

~Dean Acheson

The Iraqi is really not whacky toady, perhaps, even tacky. When they gave him the word, he gave us the bird and joined with the Arabs, by cracky!

~Dean Acheson

The most important aspect of the relationship between the president and the secretary of state is that they both understand who is president.

~Dean Acheson

[President Truman] was free of the greatest vice in a leader, his ego never came between him and his job.

~Dean Acheson

Americans assume Canada to be bestowed as a right and accept this bounty, as they do air, without thought or appreciation.

~Dean Acheson

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