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### "THE RIGHT TO LIFE"

Legal abortion is the fastest growing social revolution in the country according to Lawrence Lader of Newsweek magazine, July 19, 1971.

What is an abortion? Today many doctors apply the term to any pregnancy that has been terminated.

One might ask why abortions have become so widely practiced and accepted. The main reason is the increasing concern supposedly of unwanted children that would result if women did not have abortions.

Because of the controversy in the United States, the Supreme Court took the decision into its hands and on January 22, 1973, declared abortions legal. Under the provisions of this "death law" a legal abortion may be performed up to the sixth month of pregnancy.

In a film titled "Abortion", Dr. J. C. Willke, prominent doctor and author of pro-life literature, described the four different types of abortions.

"Dilation and Curettage" is performed under general anesthesia and is used only within the first twelve weeks of pregnancy. This involves scraping the uterus of embryonic matter.

"Vacuum Aspiration" method involves inserting a metal tube attached to a small vacuum pump which draws off the fetal matter into a bottle.

"Saline Induction" procedure is used between the sixteenth and twenty-fourth weeks of pregnancy. This abortion involves drawing off the amniotic fluid in which the fetus floats and replacing it with a salt solution. While the baby breathes and swallows the liquid, the outer layer of skin is burned off by the salts corrosive effect. The woman will then go into labor until the fetus is expelled.

The "Hysterectomy" is perhaps the most drastic of the four types of abortions. This operation is performed from the eighteenth through the twenty-fourth weeks is just like a Caesarian Section. This is when a vertical incision is made through the abdomen and into the uterine cavity to free the child from the mother's womb. Over half of the babies could live outside of their mother with medical attention but since these babies are to be aborted they are put in basins or wrapped in blankets and left to die.

I personally can find no justification for a utilitarian philosophy. This innocent child, a victim of circumstance, has committed no crime yet he is punished for he is condemned by law. Thank God there are still some people who respect life. Act now for your silent respect won't stop this mass murder.

We, the American people, are endowed with certain inalienable rights. But are we? Why is the right to life being violated?

Should this right to life only include those who measure up to certain standards? How can some few imperfect judges assume that human life is more human post-born than pre-born?

Unborn child, you're beautiful for when you bloom God smiles and the fragrance of love and life fill the air.

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## "TAKE OVER BY BLACKS"

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As an instructor of Sociology and minority relations in particular for over twenty years, one of the most interesting aspects of American race relations that has become evident is that every noticeable advancement of black people sooner or later will be described as 'take over'. I have discovered that one can accomplish a number of things in terms of black-white situations until the 'magic' phrase 'take over' appears. This is what is known in the 'trace' as a conversation stopper.

As was expected, the recent phenomenal increase in the number of black mayors over the last five years has revived this old patter. However, before America begins to shake in its boots or before any citizens elude themselves into thinking that the struggle is by any means over, they should read a recent report from the joint center for political studies in Washington, D.C. Incidentally, this is the best source for up-to-date accurate information of black political activity throughout the country.

Like most political observers, the Joint Center is impressed with the percentage leap in the number of black mayors. One of its most recent bulletins notes that just three years ago it could count only 59 black mayors throughout the country. Today, the figure is estimated at 96. At the same time, Joint Center makes it very clear that black political power has a long, long road to travel. For instance, there are more than 18,000 municipalities in the United States, making the estimated number of black mayors (96) small in comparison.

There are about 500,000 elective offices in the nation, with black elective officials at all levels of government estimated at 2,700. To sum it up, the Joint Center declares: "Despite recent increases in the number of black mayors and other elected officials, blacks still hold only about one-half of one percent of the 500,000 elective offices in the nation." It is quite obvious by these statistics that the burgeoning political power of black people, particularly in the South and in several big cities of the North—where whites have fled to the suburbs—by no means represents a 'take over'.

Maybe we should really investigate that mentality which would describe every achievement of a 'Minority race' or religion as a 'take over'. There is a large number of individuals alarmed because they believe that blacks have (here is that phrase again) taken over television simply because they see with greater frequency black faces handling the news and in commercials. Yet blacks don't own or manage a single big television station in the major cities of this country.

It is this 'take over' mentality which causes whites to run to the suburbs, or some other place, at the sight of the first black resident in an all white neighborhood. And then when the percentage of blacks remaining in the cities increases their political power potential, the fear of the real 'take over' projects its head again, like a prophecy fulfilled. This entire series becomes what Robert Merton has called "THE SELF FULFILLING PROPHECY".

Have you ever asked yourself this question? Why is it that you see only ONE black in most of your commercials, etc.? This is an effort to appease this 'take over' mentality. If you see more than one, it is a ———'take over'!

"BUT I AIN'T FINISHED PARTYING YET"

