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North Carolina's Lament About The Cloture Rule

The United States Senate—that august body whose traditions are at one time both rich and cumbersome—threw off its yoke of stodginess Monday and proceeded to get something done.

For only the eighth time in its history, the Senate voted to invoke cloture, thereby shutting-up conservative Southern senators who were trying to filibuster to death a new civil rights bill.

It was a drastic move the Senate took, but no more drastic than the times demand.

The motion for cloture, which passed Monday by precisely the two-thirds vote it required, was made for the fourth time after the Senate was reminded of a presidential commission's findings that "white racism" was the cause of riots.

The senators—those voting for cloture, anyway—took the warning to heart, and by their cutting short the six-and-a-half-week-old debate, put the Senate on the path of doing something to eliminate some of that white racism's effect upon American society.

Their voting to do so showed that the Senators are becoming truly concerned about to make the United States a place where men of every race can live as equals.

Their voting to do so showed that the Senators are coming to realize that, if further racial strife is to be averted, government action must be taken to jell this notion of equality into reality.

Their voting to do so showed that the Senators realize that this nation can no longer maintain the hypocrisy of calling men equal, while relegating some of them by race to substandard housing.

Their voting to do so showed that the Senators have decided to come to grips with the problems of this nation as a whole, and to put aside the petty and provincial racial prejudices of their more conservative constituents.

Their voting to do so showed that the Senators are brave, forward-looking individuals truly

concerned about the problems of 20th Century America.

Their voting to do so showed that the Senators truly deserve to be at the helm of this nation, leading it through this period of intense internal strife between the races.

It's just too bad that neither Sam J. Ervin nor Everett B. Jordan are among these men.

Honor Should Have No Gender

Honor is quite a neuter thing, grammatically speaking.

Men's and Women's Honor Councils, however, ain't.

Instead, they are each separately endowed with their own sexual identity, a corresponding view of the world, and an equally corresponding interpretation of Honor.

What results is a rather non-parallel construction of the Honor Code.

And plainly speaking, this just ain't right.

That's why it comes as such welcome news that a group of students active in the student judiciary—headed by Attorney General Randy Myer—have come up with a working plan to establish a coed court which will hear all Honor Code violations.

Such a set-up was preferred by an overwhelming majority of those students voting in the Attitudinal Survey on the Honor System last month.

The plan—to be presented soon to both the Administration and the Student Legislature—sets up the specifics of the coed court: a quorum of seven persons—at least three of whom must be of the defendant's opposite sex—would be presided over by the chairman of the defendant's sex. Other than that, regular honor council procedures would apply.

Hopefully both the administrators and the legislators will enthusiastically accept the proposal, and will do so quickly enough that it may be placed on a referendum ballot during the March 26 elections.

If so—judging from the results of the attitudinal survey—the new system should be swept in easily by the voters, once and for all ending the existence of a double standard where there should least be one.

For Honor is quite a neuter thing.



Letters To The Editor

The Arab Irregular Forces

To The Editor:
I'm writing this letter in hopes of bringing into view some important facts that Mr. Mohamed Saleim overlooked in his letter of Feb. 3. In his letter Mr. Saleim pointed out that the U.N. has never reported the Arab states guilty of attacking Israel "with their regular military forces." Yet he failed to mention the numerous Arab irregular forces — el Fatah and fidayun — that have terrorized civilians by murdering, stealing, and destroying non military equipment. These forces have been armed and supported by Israel's "peaceful" neighbors. Also, deleted from Mr. Saleim's letter was the information concerning the shelling of Israeli border villages by "peaceful" Syrian guns stationed on the hills above.

I'm sure Israel thanks Mr. Saleim for giving numerous quotations stating "Israeli intentions and plans." I shall now in turn oblige the Arab leaders by quoting some of their intentions and views:
"We will act to realize Arab solidarity and the closing of the ranks that will eventually put an end to Israel... We will liquidate her." (August 17, 1961) — President Nasser of Egypt.
"The Syrian army stands as a mountain to crush Israel and demolish her." (August 19, 1963 — The Syrian Defense Minister, General Abdulla Ziada.)
"The political leadership emphasizes its commitment to the decision of the Summit Conference regarding the plan of collective Arab action for the liberation of Palestine. In accordance with that plan the Arab national aim is the elimination of Israel." (May 25, 1965 — Joint Declaration of President Nasser of Egypt and President Aref of Iraq.)
And Mr. Saleim calls these leaders "peaceful."
Then, Mr. Saleim reiterates the Arab leaders' answers concerning the solution of the Arab refugee problem which is based on Resolution 194 (111) December 11, 1948, Paragraph 11. However, in his letter, only half of the paragraph is given. He doesn't mention the other half which includes the talks of resettlement of the Refugees in Arab lands. Resettle has been out of the question in the Arab minds although Syria and Iraq are pressed because of a shortage of manpower.

The Arab refugees in Gaza were forbidden to seek employment or emigrate into areas where a shortage of laborers was a problem. The Arab nations have tried to exploit the Arab refugees politically while making no effort caring for them.
Mr. Saleim speaks of a Palestinian state that "might resemble something like Lebanon to the Christians." However, I must remind our concerned friend that his Arab leaders urge the return of the refugees in order to "create a large Arab majority that would serve as a powerful fifth column for the day of revenge and reckoning." (April 6, 1950 — Lebanese newspaper Al Sayyad).

The former leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Ahmed Shukairy, clearly stated his plans when he said, "China supplies us with weapons so that they be used for the liberation. The weapons of China which we have received free of charge will be put into action in order to destroy Tel Aviv. (May 28, 1967). It seems as though statements by Mr. Saleim and his Arab leaders don't coincide.
Finally, Mr. Saleim defends Nasser's action of withdrawing U.N. forces before the June War as having no other choice after being told that Israeli forces were massing along the Syrian border prepar-

plan of salvation—"transmogrification through demonetization," whereby the Guru's followers attain a state of perfect bliss by divesting themselves of their money. Since material possessions arrest the life-striving towards Nirvana (that's like heaven for those readers who are dumb) the Guru instructs his disciples to send their money and fenceable possessions to him, since he is above being tarnished by the hateful baubles of unenlightened society.
In July, 1956, at Lake Tahoe, Guru Suyajnas began a period of silence and total seclusion, during which time he communicated with his disciples and stock broker by means of a celestial ouija board. The Guru swore that he would not speak until his disciples purified themselves by becoming completely divested of their soul-disfiguring possessions. The Guru promised that, as soon as his conditions were met, he would write down the one perfect word, which would contain all the wisdom of the world and which would transfigure and enlighten all who pronounced it.
On January 1, 1968, Guru Suyajnas wrote down on his celestial ouija board the promised word. It is written thus: "sdrzlhtbrgnlmlbndbrhma"
Unfortunately no one has yet figured out how this word is to be pronounced. One of the Guru's closest disciples has taken the word to the linguistics department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where, it is hoped, the proper pronunciation will be learned in a seance to be held there next week.
As pointed out above an informal organization has been formed on campus

New Cult On The Scene

in order to promote the teachings of Suyajnas. It is called The Chapel Hill Self-Knowledge and Squash-Racquets Club (we had to combine). Our guest speaker next week will be A. K. Lionstone, who has long been a follower of our Beloved Teacher.
Many of the Guru's followers have stated that a great change came over them following their embrace of the Guru's teachings. Irving Stispill Hockaday, a sophomore majoring in psychology has given the following testimony: "I became completely transformed following my reading of Guru Suyajnas' plan of salvation. I began to see God everywhere, in class, at basketball games, under my bed, everywhere. And my hemorrhoids were reduced without surgery." This is just one example of the kind of change that comes over people when they have become transmogrified by our Teacher.
In addition to our work in spreading the word of the All-Knowing One, we sponsor many varied charities. Currently we are engaged in a drive to secure funds for the erection of a twelve-foot tall, bronze nude statue of William Jennings Bryan to be placed in Polk Place. It is hoped that Jesse Helms will serve as co-chairman of the drive along with Mrs. Myrtle Zong Twitt. I have been asked to serve as co-chairman along with Mrs. Twitt, but I must refuse since it is an open secret that I will be chosen as the new dean of Arts and Sciences.
May you find happiness in the sdrzlhtbrgnlmlbndbrhma.
Jay Panini
Religion Major

ing for an attack. Israel had a grand total of 120 men on these borders while the U.N. confirmed "the absence of troop concentration and significant troop movements on both sides of the line." (Secretary General's report to the Security Council, May 19, 1967).
Jerry Garfinkle
ZBT House

Trustee Visiting Committee And State's News Media

From the Chapel Hill Weekly
The report of the University Trustees' Visiting Committee last week contained a brief item, to the effect:
"The members of the Visiting Committee suggested that the administration consider... an effort improve what appears to be unbalanced reporting by the news media of some campus events."
This suggestion undoubtedly had reference to last year's Chapel Hill visit by Vice President Hubert Humphrey when a handful of peace pickets received more attention from the news media than the Vice President did. The Chancellor was somewhat chagrined by that news coverage and said so publicly.
The Visiting Committee members didn't cite any campus events specifically, but they obviously felt that the news media are too often inclined to seek out the spectacular while neglecting many of the quiet and truly significant strides the University is making. We can't argue with that, because it is plain truth. Newspapers, radio and television stations being the creatures they are, and whose existence depends largely on compelling attention, reach for the spectacular more or less as conditioned reflex.
One question we do raise, however, is just how the Visiting Committee would suggest that the University administration attempt to improve reporting of campus events. Is the Visiting Committee suggesting that the University tell newspaper, radio and TV

reporters how to do their jobs? Is the Committee suggesting, perhaps, that the University attempt to manage the news, suppress it, or maybe color it slightly?
We have an idea that the Visiting Committee didn't really have anything concrete in mind and just tossed out an idle suggestion as an expression of its displeasure. For the sake of the University, we hope the administration will interpret it that way and do nothing to implement the suggestion.
Without being defensive about it, we would like to point out again that most of North Carolina's newspapers and many of its radio and television stations are among the best and most valuable friends the University has. At times they are much better friends than the University's Trustees. With only a few notable exceptions, we don't know of anyone in the news media who would deliberately seek out the sensational in a calculated effort to discredit the University. It would be risky to say as much for the Board of Trustees.
Whether the Visiting Committee members have a towering contempt for the news media is neither her nor there. News coverage of campus events will continue much as before, despite all sorts of Visiting Committee protestations. But it would be tragic indeed if, through the misguided urgings of its Trustees, the University should set upon the press and thereby alienate one of its greatest allies.

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LBJ's Political Hush

From The Raleigh Times
What sort of job is Gen. William Westmoreland doing in Vietnam?
An indication, despite President Johnson's defense of Westmoreland and his refusal to replace him, can be found in the report that the President had the Chiefs of State sign a statement that Khe Sanh can be held. This surely indicates strongly a lack of trust in Westmoreland's leadership.
Then, recently, Senator Richard B. Russell, the

Georgia Democrat whose long service in Washington has made him one of the most respected leaders there, criticized Westmoreland for sticking to "outmoded World War II tactics" in fighting the Viet Cong.
Isn't it in order to wonder about President Johnson's whole handling of this war? To wonder if America hasn't now reached the bleak point where it must take the steps needed to begin talks with North Vietnam?



Well, folks, on the Vietnam scene there's not much to say except... Let's see... a bunch were killed, a town was hit, a number of missiles were fired, there was air contact on both sides, there are refugees, and... our security is intact.