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JUSTICE HUGO BLACK

The News and Observer

The motives behind Senator Copeland's effort to smear Senator Hugo Black with the decayed carcass of the Ku Klux Klan were too obvious to escape the rebuke which they received on the Senate floor.

At one time during recent history it would have been hard for a man to be elected to public office in Alabama without the vote of Klan members. Alabama was not the only such State. If there had been any pertinency in Senator Copeland's challenge of his Senate associate's fitness for the Supreme Court on account of an old and too intimate relationship with the Ku Klux Klan, the merits of the point are to be determined not on the question of whether Klansmen were among the Alabama citizens who voted for him, but whether Senator Black himself reflected the racial, religious and political prejudices which the Klan nurtured and promoted.

As it happens, the matter was pretty well disposed of even before Senator Copeland bethought himself of the usefulness of an anti-Ku Klux speech in New York's forth-coming election. It was disposed of by a man whose opportunity for observation must be admitted and whose antipathy to Senator Black, on political and economic grounds, far antedated Senator Black's elevation to the Senate by the voters of his State.

Grover S. Hall, editor of the Montgomery Advertiser, who never voted for Senator Black, is the man.

There was a time, he recalls, when only union labor in Alabama took Senator Black's liberal views toward labor seriously. He adds:

Now all take his labor views seriously and many who hate him for these views were Klansmen in 1926, but, of course, would not today admit previous Klan affiliation. Only eccentric village characters now admit that they were once Klansmen, although at one time, due to our minority primary system, the Klan

ruled Alabama as indisputably as Huey Long ruled Louisiana before his death.

There was never any fundamental sympathy between Facist Klansmen and union leaders, but there was a time when a shrewd leader could boss both.

In 1926, it was freely said that but for the Klan, Hugo Black would not have been nominated. Certainly, but for the support of union labor he would have lost. As a student of his life and career, I can report that never as a public official has he said one word of comfort to a klan-minded citizen.

He has never betrayed any of the prejudices commonly attributed to the old sheet-waving Klansmen.

He has never sneered at religious minorities.

As a Senator, he has never said a cheap or shabby thing.

The comfort for the rank and file of the American people is that Senator Black will bring to the Supreme Court the revitalizing humanitarian and intellectual qualities of Holmes and Brandeis.

If he had been vulnerable, it may be safely taken for granted that the Tory group in the Senate would have peeled him unmercifully.

His confirmation, in so far as one man among nine may serve, is a decisive factor in immediate Supreme Court reform.

JUST A PLAIN NUISANCE—

Greenville News-Leader

The sales tax in North Carolina, termed an "emergency measure" when enacted, is apparently here to stay. Certainly it is if the politicians who run the state have anything to say about it.

Unpopular or not, it's an easy way to raise revenue, and that's about all Raleigh knows or cares about it.

Two general assemblies have come and gone since 1933. The last one in keeping with Governor Hoey's pledge to remove the tax from the "necessities," removed it, that is if you are careless about your definition of necessity.

But there is one injustice, which is not only unfair, but perilously close to a plain hold-up, in the collection of this levy. That is the extra penny on purchases of 10 and 15 cents. Particularly is this galling to purchasers of cigarettes, and drinks, as well as all others who make small purchases.

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One who has mingled with the species says, "Alligators are harmless as long as their mouths are kept closed." Aren't we all? —San Francisco Chronicle.

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