

CHIEF JUSTICE



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Decisions of Supreme Court That Affects Us

There has been speculation recently on the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. It is almost certain that Earl Warren, the present Chief Justice will be replaced, since he wishes to retire. The question is, who will be Nixon's choice for the top post? In order to appease those people in the country who feel that the police have been handcuffed, Nixon will have to choose a more conservative man than Warren.

Due to many decisions by the Supreme Court recently, there has been much controversy over the justices and the apparent miscarriage of justice by "coddling the criminals." Beginning with such decisions as the Escobede and Miranda, the Supreme Court began its arduous task of righting the numerous wrongs which have abounded over the years.

Even though many self-confessed criminals were released on technicalities, there must be some speculation on what the effects of these releases mean. Even though there were dismissals on technical grounds, they set a precedent heretofore unheard of. Americans were guaranteed certain rights by the Constitution, but over the years, through the unscrupulous actions of

men in high jobs and the failure of the laws to change or adapt to the times, these rights were forgotten. By taking such unpopular stands on such vital issues, the Supreme Court gathered a large opposition. Though many people cannot see the benefits such decisions have at the present, in the future, the same people or their children may need the decisions. They will then see the wisdom used by the Supreme Court in setting such unfavorable precedents.

Carol Keesee

OF GOOD CHEER

Success is the summit we all seek to attain. The road is steep, steep as a ladder, and the exertion of brain and muscle is necessary to climb it step by step, painstakingly, pluckily, perseveringly.

Cheerfulness is one step. Gain it early. The longest face is not apt to be rewarded. Success is most likely to go to the fellow whose presence and personality inspire, stimulate, and encourage others.

"A Second Look"

The student government at this school is very important . . . much more important than many seem to realize. The apathy which has engulfed this student body is very discouraging.

Sure it's great when you help Project Hope meet a goal. You have participated to an extent. How much energy, however, does it take to drop a quarter in an envelope, Not much. I hope that the student body doesn't get a false sense of override out of this one successful venture.

Mistakes are often attributed to the fact that people don't get involved. There are two organizations that are making mistakes. The student council as a whole, is not doing what it should . . . there has

been no sincere effort by the council representatives to perform their job and that is to represent you. They should discuss issues with you so as to get the general consensus.

The biggest problem is the student body. Your voice in council can be stronger than in any other form of government. If you put a suggestion in the box it is read in full before the entire council. There is usually discussion and some kind of action is taken. All too often the suggestion box is empty.

If we are to have an effective and worthwhile student government, the apathy of these two organizations must be wiped out, It is up to both groups to become more involved and more interested in their school.

A Review of the Book, DAYBREAK

I just recently finished reading Joan Baez's autobiography, *Daybreak*. Joan Baez, as most everybody knows, is a folk singer, but she is really much more. She is co-founder and co-worker at the Institute for Non-Violence in Carmel, California. She and her mother have served time in prison several times for "civil disobedience", or helping draft resisters.

If you weren't a pacifist or close to one before reading *Daybreak*, you might possibly be one after reading it. For her arguments against killing and hating and war are so profound and so real that they are really indisputable.

There's a consensus that it's ok to kill when your government decides who to kill. If you kill inside the country you get in trouble. If you kill outside the country, right time, right season, latest enemy, you get a medal. There are about one hundred and thirty nation-states, and each of them thinks it's a swell idea to bump off all the rest because he is more

important. The pacifist thinks there is only one tribe. Three billion members. They come first. We think killing any member of the family is a dumb idea.

I was watching the news the other night and they were showing a battle scene in Vietnam with lots of dead bodies strewn all over and I had just glanced up and then went back to whatever I was doing. Then I realized that I was actually accepting the fact that these people were dead without thinking that they were really people, and suddenly the whole thing seemed so insane and tragic—that men were killing one another for pieces of land.

I think almost anyone reading *Daybreak* couldn't help but be affected by it—I know I was, and I only hope the effect lasts longer than just a few days. Because what Joan Baez is saying throughout the book and throughout her life is too important and right and good to forget.

Elyse Topkins

Letter To The Editor

Just like reading, writing and arithmetic was not enough at the turn of the century; what we have now does not satisfy the needs of the students. In the last seventy years, we have experienced such progress never before equaled in the history of mankind. Our textbooks have struggled endlessly to keep up with this progress but as soon as they are published, they are out of date. The society we live in has been constantly growing more apart with year. Our schools in the ghetto and rural schools do not come near equaling those in the suburbs. Also in the ghetto the children who face school are only half prepared and if they finish school they only have half and education.

The juvenile crime rate is constantly rising but our schools take no major part in reducing this rate.

These Are My Solutions

1. Afro-American history — "We should give the Negro American the past he deserves. With the teaching of Afro-American History in the public schools it would not only give the Negro a past but would destroy many myths that we have been led to believe.

2. The poor section of towns is also a section where diseases flourish and doctors are few. In these schools where the poor attend there should be a nurse there through the week and a doctor would drop in twice a week. This would insure a healthy America.

3. A large problem with the poor and the average student is poor reading speed. I think it should be mandatory for speed reading to be taught as early as possible through the English class.

4. The school system has left it to the home, church, and police to show a child right from wrong. But it is now time the schools should take active part. For instance at Grimsley, we have an honor code, but what does it mean to someone whose mind that has already been snapped, but rather if we should take these very same honor codes and placed them in kindergarten you would find that this would help shape his mind to be a good citizen.

5. There is a good chance that soon the voting age will be lowered

to 18. But even if it is not lowered the schools still have a responsibility to provide America with good citizens. So we need voter education taught current events easily discussed: study of different religion and cultures as a deterrent to racism.

6. Teachers are professionals and deserve to be paid as in that fashion. They also deserve a greater voice in determining educational policy.

7. School systems must have greater assistance and co-operation with government, business, church, police and parents.

8. Develop a program where adults on welfare can come to school at night spending half his time studying to get a high school diploma and the other half learning a trade.

9. Increase efforts to bring all schools up to decent and equal standards.

10. Expand Head Start, Upward and Teacher Core.

Gary Richardson

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