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## letters to the editor

### Silence falls on Renwick racial issue

### An alarming tendency

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

#### —The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution

Although the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Tuesday was of an apparently minor nature—removing from passengers of automobiles the right to challenge the admission of evidence against them which was obtained in an illegal search—it does highlight an alarming tendency of the court's recent decisions.

In and of itself, the ruling could have a dramatic and unfortunate effect on day-to-day enforcement of the law across the country. As Associate Justice Byron White noted in an extremely stern dissenting opinion for himself and three of his colleagues, Justices William J. Brennan Jr., Thurgood Marshall, and John Paul Stevens, "Insofar as the court's rationale is concerned, no passenger in an automobile, without an ownership or possessory interest and regardless of his relationship to the owner, may claim Fourth Amendment protection against illegal stops and searches of the automobile in which he is rightfully present."

North Carolina law enforcement officials have indicated that until state Attorney General Rufus Edmisten outlines the practical effect of the ruling on state law enforcement policy, the decision will have no effect on arrest and search procedures in the state. But when that ruling does come, its implications for passengers in cars could be tremendous. As Justice White pointed out in dissent, "Insofar as passengers are concerned, the court's opinion today declares an open season on automobiles."

Tuesday's decision, though, is only a part of a much broader tendency in the current court to discount personal freedoms, especially in criminal proceedings, in favor of the interests of police and other law enforcement agencies. Those freedoms were only advanced to individuals in state proceedings in this century, after much effort by progressive jurists and a great deal of victimization of individuals at the hands of the law; and it is unfortunate both for individual freedoms and for the consistency of constitutional interpretation that these freedoms are being eroded by the present court, and especially the rather anomalous Nixon appointees.

Certainly this tendency was in evidence on Tuesday, when the five justices decided to limit the scope of the 1960 ruling, *Jones v. U.S.*, which for the first time extended the right of challenge to "anyone legitimately on the premises where a search occurs." The inconsistency represented by this decision was pointed up by Justice White in dissent when he said, "If the Court is troubled by the practical impact of the exclusionary rule, it should face the issue of that rule's continued validity squarely instead of distorting other doctrines in an attempt to reach what are perceived as the correct results in specific cases."

But ironically (and unfortunately), this regression in the court's philosophy will probably be with us for some time to come, if only because of the Court's tradition of consistent interpretation to which the recent decision does violence.

To the editor:  
 (This is an open letter to the faculty and administrators at UNC-CH.)

I fail to understand the reason for the silence that has suddenly fallen on this campus. Dean Hayden B. Renwick has given strong and supported evidence of the obvious racism that is being displayed in the admissions office concerning minorities and none of you has uttered a response! It is indeed shocking to observe the fear that our instructors evidently feel. Are you so enthralled with your own busy lives until none of you, either singularly or collectively can support Dean Renwick's efforts? I understand how many of you wanted to wait for the University to express its opinions; however, as you can see, the University insists on shirking the issues, saying only enough to calm student dissension. I guess they knew, far better than the students, that the faculty and fellow administrators would pay no heed to the issue.

Are your jobs so important that you're willing to see a gross injustice prevail? This question applies to only a few staff members; those that are tenured are really nauseous! You do not have to worry about your jobs. Why have you not spoken up? If you think this issue does not concern you, then your degrees represent only your book sense and exclude any common sense you might possess! I am sure many of you will want your children to go to "liberal" universities similar to UNC. Or do you plan to send them away to schools which are not as discriminatory in their admissions policy? I hate to burst your dream bubbles, but "One bad apple can spoil the whole bunch." In other words, other universities do exist which feel they do not have to accept qualified students, either: even though they continue to admit less-qualified students, both black and white. Yet, how will you know which schools these are unless a Dean Renwick also exists on these campuses. Another thing you might consider is this: Just what kind of employer are you working for? UNC has publicly announced that it is committed to increasing black enrollment. Dean Renwick has proved that this is not true; yet, you, the employees, are willing to let this be excused. It reminds me a lot of Watergate. As you are demonstrating, faculty and administrators, in a position to demand an explanation and a correction of this injustice, would rather be puppets for the University, covering up such an important issue at the expense of the students.

If any of you feels you need more information, I'm sure Dean Renwick could provide you with many interesting facts. Yet, only a few have even taken the time to talk with Dean Renwick about this matter. Most of you have taken the other extreme; that is, Dean Renwick is the "black plague" and you are obsessed with the idea of having nothing at all to do with him. Have you noticed lately that

Dean Renwick is not invited to the social affairs given for administrators and faculty members? This subtlety is very surprising from you—"professionals." Just for the record, Dean Renwick still works in South Building in the College of Arts and Sciences as an assistant dean.

Dean Renwick, you have inspired one student by your actions. I am quite grateful that you stood up for students like myself. It is very heart-warming to know that someone will confront the University when it is wrong. I would like to recognize and commend your efforts.

Lip service is free! Action is needed and it takes strong leaders to go against the system in support of students, the constituents who greatly contribute to the functioning of that system. Dean Renwick is one such leader. I wonder if other administrators or faculty members are "qualified" for this leadership position, or are you just an extension of the University's other 17 mistakes!

Roz Fuse  
 220 James

#### Mickey Mouse?

To the editor:  
 To Diane Spaug in response to her letter to the *DTH* ("Military's equality misleading," Dec. 6):

I can't believe anyone can be so blind and narrow-minded as to believe what you do about the military. "Mickey Mouse" jobs for the women? The women officers in the service today have more benefits and responsibilities (and pressures resulting from what they have to be capable of handling) than you will ever possibly have. They are not pouring the coffee or shining the floors for anyone. Sure, there are "Shitty Little Jobs" to be performed, but as any seaman who has swabbed decks, chipped paint, and cleaned latrines will attest, these SLJs are not solely a woman's burden. True, almost 100 percent of those who died fighting for this country were men with their "better" jobs, while women "stayed behind" doing such "Mickey Mouse" chores as saving lives in hospitals, coordinating the massive movement of supplies so those troops could fight, or collecting intelligence so we could know what was going on. (Meanwhile women back home planted gardens and cleaned house. True, there are no women in combat duty now, but maybe one day that will change. If it does, won't you join us chauvinist pigs up front? Shells and missiles don't discriminate.)

Your really foolish statements concerned "government-paid prostitutes," "teaching the art of murder" and "torture of basic training." It's true that drill instructors are not nice. They don't pin your diapers on for you and they don't tuck you in at night with a goodnight kiss. The men and women coming out of basic training and heading into service may one day be actually fighting a war, honey, and if they can't handle the pressures of boot camp they will never handle the pressures of battle.

## GREAT AMERICAN MYTHS:

DRINK OR EAT ANYTHING AFTER THE DATE MARKED ON THE CONTAINER AND YOU WILL INSTANTLY DIE.



Fighting a war is a teamwork affair. If one person screws up or breaks down crying for mamma, he endangers the lives of those around him.

No one is teaching anybody how to murder. You told us how many girls were in JROTC, now why don't you write back and tell us how many of those girls committed murder? Nowhere in the civilian community is weapon safety, respect, and difficulty of access greater than it is in the military.

As to your mentioning and believing reports stating military women are prostitutes—I'm at a loss for words. I will say this—that statement you made really shows low class and probably speaks more against the validity of your beliefs than anything I could say.

Finally, for the information of you readers—yes, recruiters will usually emphasize the advantages of military service and some may even tell a lie. But Diane won't slant the story any, will she? Who could believe reports that military women are prostitutes and murderers are anything but true? Those of you who might be considering joining the service would be wise to talk to officers and

enlisted men, those that enjoyed the service and those that didn't, to obtain a realistic picture. The military is suited to some people and not suited to others, imposing sacrifices as well as providing rewards. So check it out yourself, if you are interested. You don't need to see Chief Giles, you don't need to see me, and you definitely don't need to see Diane Spaug, because she doesn't know what she's talking about.

Greg Huskey  
 508 Morrison

#### Solar sins

To the editor:  
 Re: Dave Parker's letter ("Conspiracy afoot to hide solar dangers," *DTH*, Dec. 7): Good try Dave. You almost succeeded in discrediting the only energy source that can save this country from its sins: Jesse Helms, Red Man chewing tobacco, etc. However, if you knew your rear from a hole in the ground, you would realize that nobody wants to live on Venus or Mercury because they are gaseous and there is no sex there. That doesn't explain why people go to law school, but that's beside the point. Repent.

John Barrett  
 Law school

# Pioneer I reaches Venus; new federal court urged

## The Week

By JOAN BRAFFORD

Spain, South Africa and Venezuela held elections this week. In Spain, the election was for a new constitution that would guarantee democratic rights under parliamentary monarchy. The first returns showed 85 percent of the voters favored the new constitution.

The new constitution, Spain's eighth since its first in 1812, is the first to be put up for public ratification. Previously, kings, non-elected parliament or dictators mandated them. The new document would allow the king to continue as chief of state and head of the armed forces, but it would no longer allow him to appoint premiers.

In South Africa, voters will elect a constituent assembly to write a constitution. This is the first election the black majority has been involved in. Black voters ignored calls for a boycott, terrorist bombings and border attacks to cast their ballots.

Halfway through the week of constituent assembly voting, about half of the 416,000 registered black and white voters had voted.

In Venezuela's presidential election, Luis Herrera Campins of the Social Christian Party defeated the candidate of the ruling Democratic Action Party, Luis Pinerua Ordaz. Of 6 million votes cast, Herrera won by 200,000.

Pioneer Venus I entered its oval-shaped orbit around Venus at 7:56 a.m. Pacific Standard Time Monday. At 8:16, it was slowed by rockets to 29,650 mph. NASA estimates that each orbit of the planet will take 23 hours and 11 minutes. The spacecraft will travel 240 miles above the surface of Venus.

The purpose of the \$225 million mission is to chart the planet's surface in an effort to determine the origins of the Earth's climate and environment. The geologic structure of Earth and Venus is similar, but the atmosphere of Venus is suspected to be almost totally carbon dioxide. Little water is

on Venus. The climate of both Venus and Earth is controlled by clouds, but there are fewer local weather variations on Venus than on Earth.

"What we are doing is giving the Venusian climate a complete physical," Verner Suomi of the University of Wisconsin said.

The attorney representing former San Francisco city Supervisor Dan White, charged with the murder of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, was granted a week's delay in White's trial. The attorney, Douglas Schmidt, told Municipal Court Judge R. J. Reynolds that he was "without sufficient information" to proceed.

White, 32, charged with two counts of first-degree murder "with special circumstances," could be sentenced to death in the gas chamber if convicted.

Dianne Feinstein, the first female mayor of San Francisco, was elected by the Board of Supervisors to complete the 13 months left in the term of Moscone.

Feinstein, the only nominee for the office, was chosen 6-2 by the Board of Supervisors. As mayor she will be responsible for 27,000 city workers and a \$1 billion municipal empire. Her salary is \$55,596 annually.



Anwar Sadat

Feinstein received a "routine, good-luck, God-bless-you" call Tuesday from someone who identified himself as President Carter. "I don't think that was Jimmy Carter," the mayor said. She had met Carter and she said the caller's accent sounded "a little stiff."

Soon after the first call, the real White House did call to congratulate San Francisco's new mayor. The call was from Carter aide Jack Watson, who represented Carter at the funerals of Moscone and Milk.

NBC's *Saturday Night Live* aired a skit satirizing San Franciscans mourning the assassinations of Moscone and Milk as a part of its "Weekend Update" segment. They used newsreel footage of masses of Chinese soldiers, some identified as "dominant" San Francisco homosexuals and some as "submissive" homosexuals, all in mourning.

NBC apologized to offended viewers after local stations received complaints. Its apology, issued Monday, read, "We regret that anyone found the 'Weekend Update' offensive or insensitive. That was certainly not the intention of the piece. We apologize to any viewers who were offended."

Attacks on truckers in several states have occurred during a shutdown by the Fraternal Association of Steel Haulers, which began Nov. 11 to advertise demands for bargaining independence, for higher rates and for unified trucking regulations. Association chairperson William J. Hill said FASH is not behind the violence that has flared on the highways in several states since the shutdown began. Hill said the shutdown is 75 percent effective. The steel and trucking industries dispute his assessment.

Hill has not been successful in his attempts to negotiate on behalf of independent steel haulers with representatives of the federal government and the Teamsters Union. Steel producers report a slowdown in shipments at some mills as a result of a truck shortage. There have been no layoffs or production cutbacks.

"They're falling from the sky like raindrops," said L.P. Shearer, aviation safety officer for the Federal Aviation Agency in Columbia, S.C.



Warren Burger

A single-engine plane crashed on takeoff at Union, S.C., early Tuesday morning. It was the sixth South Carolina airplane crash in six days. The crash was fatal to the pilot, Tray Shelton of Union, the 10th victim of airplane crashes in this period.

Three members of the Supreme Court urged Congress to create a new federal court—a national court of appeals—to help with the Supreme Court's ever-growing workload. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justices Byron R. White and Harry A. Blackmun supported the formation of the new court.

An act of Congress is needed to establish a new federal court. The proposed national court of appeals would have seven judges.

The Supreme Court could refer any case within its appellate jurisdiction to the national court for either a ruling on the merits or a determination as to whether the appeals court should review it.

"It is not a healthy situation when cases deserving authoritative resolution must remain unresolved because we are currently accepting more cases for plenary view than

we can cope with in the manner they deserve," Burger wrote.

This is the latest joke making the rounds in Cairo:

President Carter meets Israel's Prime Minister Begin in Jerusalem. They go to pray at the Wailing Wall.

Carter: Oh God, guide the Arabs and Israelis to a permanent peace.

Begin: Amen.  
 Carter: Oh God, guide the Egyptians and Israelis to real peace and coexistence, with open borders and trade.

Begin: Amen.  
 Carter: Oh God, guide the Israelis to relinquish to the Arabs all the territory seized since the 1967 Middle East War.

Begin: Ahem. Mind you, Mr. President, you're only talking to a wall.

Another Egyptian joke, told in whispers, reflects the uneasy relations between Egypt's Moslem majority and the influential Christian minority. Sadat, the Moslem sheik of the Al Azhar Mosque, and the Coptic Christian pope are sailing in a boat on the Nile.

In a moment of danger, the three men decide one of them must jump overboard to keep the boat afloat. Sadat offers to jump. The two holymen will not allow him to; they say he must pursue peace. Sadat suggests that he ask each of them a question. The one who answers correctly can stay aboard. They agree.

Sadat asks the sheik to name the country that has 1 million martyrs.

"That's easy," the sheik says. "It's Algeria." Algeria claims it lost a million people in its war for independence from France.

"Excellent," Sadat says. Then he turns to the pope and says, "Name the million martyrs."

One joke from the Egyptian era of Nasser had a bus passenger giving a deep, sad sigh.

Alarmed, a neighbor warned the sighing man, "Stop talking politics or I'm leaving."

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