

# Full Text Of Justice Black's Radio Speech

Following is the full text of the radio address of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Hugo L. Black, Oct. 1, from Washington, over 314 stations of the combined networks of the National, Columbia and Mutual broadcasting companies:

Ladies and Gentlemen: The Constitution is the supreme law of our country. This Bill of Rights is the heart of the Constitution.

The constitutional safeguard to complete liberty of religious belief is a declaration of the greatest importance to the future of America as a nation of free people. Any movement or action by any group that threatens to bring about a result inconsistent with this unrestricted individual right is a menace to freedom. Let us repeat:

Any program, even if directed by good intention, which tends to breed or revive religious discord or antagonism, can and may spread with such rapidity as to imperil this vital constitutional protection of one of the most sacred of human rights.

I believe that no ordinary maneuver executed for political advantage would justify a member of the Supreme Court in publicly discussing it. If, however, that maneuver threatens the existing peace and harmony between religious or racial groups in our country, the occasion is not an ordinary one. It is extraordinary.

During my recent absence on a short vacation abroad, a planned and concerted campaign was begun which fans the flames of prejudice and is calculated to create racial and religious hatred. If continued, the inevitable result will be the projection of religious beliefs into a position of prime importance in political campaigns and to infect our social and business life with the poison of religious bigotry. It will bring the political religionist back into undeserved and perilous influence in affairs of Government. It will elevate the least worthy to political positions because religion or race bars others from a passport. It will resurrect practices and arguments from which this country suffered sorely in the nineteen-twenties. It will revive the spirit which, in 1928, caused a national campaign to be waged largely upon issues unworthy of a free people.

It will bankrupt many business men whose sole offense is that they have religious beliefs which do not accord with the prevailing religion in their

### NOTICE OF SALE

On Monday, November 1, 1937 at 11 o'clock A. M. at the court house door in Town of Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, the undersigned will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at public auction the following described lands, lying and being in Crabtree Township, and known as the Rock Spring School property, to-wit:

1st Tract: BEGINNING in the center of Rock Spring and runs S. 79 deg. 33' W. 3.56 chains to a stone corner of church lot; thence S. 9 deg. 15' W. 4.46 chains to center of creek; thence up and with center of Limer Creek, S. 79 deg. E. 2.87 chains; thence still up and with center of said creek, N. 89 deg. 45' E. 4.00 chains to road; thence with road, N. 16 deg. 30' E. 5.55 chains to a stake at forks of road; thence with road, N. 80 deg. 30' W. 1.40 chains to stake in road and in line of old school lot; thence S. 29 deg. 45' W. 0.40 chains to a stake; thence with old school house lot, N. 83 deg. 15' W. 2.64 chains to the BEGINNING, containing 3.76 acres, and being same lands conveyed by T. T. Noland, et ux, to the Board of Education of Haywood County, N. C., by deed dated September 7, 1925, and recorded in Book 70, at page 408, Haywood County Registry.

2nd Tract: BEGINNING on a stake in what is known as the old Rock Spring and running S. 85 deg. E. ten poles and 14 links to a stake; then N. 28 deg. E. ten poles and 21 links to a sourwood; then N. 72 deg. W. nine poles and five links to a sourwood; then S. 30 deg. W. thirteen poles and 16 links to the BEGINNING, and to include the right to use water out of what is known as Rock Spring, and being the same land conveyed by J. M. L. McCracken, et ux, to O. O. Sanford, et al, by deed dated Jan. 10, 1895 and recorded in Book 6, page 498, Haywood County Registry.

EXCEPTING from second tract above described that parcel of land containing 58-100 of an acre conveyed by the Board of Education of Haywood County to T. T. Noland by deed dated September 7, 1925, and recorded in Book 69, page 584, Haywood County Registry, to which record reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said exception.

Sale made pursuant to power and authority conferred upon the undersigned by virtue of Chapter 494, P. L. 1933, and act amendatory thereto.

This October 1, 1937.  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HAYWOOD COUNTY.  
By: Jack Messer,  
Secretary.

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communities. It will punish the professional men whose patients and clients boycott him, not because of lack of professional ability, but because there are in his locality few members of his faith or his race. It will again set neighbor against neighbor and turn old friends into new enemies.

To contribute my part in averting such a catastrophe in this land dedicated to tolerance and freedom, I break with precedents of the past to talk with you tonight.

An effort is being made to convince the people of America that I am intolerant, and that I am prejudiced against people of the Jewish and Catholic faiths, and against members of the Negro race. These insinuations are advanced despite the fact that for the last eleven years I have served in the Senate of the United States under constant and microscopic public scrutiny.

My words and acts are a matter of public record. I believe that my record as a Senator refutes every implication of racial or religious intolerance. It shows that I was of that group of liberal Senators who have consistently fought for the civil, economic and religious rights of all Americans, without regard to race or creed.

The institutions of racial and religious intolerance made concerning me are based on the fact that I joined the Ku Klux Klan about fifteen years ago. I did join the Klan. I later resigned. I never rejoined. What appeared then, or what appears now, on the records of the organization, I do not know.

I do not consider the unsolicited card given to me shortly after my nomination to the Senate as a membership of any kind in the Ku Klux Klan. I never used it. I did not even keep it.

Before becoming a Senator I dropped the Klan. I have had nothing whatever to do with it since that time. I abandoned it. I completely discontinued any association with the organization. I have never resumed it and never expect to do so.

At no meeting of any organization, social, political or fraternal, have I ever indicated the slightest departure from my steadfast faith in the unfettered right of every American to follow his conscience in matters of religion. I have no sympathy with any organization or group which, anywhere or at any time, arrogates to itself the un-American power to interfere in the slightest degree with complete religious freedom. No words have ever been or will ever be spoken by me, directly or indirectly, indicating that any native or foreign-born person in our free country should or could be restricted in his right to worship according to the dictates of his conscience. I have supported candidates for public office without regard to their faith. In my endorsement of applicants for governmental positions, I have acted without discrimination of any kind or character.

I number among my friends many members of the colored race.

I have watched the progress of its members with sympathy and admiration. Certainly they are entitled to the full measure of protection accorded to the citizenship of our country by our Constitution and our laws.

Some of my best and most intimate friends are Catholics and Jews. Shortly after I moved to Birmingham, more than a quarter of a century ago, I formed one of the most valued friendships of my life with a son of Jewish faith. He was one of my closest associates and strongest political supporters. Months of our lives were spent together, much of the time in his home. He stood so nearly in the place of a father to me that while in the Army in 1918 I designated this trusted friend as sole executor of my will. In my campaign for public office his counsel and assistance were always mine.

His widow, who was a guest in my home at the recent inauguration of President Roosevelt was one of the first to congratulate me upon my nomination to be a Justice of the Supreme Court.

When this statement is ended my discussion of the question is closed. I believe the character and conduct of every public servant, great and small, should be subject to the constant scrutiny of the people. This must be true if a democracy serves its purpose.

It is in this spirit that I now bid those who have been listening to me good night.

### New Railroad Head Was Once An Office Boy

The Union Pacific Railroad last week elected a new president, William M. Jeffers, 61-year-old native of North Platte, Neb. When 14 Mr. Jeffers started work for the Union Pacific as a call boy. He has been with the road ever since, moving from call boy to clerk, to timekeeper and so up through the ranks to the presidency.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Crisp and son, of Brevard, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Burgin.

## Hugo Black Before Microphone



Hugo L. Black

Here is Hugo L. Black, newly appointed justice of the supreme court and former Alabama senator, before the microphone. His extended silence regarding charges that he had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan was broken when he made his historic address.

For Job Printing - See The Mountaineer

## Go to Church Sunday

WAYNESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

H. W. Baucom, Pastor.

We were delighted to have several of our members present last Sunday, who had not been able to attend for a long time. We shall look for more next Sunday. Services are as follows:

- 9:45 Sunday school.
- 11:00 Morning worship.
- 6:15 B. T. U.
- 7:30 Evening worship.

WAYNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN

Next Tuesday at 11 a. m. the Presbytery of Asheville meets in the West Asheville church. This includes one elder and the pastor from all churches from Black Mountain to Murphy. Dr. Walker, Waynesville minister, will preach the opening sermon.

The Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell, for 45 years pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Asheville, will present his resignation at this meeting of the Presbytery.

- Church school at 9:45.
- Sermon at 11 a. m.
- Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.
- Prayer service Wednesday at 7:30.

"Grace Church in the Mountains," EPISCOPAL

Rev. Albert New, Rector.

- Sunday, October 10th
- 8 A. M. Holy Communion.
- 10 A. M. Church school.
- 11 A. M. The rector will preach.
- Bishop Gribbin will be with us on "Hallow'een" Sunday, 31st October.

At this time "Crazier," the Bishop's

## Mrs. Coolidge Having A Modern New Home Bu

Soon after Calvin Coolidge retired from the Presidency he purchased Northampton, Mass., a small estate called the Beeches. The house contained sixteen rooms, set in a grove of trees, with large gardens, a tennis court and a swimming pool. After his death, Mrs. Coolidge was offered the estate for sale. It was offered for sale more than a year ago. Mrs. Coolidge has been living quietly in retirement with Mrs. Florence Adams, a friend of Northampton, who also has a winter home at Tryon where Mrs. Coolidge visits. Last week, however, Mrs. Coolidge entered a contract for a new home, a seven room air conditioned house, located in Northampton, only a short walk from the duplex house in which the Coolidges lived before Mr. Coolidge went to the White House, and which they returned for a brief residence in 1929.

official insignia, will be presented to the Bishop from friends in Waynesville.

Everybody cordially invited.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Howard V. Lane, Pastor, Mass at 11 o'clock with sermon by the pastor. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after. Mass in Franklin at the American Legion hall at 8 o'clock.

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