

FIRST AMENDMENT

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof....."



# EDITORIALS

Never Forget That These Editorials Are The Opinion Of One Man  
— And He May Be Wrong

## Civil Wrongs

It is perhaps too much to labor the average citizen with the lengthy complexities of the proposed "civil rights" package that President Kennedy has dumped into the laps of congress; suffice it to say that it fills in very small type almost six pages in the Congressional Record.

Boiled down to its simplest juices this bill asks congress to impose upon the American people — not just the South — the following civil wrongs:

1. Full legal expenses by the taxpayers for any negro who believes he has been denied the right to vote because he is a negro.
2. Full permission to the attorney general to initiate such voting-right suits on his own motion and without request even from a negro.
3. Full authority to the federal district courts to enforce by injunction all private businesses to serve negroes, and here again to provide free legal representation by the taxpayers to all negroes who may feel they were locked out of the inn because of their

color.

4. Full authority to summarily enforce immediate racial integration in all public schools even to the extent of forcing local school boards to haul students from one school district to another in order that all schools will have the same percentage of negroes in them as all other schools.

5. Authorizes the federal commissioner of education to make loans and outright grants to school districts who need money for this mass hauling exercise.

6. Finally it authorizes the establishment of a "Community Relations Service" with a \$20,000 per year director, who is "authorized to appoint such additional officers and employees as HE deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this title."

This then, in substance, is what congress is being asked to make the law of this land.

In the face of this people both in and out of congress who believe in the Constitution and in the basic need to protect private property have no alternative but to support a filibuster with every energy they have.

## The Rarest Gem

"Consistency, Thou Art a Jewel!"

The rarest gem of them all, and certainly not found within the bounds—physical, logical or legal of the United States supreme court.

Last week there was a terrific outcry when these masters of illogic overturned reason, precedence and the written law by issuing a fiat that prayer and Bible reading were illegal in public schools.

But in the same handfull of opinions this illegal court turned about-face and said that no state can deny unemployment benefits to a person whose religious scruples kept him from working on a particular day.

Most useless, of course, is the question: How could they bridge this gap; saying in one breath that separation of state and church forbids prayer or Bible reading in public schools, and then in the next breathe using religion as an excuse for upholding a professional malingerer?

This says that religion has no part in public affairs, but that religion is a controlling factor in public affairs.

The American public has become numb

to the psychopathic perambulations of this collection of amateur sociologists. Most of us when confronted with such an official absurdity merely shrug our shoulders and ask, "So what?"

Watching the supreme court is comparable to a class study in mental retardation, or betting which way a flea will hop.

For generations the supreme court was a bedrock upon which our nation stood strong, secure from the whim of the mob or the fetish of the ward-heel politician. But today the supreme court is a whimpering collection of turncoats such as Hugo (aptly named) Black and mountain goats such as William (Henry VIII) Douglas, whose family devotions also have the faint aroma of the goatishness he displays on mountainsides.

A certain personal virtue is essential to freedom.

—Emerson

True freedom consists with the observance of the law.

—Bonnell Thornton

## Committee On Presumptions

In line with the same kind of piece-meal surrender that is the current fashion all across our nation Kinston has been furnished with a committee on racial relations.

The committee includes 10 negroes and 10 whites and their impossible task is to satisfy the insatiable appetites of the negro rabble-rousers and their white irritants.

Such things as pressuring hotels, motels, restaurants and theaters to accept negroes as customers are a preliminary demand of this negro group.

Firstly, it is our view that no private citizen has a right, legal or moral to play chess with the property rights of another person.

The person who is sweating out the mortgage and the payroll and trying to keep the creditors happy is the only person who has any right to meddle with the policies of his particular business.

The indians, reportedly had a very wise saying, "Never judge a man until you have walked in his shoes."

Those who would use any pressure upon any businessman ought to walk in that man's shoes briefly.

## The Papal Election

Nothing said here even inferentially questions the ability of newly elected Pope Paul VI, who would not have been a Cardinal if he did not have exceptional ability, and by the same token would not have been elected Pope if he had not enjoyed the full confidence of the other exceptionally able men who comprise the College of Cardinals.

What we do intend to pose here, again, is the question of Roman Catholic ethics, when it speaks out strongly and repeatedly for equality and democracy among men, and from time to time takes its stand against the brutalities of totalitarianism on both the left and right.

The College of Cardinals includes 85 men — or did until one of them was promoted to the Papacy. Of that total which represents a claimed 552 million Catholics in every part of the world there are 29 Italian Cardinals.

The total population of Italy is just slightly more than 50 million, and the Catholic membership in the United States is 42 million, and the United States has a total of five Cardinals.

On the basis of total Catholic membership in the world there is roughly one Cardinal for each 6½ million Catholics. Assuming that every Italian is a Catholic — and they most certainly are not — this would give Italy a fair number of six Cardinals rather than the 29 it has. On that basis Italy has about five times a fair representation.

Don't minorities have any rights in this church which preaches so much on the subject of minority rights?

Safety really begins at home. More accidents take place in and around the home than anywhere else. So make a safety check list and avoid death or serious injury from any one of dozens of hazards that exist in every home.

The only freedom worth possessing is that which gives enlargement to a people's energy, intellect, and virtues.

—William Ellery Channing

There are two freedoms — the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where a man is free to do what he ought.

—Charles Kingsley

It is impossible to enslave mentally or socially a Bible reading people. The principles of the Bible are the ground-work of human freedom.

—Horace Greeley

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## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

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This page cannot avoid laboring under what sometimes seems to be an extremely heavy load of racial commentary. Few of us can deny that this is the overwhelming problem of American history, just as it was 100 years ago when our country was torn asunder in the most terrible war mankind has ever fought. Fortunately in one respect, and unfortunately in another most of us today have little comprehension of just how terrible that war of 1861-65 really was.

In 1860 the population of these United States was just 31,443,321 and in the terrible war that followed that census 498,332 of the nation's finest young men left home never to return alive. In 1940 just before the United States plunged into World War II the nation's population was 131,669,275 and in the next four years in battles all around the globe 405,399 of the nation's finest young men left home never to return alive.

So you see that although the nation's population has increased by more than 100 million the number of war dead was considerably less. But on top of these mountains of dead young men there was left a much worse scar than just death itself. The war of 1861-65 was brother against brother, whereas the war of 1941-45 was stranger against stranger, and family feuds are always more bitter than encounters between strangers.

Today Germany and Japan, who were our most bitter enemies in 1941-45, are our staunchest allies and this week we see our president promising to defend Germany with every ounce of American blood. But this same president, along with his entire entourage, is still busy with the job of defeating the South, a job that some people thought ended at a small village in Virginia in April 1865. But military defeat and carpet-bag humiliation and economic bondage for 70 years were not enough to satisfy the lust for revenge bred in that terrible time a hundred years ago.

And this sectional bitterness is transmitted even to people such as John Fitzgerald Kennedy, whose ancestors had not left Ireland when this war was fought. Perhaps in fairness even a bitter southerner should admit that Kennedy is not the cause, but merely a result of this great schism that continues to split our nation.

And a bitter, frightened Southerner would also be less than fair if he did not admit that there is not any rosy glow on the horizon indicating a solution to this problem. The Black Muslims and Abraham Lincoln, perhaps, come nearer to a solution than all the rest of us who have grown accustomed to the problem and accept that it will be with us forever. Complete physical separation is the Black Muslim prescription today was the prescription of Lincoln 101 years ago.

But among negroes there is missing this burning passion for a homeland that kept the flickering flame of Judaism burning through so many dark centuries of persecution. Negroes have so little pride in their race that they revel in being adjudicated a second class race by the United States Supreme Court. They slander their own race by going to court and repeatedly proving that negro teachers and negro students automatically create a second class school.

Rather than rising to buy hotels that bar them, as Jews have done, the negroes simply seek to confiscate the properties by political and criminal blackmail of cowardly white politicians. Negroes refuse, or are unable to convert their ghettos into and economic blessing as the Jews, Irish and Italians have done in recent American history.

But more important than their economic inaptitude is their color which will always set them apart, no matter what the courts, or the churches, or the schools teach.

This, sadly, is what Lincoln referred to when he told them 101 years ago, "You and I are different races. We have between us a broader difference than exists between almost any other two races. Whether it is right or wrong, I need not discuss;—"