

Other Editors

West Virginia Hillbilly

Fortas, Spock And Priest

What about Calvin Coolidge and his thing about no man being above the law and no man below? That is if I am not quoting slightly above or below the exact quote. Was old Silent Cal a bit of a square? Now, there's Doc Spock. There was a law he didn't like, so he said the hell with it and broke it. And, too, I read about a clergyman who didn't like the draft law so he leads the way into the court house, gets the files, takes them out and burns them. See, what I mean? Somebody is nuts, Cal or Spock or the priest. If Spock gets by and the priest is acquitted, what does that mean? Does it mean that in the future people will only obey the laws they like? I suppose so.

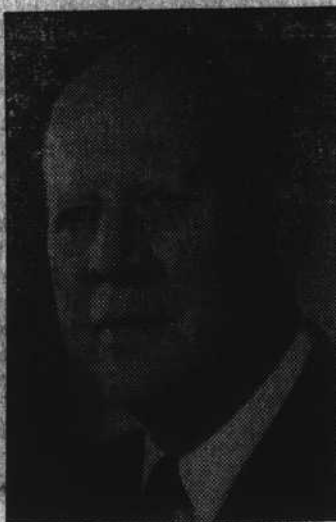
In fact, I know so, because I have just read an article by Abe Fortas in the New York Times about how far people can go in civil disobedience. Fortas, as any good Johnsonian knows, is the new Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. This is about as high as you can go up the jurisprudence pole and live. This means that, by old Blackstone and White Rock, he is about the last word in law. You would think right off that he would be a devoted follower of law to the T. But no. Read this quote from the article:

"If I had been a Negro living in Birmingham or Little Rock or Plaquemines Parish, La., I hope I would have disobeyed the state laws that said I might not enter the public waiting rooms reserved for 'whites.' I hope I would have had the courage to disobey, although the segregation ordinances were presumably law until they were declared unconstitutional."

That is the highest word you can get on justice in the United States, mind you.

That means, of course, that a man has a right to interpret his own laws; a right to decide on what laws to obey. It is a silly law which keeps me from buying a drink in a West Virginia restaurant while if I were in New York City I could have my libation. There's a law in this state which says that a merchant can't sell certain items lower than a set price. What kind of a law is that! The merchant should disobey the law? According to Fortas and Spock and the priest, yes. But I say no, and the general public says no, because when people decide what laws they like, anarchy is born.

There used to be a saying, now extinct, that "your liberty starts where my nose ends." Remember? No more. The students who illegally occupy campus buildings, at the approval of Fortas, Spock and priest, keep one student or many students from doing what he came to that campus to do. In Chapel Hill in the winter, a student picked me up in his car, and we talked about student rights and usurpations. He didn't approve of any campus laws, he declared, because laws were made to fetter the masses. He stopped at a red light. I remarked that that light was a law and why did he obey it and he looked at me as if I were a nut, and said, did I want him to get a part of his anatomy knocked off. And that, of course, explained everything. Violation of the red light could have too sure and too rapid a reckoning; others are slower, but just as sure for Fortas, Spock and priest.



FABIAN BACHRACH  
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Today's world of destructive upheaval and tremendous change calls men to be spiritual builders.

This appeal from The Christian Science Board of Directors was heard today by over seven thousand Christian Scientists, gathered here from around the world for the Annual Meeting of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

The message from the Board of Directors, read by Arthur P. Wuth, its new Chairman, stressed individual effort as the first step in any attempt to help solve the world's ills.

"Poverty, ignorance, war, racial conflict, immorality, civil disorder, mental and physical enslavement exemplify standards torn down, spiritual ideals desecrated, the best of civilization fallen into disuse," Mr. Wuth said.

HOME ECHOES

? — what causes jelly or jam to darken at the top of the container? Storage in too warm a place, or a faulty seal that allows air to leak in.

? — Why should preserves and jams be processed? This procedure is principally to drive air from the jar and secure an air-tight seal. Air left in the jam may cause discoloration, loss of flavor, and may result in spoilage.

? — What is wrong when the leaves of camellias become thickened, curled, fleshy and pale green to white? This is a leaf gall. The disease is more alarming than damaging. If you have only a few plants, control the disease by hand picking and destroying the diseased leaves. It can also be controlled with a 3-1-50 Bordeaux mixture. The first application should be made near the end of the flowering period and repeated at two week intervals until mid-June.

? — What color are aphids? Aphids, or plant lice, are small, green pink or mealy-white insects that attack plants.

? — Is it safe to spray iris plants with malathion? USDA says to kill aphids, spray plants with malathion. Repeat if aphids reappear. To make the spray, add 2 teaspoonfuls of 57 percent malathion emulsifiable concentrate to one gallon of water.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

by Henry E. Garrett, Ph.D.

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Past President, American Psychological Association

Q: Dr. Garrett, here is a clipping from a news story (enclosed) that says, "we can never charge the Negro with lack of ability or lack of ambition unless he has been given equality of opportunity with the White". Do you agree with that?

A: That phrase, "equality of opportunity", is a cliché that means little unless it is carefully defined. If the same opportunity is given two people — one an able person, the other a dullard — the two situations are not equal. If you gave a six-month-old boy and a physically able man each the opportunity to own 20 pounds of gold if he proved to carry it 100 yards, the opportunity to do so would be the same. It would not be equal. It would be more accurate to say that we should give every man an opportunity commensurate with his ability; and opportunity and ability may be quite different. There would be no need to accuse the Negro of lack of ability or interest if we tested his abilities, first.

Q: Dr. Garrett, Liberals seem always to apply the word "prejudice" to any statement with which they do not agree. Is that your impression?

A: I am afraid it is. The term "prejudice" means pre-judgment, and implies a judgment in advance of the facts. In racial matters, prejudice carries the idea of dislike or even hate for some racial group. Thus, a man prejudiced against Negroes would be one who dislikes all Negroes because they are Negroes. Southerners are rarely so prejudiced and their attitude toward the Negro is not predetermined.

In many, perhaps most cases the term preference is what is really meant by the Liberal who uses, instead, the word "prejudice". Both Negroes and Whites usually prefer their own groups; there is no prejudice involved. When you are called "prejudiced", challenge your critic to demonstrate whether your attitude is a pre-judgment, not based on facts, or whether it is simply something with which he does not agree.

WILLIAMS HONORED

The coveted "Cattleman of the Year" award from North Carolina, awarded annually by the LIVESTOCK BREEDER JOURNAL magazine, has been voted to a Newton Grove cattleman. Sherrill Williams, 46-year-old feedlot operator and businessman, was chosen by the magazine Selection Board for North Carolina to receive the 1968 plaque and now becomes eligible for the Grand Cattleman of the Year award in competition with other Atlantic Seaboard and Deep South state candidates.

Lenoir Countians Receive Degrees

Lefettie Esther Moore and Samuel Brent Oliver III both of Kinston received degrees from Appalachian State University on Thursday. A total of 746 students received their degrees, the largest class ever at Appalachian.

Lefettie Esther Moore obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree. There were a total of 599 seniors receiving these degrees.

Samuel Brent Oliver III was one of 118 students who were

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Dartha Whitley Meadows, deceased, late of Jones County, this is to notify that all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned before the 8th day of November, 1968, otherwise, this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 8th day of May, 1968.

Sarah Ferrell  
Administratrix of the  
Estate of Dartha Whitley Meadows

Donald P. Brock  
Attorney at Law  
Trenton, N. C.

J—May 16, 23, 30, June 6

awarded Master of Arts Degrees at the commencement program.

Lt. Col Aquilla Sugg Honored With Air Force Medal at Charleston



Lieutenant Colonel Aquilla D. Sugg (right), son of Mrs. A. D. Sugg of 213 Capitola, Kinston, receives the Air Force Commendation Medal at Charleston AFB, S. C., from Colonel William W. Thomas, deputy chief of operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Aquilla D. Sugg, son of Mrs. A. D. Sugg of 213 E. Capitola, Kinston, has received the Air Force Commendation Medal at Charleston AFB, S. C.

Colonel Sugg was decorated for meritorious achievement while on temporary duty at Pope AFB. He was cited for his outstanding professional skill,

knowledge and leadership.

He is now chief of the airlift control division at Charleston with a unit of the Military Airlift Command.

The colonel, a 1940 graduate of Grainger High School, served in the European Theater of Operations during World War II.

His wife is the former Lila Lee.

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