

OF THE HUMAN BRAIN by THOMPSON

THE HUMAN BRAIN IS THE MOST COMPACT COMPUTER KNOWN. IN MANY WAYS IT RESEMBLES A SWITCHBOARD OF INTERCONNECTED CIRCUITS. A LARGE COMPUTER MIGHT REQUIRE 70,000 WATTS, BUT THE BRAIN NEEDS ONLY AS MUCH POWER AS A 10-WATT BULB!



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eral was even being suggested, since the retirement of Justice Warren and the resignation of Justice Fortas would give the President two vacancies to fill.

Personally, I did not favor the appointment of Justice Fortas in the first place, primarily because I do not agree with him philosophically. More so than anyone else in public life, including even the President of the United States, the life of a member of the Supreme Court is, by necessity, a circumscribed one. If he is to fulfill his responsibilities honorably, with wisdom and understanding, he is barred from many of the activities he might otherwise freely engage in. He must choose his friends and associates with care. He must apply more than the normal caution to those who seek his assistance. He should be extremely skeptical about "offers of high fees for minimal services."

The Supreme Court and its Justices, regardless of how we may view their decisions, "are supposed to have one indispensable asset — THEIR INTEGRITY." Consequently, when a member of the Court (and Justice Fortas is not the first one in recent times), becomes involved in a situation casting a shadow, whether fairly or unfairly, over his personal integrity, discredit is reflected upon the court.

All of us in public life live in glass bowls. Supreme Court Justices have almost been an exception, and they are in terms of what can be done about their misconduct; but in this instance, the impact of public opinion was so great that even the Supreme Court could no longer assume the kind of independence which usually gives each member a feeling of responsibility only to himself and his own conscience.

But living in glass bowls and being subject to the scrutiny of the honest and the dishonest,

the well-intentioned and the ill-intentioned, it behooves all of us in public life to reflect at all times and under all circumstances the best that is in us.

In any event, this particular case adds weight to the position I have taken time and time again — that no man should be given a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States. No member of the court should be immune from public accountability.

This unfortunate situation should also serve to remind all of us of the Biblical admonition: "He that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

BURKETTE AT SCHOOL

Specialist Four David L. Burkette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Burkette, 317 E. Washington Ave., Kinston, completed a 21-week field radio repair course at the Army Southeastern Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga., April 14.

MALPASS ON FORT SNELLING

Seaman Apprentice George S. Malpass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Malpass of 2216 Greenleaf Road, Kinston, is aboard the USS Fort Snelling in the Caribbean off Puerto Rico.



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Congressman Fountain Feels Whole Fortas Story Should be Revealed to Protect Supreme Court's Integrity

By Congressman L. H. Fountain
 Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas has wisely resigned from the Supreme Court of the United States. He had no other reasonable and honorable alternative.

His career as a member of the Court, hotly contested in the first place, has, therefore, ended, but fairness to all concerned — the man himself — the Supreme Court, and above all, to the American people, demands that this case should not be closed until an honorable and thorough investigation has been made and the entire truth spread upon the public record. This is the way.

Even should a full investigation reveal that Justice Fortas has violated no statutory law of the land, in the area of ethics,

his own most recent detailed description of his relations with the Wolfson Foundation, and Mr. Wolfson himself, indicate that he has reflected serious discredit not only upon himself but upon the already highly controversial Supreme Court.

It's regrettable that this matter was so quickly tried in the newspapers and through other communications media; but his own initial explanation wasn't good enough to prevent this. He didn't deal candidly or precisely with the allegations made by Life Magazine.

The whole affair, therefore, became involved in all sorts of political implications and innuendos—often times far more damaging than the crystal clear truth. Political blackmail by the President and the Attorney Gen-

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