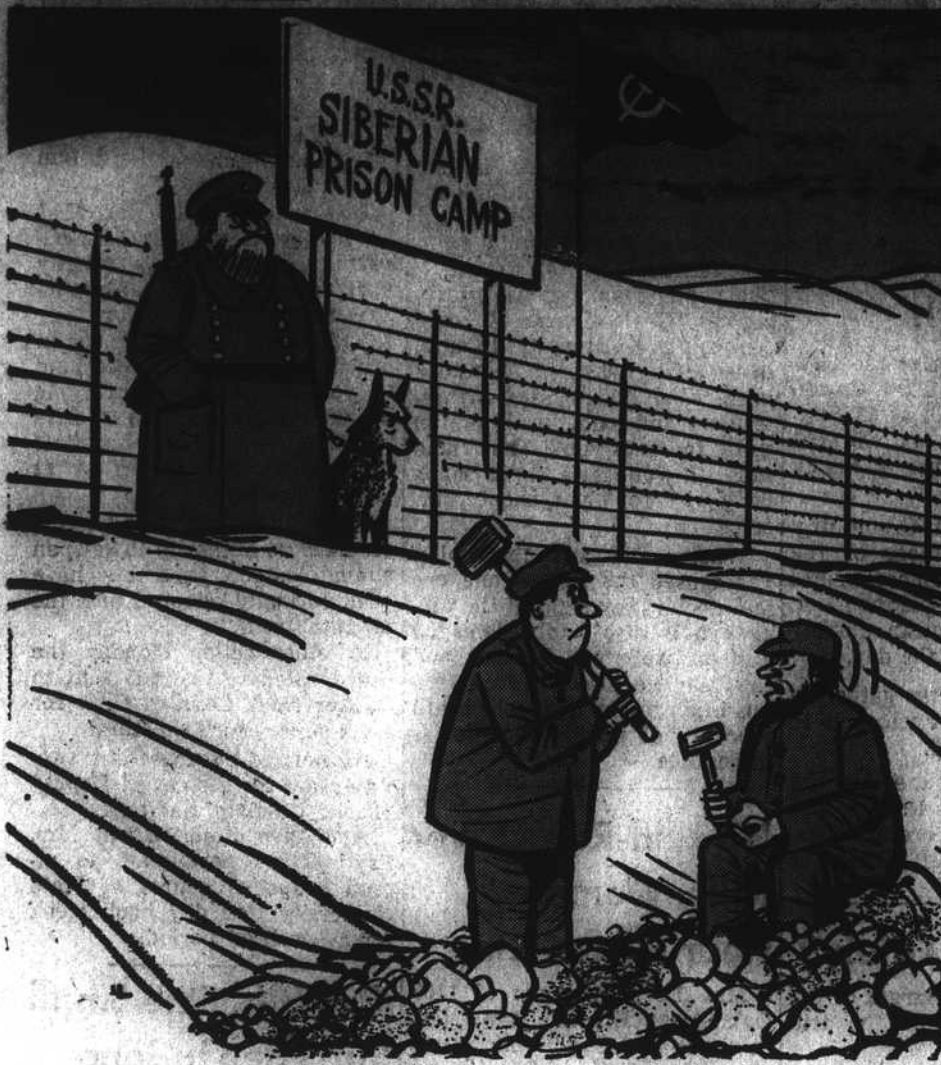


Next election, don't suggest a write-in candidate for premier!



EDITORIALS

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

What Is The Line

What is the line that divides an attorney from an accessory?

When a lawyer knows to his own satisfaction that a client is guilty of any crime and he bends the law to gain a not-guilty verdict for that guilty client is he acting as an attorney or an accessory after the fact?

Why is a private citizen who lies or refuses to testify guilty of a crime if he assists a criminal in going free while an attorney is paid a handsome fee — sometimes by the very public his client has prayed upon — for doing the same thing?

How can the law pertaining to aiding and abetting criminal activity have one meaning for the non-lawyer and a totally different meaning to the lawyer?

Who established the principle that a criminal's relationship between his priest, his doctor and his lawyer was "privileged" and that neither of these three could be forced to testify in an open court on the guilt or innocence of an accused person even in the worst crimes?

These are reasonable questions more and more people are beginning to ask as they watch the farce that passes all too frequently for justice in the American court system today.

These are questions that the legal profession dares not try to forever hide from, and their answer will have to stand the test of reason rather than the simple illogic of "professionalism."

In a perfectly legal relationship between the non-lawyer and a person under investigation or indictment, the completely innocent third party is forced to testify. Most of us have been visited by

federal snoopers checking on someone's tax returns, and if we were reluctant to discuss bonafide business relations we were told what the law is, and that it is a violation for us to refuse to give information.

It cannot be legal for one man to have to divulge information and illegal for another who knows far more to divulge what he knows.

These are questions we ask with little or no expectation of having them answered by the legal fraternity.

'Ambivalence'

Ambivalence is a four-dollar word for two-faced and it's a pretty good word to be used in any offhand description of President Richard Nixon.

Nothing is more certain than that Nixon is trying hard as he possibly can to insure a second four-year term for himself and it is equally sure that he is buying up an empty hollow when he tries to do the things that please the militant colored children, the Ivy League socialists and the vast federal bureaucracy.

None of these voted for him in 1960, nor in 1968 and none will vote for him in '72. He could divorce Pat, marry Lena Horne and betroth both his daughters to Black Panthers and that breed would still literally spit in his face if they were given the opportunity.

Nixon could fire his entire cabinet and replace them with Harvard blue-blooded doves and hard-line Wall Street coupon clippers and he would still be as unacceptable to those blocs as he was in his previous efforts with the national body politic.

In '68 Nixon carried more southern

Poor Parallel

An apparently persuasive young man on the staff of Cherry Hospital made a speech last week to Kinston Kiwanians that contained some excellent food for thought but in one of his efforts to drive home his point he drew a very poor parallel.

In this he is reported as having said: "Christ was a person who ran around with a group of roughnecks, who fought the establishment, who had one set of clothes, who fought the established religions, who incurred the wrath of the rulers of that time, who wore sandals and had a long beard."

Christ did not run around with roughnecks, because of all the great philosophies his is the most gentle.

Christ did not fight the establishment, because he told his followers to "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

Beards, long hair, sandals, and flowing robes were the establishment dress of that era so to attempt to equate the accepted dress habits of Christ in his time with the slothful habits of the present hippy generation is to abuse common sense and to ignore the truth completely.

The reasoning of this glib young man is too typical of the apologia that are spread about today for the drop outs who attempt to turn their backs on reality and embrace the escapism of drugs, cultism and assorted other mechanisms which encumber our society today with more than its fair share of leeches, who take much but contribute nothing to the overall well-being of the nation or the community they inhabit.

Too little attention is being paid to that vast majority of our young people in college, in high school and in the business world who recognize the imperfections of our society and work to improve it rather than subscribing to the nihilistic principle that it is necessary to destroy something in order to improve it.

Such aid and comfort as this offered by the Cherry Hospital employee compound the problem rather than pointing to a solution.

states than any Republican of the modern era, and without their votes he could not have been in the White House today.

Now Nixon thanks his first-term supporters by plaguing them with a mouth full of the mushiest gobbledygook ever uttered by politician. And his staff, as well as himself, do not know from one day to the next what he means.

But here in the south the meaning is crystal clear and it is in direct contradiction to what Nixon the candidate promised repeatedly in '68: No forced bussing of children to bring about racial quotas. True Freedom of Choice would be the policy of his administration.

Yet this year we have forced bussing of children coming up in the Kinston school system to bring about racial quotas and highly placed spokesmen for the Nixon administration advise all who care to listen that "Freedom of Choice" is dead.

They could abridge this and just say Freedom is dead.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

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Now with August upon us and the opening of schools just a few weeks away all of us who know the pressing need for better education cannot view the immediate future with much happiness. Less education and more integration is the fierce rule forced upon school boards by political pressures generated in courts and congresses.

Already the Kinston School Board has acted to lower the quality of its educational offerings by a serious degree. School board members deny this and use a collection of meaningless phrases to support their contention. But the facts are unalterable: The curriculum at the high school level has been watered down and to a disgusting degree and at a time when exactly the opposite was the crying need.

The move is to vocational training rather than education and as much as we need vocational training for those who lack the scholastic ability for training in the sciences and liberal arts it is a crime against both to try to mix them together. But that is the order of the day, and along with this effort to mix educational oil and water there is also a blindly stupid policy of name-changing to remove stigma of former white and colored campuses and most hateful of all is the imperial decree that high school marshals shall be divided equally between the races, no matter what the grades of students may be and in spite of the fact that the population is 63 per cent white and 37 per cent colored.

Nonetheless cheerleaders and marshals and class officers and special awards for citizenship, academic attainment, athletic prowess and appearance must be checkerboarded — one white, one colored. This is an insult to the basic principles of education and fairness; when color of a student's skin determines whether he receives recognition rather than his ability in any of the many fields in which recognition is given.

This is a very bitter pill to swallow and it is all the more surprising that the vast majority of the students and their parents accept it meekly. Caught in the middle of this maelstrom are the lower echelons of the school people who have no voice in policy and who have to accept the dictates of distant judges, vacuous congressmen and cowardly school boards and greedy school administrators.

The classroom teacher is the goat for all the blunders and plunders of their so-called superiors and when the chips are down it is this same lonely classroom teacher who will have to carry the heavy load piled on them by those absent hands. The teachers and the students enjoy my most sincere sympathies but every other person meddling with the structure of education from the president to the greenest school board member has only my adulterated contempt.