

WHEELING, DEALING JUDGESHIPS.

Law, its authority, and the respect people give to it, are largely dependent upon the man on the judicial be ich. A judge should be non-partisan, well versed in the Law, and able to administer justice tempered with mercy. He must be conscientious and beholden to neither political party nor powerful men for his job. If a judge is corrupt or merely a rewarded party man, the Law becomes as corrupt and weak as he is.

America, the beautiful, is rotting from the inside out. We are the richest and most powerful nation in the World, but our crime rate is constantly rising. The number of broken U.S. homes increases every year. Most of us accept anything and everything in the name of art or pseudo-sophistication no matter how basically immoral it may be.

Today, more than ever, we need men and women of outstanding ability and character to fill our judgeships. Our society cannot afford the judge chosen merely for political expediency.

Republican County Leader Cromarty and Democratic County Leader Delaney are presently playing poker over the expected five new District Court judges, a vacant Surrogate, the possible new Family Court judge. The latter two posts Cromarty would like to see created in the new legislature. Delaney, since the legislature is now Democratically controlled, can foster or stop the proposal. Cromarty, supposedly, has offered to give Supervisor Flynn (Dem. Supervisor of Huntington considered unbeatable by Republicans) bi-partisan support for the \$20,000 a year Family Court judge, but Delaney is holding out for the \$25,000 a year County Court job. It is rumored that D. A. Smith has been promised the latter seat.

When the politicians agree to bi-partisan support of a judge, the electorate has no choice on election day unless it uses a write in ballot. We do not think such an important and often very long term post should be filled through mere political expediency. We do not think John Q. Public should be denied the choice of picking the better of two, qualified candidates nominated by the Democrats and the Republicans.

Whether or not Flynn or Smith will be judges is the voters decision and not Delaney's and Cromarty's. Our judicial system needs to be so much more than a ripe, political plum.

Write or call your committeeman and demand that you be given a choice at the ballots. Insist that your right to vote for the best man be upheld. Don't let the politicians stack the ballot with their bi-partisan support of judges.

Act now - November is too late!

HAVE A HEART

PITY THE PLIGHT OF THE POOR POST MAN DURING THE COMING MONTH. A constant heavy avalanche of cards and packages will descend upon the Nation's Post Offices from now until December 25th. While they do employ additional help during this busy season, most postal employees are overworked and overtired by Christmas Day. The Post Office asks us to mail our cards and presents early. Please cooperate with your mailman and Post Office. They do a terrific job all year round whether rain, sleet or snow pours down. Show your appreciation by mailing early Yuletime 1964.

RETURN TO REASON

At long last the Supreme Court has returned to the mainspring of American thinking. They have refused to refute a lower court's ruling on the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. We are only sorry that they did not become more aware of most Americans' beliefs and rights before.

However, we can always hope that appeals that bring God back into the American way of life will be heard and ruled upon favorably.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I have been reading in your paper about the Dunes Road in Southampton. I would like to call your attention to the Letters to Editor Con't on Page 8

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ONLY FOUR MONTHS LEFT

The second year of the New York World's Fair is less than four months away. We wonder what action the Suffolk Board of Supervisors or the Industrial Commission has undertaken to insure proper promotion of Suffolk as a leading vacation place — An ideal spot to rest up in and enjoy while visiting the World's Fair. Last year they let Connecticut, New Jersey, and upstate New York reap all the extra tourists that flocked to the Metropolitan area. Will this year be the same? We hope not. The summer season of 1964 in Suffolk was off 35% when it should have been a great resort season. We urge the Board and the Commission to act now so that resort business in Suffolk can flourish in 1965. Tomorrow is too late. And Why Not?

LABOR WANTS IT'S POUND OF FLESH

Organized labor supported the Democrats 100% in the last election. It now wants something in reurn for its efforts — repeal of section 14—b of the Taft Hartley Act. This section permits individual states to make their own right to work laws. It permits an employer to hire a non-union man. It allows a man to work without joining a union. The unions want the door of the closed shop to be shut tight. It wants every laborer to be a union man whether he wants to or not. Is this democracy? A century ago the unions were needed to fight a legitimate cause. Today we need protection from over unionization.

Organized labor expects the Dems to repeal this section of the Taft Hartley Act. We hope Congress will stand up to its tremendous pressures and refuse to do its bidding. After all many states have right to work laws on their books. Surely, an employer has the right to hire a man he considers qualified for a job whether he is a union man or not. Certainly, each man has a right to decide if he wants to be a union member or not. Even though, these rights have already been obscured for all practical purposes, let's not strike the final death knell for one of man's basic freedoms.

We urge every Long Island Congressman to ight for individual liberty against complete domination by the unions of the American economy. And Why Not?

PRICED OUT OF THE MARKET

Unions are also trying to raise the minimum wage to two dollars an hour. If this happens our economy will become more inflationary and our unemployment problem greater. Small business cannot afford to pay any and every employee a minimum of two dollars an hour. The unions are pricing unskilled labor right out of the market only to have them swamp our unemployment and welfare systems. We are not helping our untrained men and women to improve themselves by outpricing jobs they could qualify for.

Today housewives and businessmen do many things that years ago would have been done by the untrained man and woman. On the other side of the coin we have an ever increasing number of people collecting welfare and unemployment. The government should revamp the welfare and unemployment systems to supplement incomes earned instead of paying people not to work. Why should 70% of the people work hard all their lives to support their own families and to support 30% of the population who through fault of their own are not working at some occupation. Our present system destroys ambition, family life, self improvement, and provides no way of assisting destitute families where there is some meager income coming in.

Raising the minimum wage to two dollars an hour will just make a bad situation worse. If any—thing the minimum wage on some jobs should be lowered so that John Q. Public could afford to hire the unskilled man or woman. Then let the Government pay the difference between the earned salary and money needed for a decent life. It would be one way to create more jobs for such people. It would pro—vide honest work they could do at a price people could meet. It would enable them to receive a de—cent living salary through a supplementary income paid by the Government. Last, it would be a tre—mendous step in helping people to help themselves.

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JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Supervisor Robert Vojvoda announced this week that the County dredge will be put to work clearing out the Meeting House Creek bay area before the new year. For years the creeks have been a bed of accumulated duck waste causing the water and air to be foul and polluted. Some conservationists have objected to the dredging because dredging ruins some breeding grounds for fish and wildlife. However, last summer the water in the Meeting House Creek area was so polluted that the Health Board closed the beaches and condemned the shell fish as unsafe for human consumption. We can't help but believe that dredging will cause an improvement; that once fresh water surges through the creek again there will be shell fish and it will be safe for human consumption; and that property value will go up due to the resumption of good fishing, boating, and swimming.

There must be stringent safeguards against the water becoming polluted again. We know the duck farmers in this area will do everything in their power to cooperate. Mr. Vojvoda and the Town Board are to be congratulated in recognizing the problem and seeing that it is corrected. It is another step forward in making Riverhead a better place to live. AND WHY NOT?

CHRISTMAS VANDALS

Christmas is supposed to be a time of peace and good will towards our fellow men but it doesn't always work out that way. In fact the crime rate usually goes up around the Holidays — it is the pickpockets' best season. Recently, vandalism of of outside Christmas decorations has also been added to the list. It has happened on Main Streets in our Towns and also along our residential roads. Some youngsters from our better families indulge in this senseless and often costly destruction out of sheer boredom. It may seem innocent to steal Rudolph's red, shining nose or to borrow Santa Claus from somebody's front lawn, but it is wrong. No one has a right to destroy or to take someone else's property — even Christmas decorations.

We urge parents to remind children of the true spirit of Christmas and to inform them how wrong this so called harmless vandalism is. Let's give our youngsters the gift of respect for other's property. Store presents can't compare in value. AND WHY NOT?

SPIRITS OF CHRISTMAS

Between now and Christmas there will be many parties in offices and homes. We should all keep in mind the dangers of mixing drinking and driving. Let's enjoy our parties but make that one more for the road a cup of coffee and something to eat. No need to make the last stop of the evening a trip to the hospital or the morgue for ourselves or anyone else.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Southampton, New York December 11, 1964

Dear Sir:

In reference to your editorial of December 9th, it is my opinion the so called right to work laws that have been passed in some of our states and overwhelmingly rejected by the majority, are nothing more than right to scab laws that have nothing to do with the basic freedoms of the employees, but rather are an attempt to preserve the "freedom" of the employer to deal with his employees individually rather than collectively.

Obviously, individually the employee is no match for the company, but organized into a union he becomes a force that is able to bargain for his rights.

When a man takes employment he automatically receives all the benefits that have been won for him by the unions past efforts and struggles. He also continues to receive all the future benefits and gains that the union obtains for him. Why, therefore, should he not be obliged to support this union that is supporting him and has been democratically chosen by the Continued on Page 24

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