ON THE OTHER HAND

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The character in the TV soap opera avowed, "I do what I want to do when I want to do it. I am content."

In a recent stanza of the popular television tearjerker, "The Guiding Light," this avowed philosophy was, of course, disputed by the very nature of the day-to-day soap serial. Who ever heard of a character in a soap op-

era who was content? It is obviously impossible! But in day to day living, is it really so impossible to do what you want, when you want to do it?

A PRACTICAL philosophy that embraces doing what one wants to do--satisfying the personal need at all times -- requires intelligent discernment.

This discernment involves an understanding and acceptance of the maxim that what one wants to do, one's personal needs should not cause pain or distress to another.

A need to inflict pain or distress, of course, is considered neurotic. Such a need suggests that diagnostic and therapeutic steps should be taken. Such a need suggests an inherently sadistic compulsion which requires careful examination, treatment, and control.

However, if we recognize this one limiting factor of not causing pain or distress--does it then become possible to say that one can always do what one wants to do? Let us consider.

A need is a positive factor, an awareness of a given area that provides satisfaction. Suppose one has a need to be popular, have many friends, be part of an active social circle. But, just suppose, one is lacking the required personality.

It then becomes necessary that definite progress be made in changing the personality to make the recognized need possible. The a-wareness of the positive need should provide the drive for accomplishing the change.

SUPPOSE ONE has a need to live quietly, spending much time alone. But then, it happens that a gregarious family situation prevents this kind of life. Here again, the positive drive should enable the person to eventually accomplish the desired objective.

Perhaps the most important factor in doing what one wants to do is learning as soon as possible to understand one's needs. Self-analysis is admittedly a difficult process, but for an element of content, it is imperative.

We must learn to know what it is in life that gives us satisfaction. We must learn what kind of outlook, activity, companionship gives us the emotional, spiritual and physical drive to feel secure and content amid the stress and frustration of everyday existence.

To do what you want to do is possible, but it does not happen by chance. You must use intelligent discernment, and you must know what it is you want to do.

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and I propose to do something. As a matter of plain fact, I have been doing something for the past several years. I have been running a program which I call the ABC--Any Boy Can. By teaching our youth, black, white, yellow and red, what dignity is, what self-respect is, what honor is, I have been able to obliterate juvenile delinquency in several areas.

I would now expand my program, change scope. If any boy can, surely any man can. I want to take teams of qualified people, top men in their fields, to the troubled areas of our cities. I know that the people who participated in the recent riots, who are participating and who will participate, are misguided rather than mad. * * *

If some bigot can misguide, then I can guide. I've spent too much of my life building what I've got to put it to torch just to satisfy some ancient hatred of a man who beat my grandfather. Those men are long dead. Do we have to choke what could be a beautiful garden with weeds of hate? I say NO! And I stand ready to start "Operation Gardener." I invite the respected Negro leaders of our country to join me.

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indignities perpetrated on Negroes at the Southern Branch of the University of Nevada when a visitor to the office related the circumstance of a friend who had enrolled at the University as a Nursing Course student, subsidized by Title V of the Economic Opportunity Act's provision for education and training of those heretofore denied educational and training opportunities

A CURSORY investigation revealed that this was not an isolated case. Subsequent checking revealed that (as the VOICE'S Puddin Head would put it) "Them folks out at that College just ain't kosher", because several erstwhile Title V students at NSU were located and had such similar experiences, coincidence was ruled out for the nonce. Moreover, it was learned that a report had been filed to this effect with Nevada's Equal Rights Commission.

A telephone call to William Wynn, Executive Secretary for the Commission, resulted in substantiation of the statement that a report had been made to the ERC.

Wynn accepted an invitation to call at the VOICE office and "let's talk about this a bit". Wynn said the charges will be investigated-that due to the combination of such recent receipt of the report filed at the ERC office and the flurry of registration for the fall semester at NSU, he has not pushed for a meeting with representatives of the University yet. Wynn said that as soon as it is possible such a meeting will be arranged.

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QUESTIONED about employment practices at NSU, Wynn admitted there has been vocal complaints about discriminatory hiring practices at the University, but that no formal charge has yet been lodged with the Commission.

(VOICE note to the NAACP: "Okay--let's go! Let's have some answers. Incidentally, we, too, are in possession of statements from two former students of NSU. Interesting, don't you think that though they were obtained separately and that although the students involved are not personally acquainted, both students' charges -so similar they rule out coincidence--are to the effect that remarks by faculty members reflected possibilities and attitudes that minority groups members might not have the mental capacities for college level studies and instead of wasting time and money on publicly funded programs, they should get out and find employment.)

