

## THE COLLEGE STUDENT SPEAKS

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ACCORDING TO recent news reports, the high school and college campus is increasingly becoming a focus of turmoil across the nation.

In some cases, as in Chicago, the trouble is linked to racial conflict. In others, "peaceful" protests against the nation's military policies get out of hand, and "pacifists" are found to be delivering their punches as forcefully as anyone else.

Almost always, the campus-linked turmoil is "explained" moralistically--whether pro or con.

Civil rights leaders and political radicals interpret the outbreaks as expressions of racial grievances or righteous indignation against the fact that this nation's armed forces are killing people.

Conservatives, on the other hand, chide those involved in the disorders by passing judgment on their moral character and questioning their motives.

The conservatives, however, forget that the United States' long history of racism cannot be overlooked as a factor in explaining the causes of racial outbreaks.

And this nation's military policies--like those of any other country--are not so sacrosanct that they may not be questioned.

BUT MUCH public disorder, I submit, is not related to the moralistic issues of the day. Nor is just so much "bad behavior" to be condemned by the righteous.

The rampage and turmoil are largely rooted in the very social change which we count on for our advancement.

Rapid shifts in economic standing and moral standards have played havoc with the stability and order all of us need for disciplined living.

The authority of the family--almost nonexistent to start with, in many cases--has been further eroded by contact with the impersonal, anonymous city.

The result, for many young people, both black and white, has been an upbringing lacking in personal discipline and respect for constituted authority.

And, an American culture, whose beckoning call is to "flout the rules," only confirms the human chaos.

MEANWHILE, WE continue to deal with the problem of public disorder by pious finger-pointing, and thus fail to recognize the institutional breakdown involved in the trouble.

Amid all our concern about right and wrong, we have not even begun to ask this question:

What shall we do to strengthen family life and to build well-ordered communities, without establishing new tyrannies?

### Separate School System For Harlem Sought

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Establishment of a separate public school system for Harlem has been urged by the community's CORE chapter and the New York Urban League.

In making the proposal, CORE-Chairman Roy Innis charged that Harlem residents control none of the area's institutions, although the neighborhood is a "truly complete community."

According to Dr. Eugene S. Callender, Urban League executive director, only the creation of an independent school system can end the present "crucifixion of black children" in Harlem schools.

CORE and the Urban League plan to ask the state legislature to authorize the separate school system.

## New Talking Machine Toy Combines Fun & Learning



NOW, A UNIQUE FUN-AND-LEARNING DEVICE designed to help pre-school and primary grade children recognize and associate words, shapes, colors and sounds in play situations has been introduced by a California-based toy manufacturer... The name pretty well describes its operation and function--it is called The Talking Learning Machine, featuring Talking Tiles.

The battery-powered unit is easily portable at about five pounds, sturdy and colorful with a housing of high-impact plastic, and can be utilized by children (with or without adult supervision or participation) to read, recognize and pronounce a broad vocabulary of words in English, Spanish and French.

Two books come with the Talking Learning Machine. One is "My Book", for use by the child, which explains and depicts the operation of the toy and includes a coloring-book section with figures identical to those on many of the talking tiles. The other is a Parents' Guide Book, which in addition to adult-language description of the product provides instructions for a number of learning games the parent may play with the child in order to guide his play without intruding.

In addition to the tiles contained in the basic unit, two accessory sets are available which provide extensions of subject matter. These are the Alphabet Zoo set, which features animal figures along with the appropriate names and sounds; and the Discovery Set, which is built around different colors, shapes and numbers.

### TSU RUMPUS PROBED

HOUSTON - (NPI)--Sen. John L. McClellan's subcommittee on investigations is looking into the campus disturbances at Texas Southern University which erupted May 16-17. TSU students are expected to be among those testifying at the panel's hearings.

Urging that the students be given a hearing, NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins sent a telegram to Sen. McClellan charging that "The wanton destruction of personal property, equipment, and fixtures perpetrated... by Houston police in a TSU dormitory... was denied by Mayor (Louie) Welch, who did not even visit the campus to take a look."



## Decision? Louis-Dempsey?

I don't buy the oft expressed idea that "on the whole, people are pretty wonderful." Conversely, it is my conviction that there are a lot of lousy so and so's running around in the world which, I suppose accounts for the fact that when I do meet a pretty wonderful person, I really enjoy them AND, if I am privileged to become a friend, I am sold for forever and a day, come hell or high water.

One such person who, by everybody's standards, is a really great guy, and for whom I'd "put my hand in the fire", is Joe Louis, and I've got to share this story with you.

Tuesday night, I had dinner with the boss and his wife (who also are wonderful people), I cooked it, but along with "Schapp" (Avanelle Lewis), I was a dinner guest at their Bonanza Village home. After dinner, "Doc" retired to his bedroom as he always does to avoid being victimized by women's senseless chatter. So Dottie, Schapp, and I were having a wonderfully feline time rejoicing over Frank Sinatra's separation (Well, you know how Sinatra's women fans are) and agreeing that presently we were all, like millions of other dames, having a wonderful love affair with Ben Gazzarra, when the telephone rang.

Dottie answered the phone, of course, then handed it to me and said "Talk to Champ while I go and wake up my husband." Without even saying hello, I said "Champ, what do you mean losing that fight to Jack Dempsey last night?"

Joe Louis laughed and said "It wouldn't have happened like that." When I asked him if he thought the computer was guilty of prejudice, Champ said he didn't, but he couldn't agree with the computer that Max Baer would have beaten Jack Johnson. Returning to his computerized bout with Dempsey the previous evening, I asked what he thought would have happened. His answer was "Well, it never would have ended in a decision, somebody would have gotten knocked out." I asked could I quote him, he said yes, and so there you are--he's been quoted. It may be a lousy story, but it just makes me feel better to talk about Joe Louis. But actually, isn't he a great guy?

There's another story I'd like to share with you. This is a joke of comedian Slappy White, former partner of Redd Foxx. If other NAACP members have a sense of humor like Slappy and me, it is great propaganda for the current NAACP membership drive. I heard it on Johnny Carson's "Tonight" show when Bob Newhart was filling in for Carson. Bob asked Slappy what he'd been doing and Slappy replied that he'd just finished a gig in Philly. He went on to relate an incident that happened to him upon boarding a crowded bus at the peak rush hour in Philly.

Slappy said that after he'd pushed and elbowed his way into the bus and found a strap to hang on, he found himself standing beside a big white fella about 6'3", 220 to 240 lbs., who looked down at him and asked "Are you a member of the NAACP?" Slappy said he was not. "Do you belong to CORE?" was the next query. Slappy replied in the negative. "Are you, by any chance, a follower of Rev. King?" was his fellow traveler's next question. Slappy answered "No." "Do you believe in this Black Power bit?" the man asked Slappy next. Slappy told him he didn't go for any of that kind of action. "Well then," was the immediate response, "Get the hell off my foot!"

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