

THE COLLEGE STUDENT SPEAKS

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Three recent events bring up the question of whether it is proper to pass judgment on what others do--even when our own welfare is not at stake.

The black-power salute given by Olympic athletes in Mexico City, the former Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's marriage to Aristotle Onassis, and the appearance of an NAACP attorney's article criticizing the U.S. Supreme Court--all are recent news happenings that have evoked considerable pro-and-con comment.

Many of us presume to say that the people involved in these events did either the right thing or the wrong thing, when, in fact, they only "did their thing"--which is their right.

The Black Olympians' actions have been depicted as everything from racial heroism to a childish exhibitionism. Both their friends and their foes wax eloquent on the morality or immorality of their black-power salute.

But we seem to forget one crucial fact: The Olympic athletes were merely expressing their viewpoint in what turned out to be a most dramatic way. And that is their right.

It is proper to pass judgment on actions that pose a threat to others or to ourselves. But when a person does something, however unseemly, that hurts no one, it is not our prerogative to call him down for it.

Had the Black Olympians fomented a riot, it would have been a different story. But all they did was to make a questionable gesture at an inopportune moment, when the Star-Spangled Banner was being played. And, again, that is their right.

Some people--especially the Black militants--go to the opposite extreme of regarding the Olympians' action as meritorious. But was it? Maybe, but the main thing was that the athletes were expressing racial grievances in a non-violent way. People should have been listening, instead of passing judgment.

The Kennedy-Onassis marriage provides another topic for condemnatory conversation. It is averred that the former Mrs. Kennedy married Onassis for his money or because she is emotionally insecure and must "prove herself" by identifying with the well-to-do.

It is also said that the heroic image of a grieving widow was destroyed by the marriage to the aging Onassis and that Mrs. Kennedy degraded herself by marrying a divorcee of another faith.

BUT WHAT about Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis' own private feelings? Is it not possible that she (See STUDENT, page 25)

ROBBINS URGES FAIR WATER RATES



CANDIDATE Maurice "Whitey" Robbins, left, running for Water Board District 6, and Judge Delwin Potter, President of Henderson Kiwanis Club.

Maurice (Whitey) Robbins, 46, an eight-year resident of Las Vegas, is a candidate for Las Vegas Valley Water District Board of Directors, #5, at large.

"Water is the life blood of Nevada," says Robbins, "Proper plans must be made now to assure water for the population increase. We must have enough water for everyone at fair rates."

Robbins is a member of Elks, a 32nd Degree Mason, Deputy Constable of Clark County, Optimist Club, Saints and Sinners, Fraternal Order of Police Associates and Navy League. He also is associated with Welfare for Asmatic Children, and member of Paradise Valley Improvement Assn. He is a member of Las Vegas Board of Zoning Adjustment.

A merchant Marine World War II veteran, he resides with his wife and two children at 2104 Glen Heather Way.

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DEMOCRAT ASSEMBLY 4

Served 4 sessions in the Nevada Legislature

Introduced bill which established first classrooms for retarded children

Sponsored bill which provided Nevada with first Mobile Library

Member of the legislative team which provided the first appropriation for Nevada Southern University

Business Good At Black Bank

CHICAGO - (NPI)--Business is good at the previously all-white University National Bank on the Southside, where the bank's Black president, Norman A. Simon, 46, is making an effort to hire more Black employees.

"Since we are a community bank, I felt it essential to hire from within the community in order that our customers' needs and services would be recognized," said Simon, who has marked his first year as the first Black person to become president of a formerly all-white bank.

"Thus today, we have 22 Negroes, two of whom are officers among our 70 employes. One year ago, there were only two Negro employes and no Negro officers."

The \$30-million bank's earnings are \$800,000 over those of a similar period last year.

Prior to this appointment at University National, Simon was president of Guaranty Bank and Trust Company.



U.S. To Sell One Boat, 34 Vehicles Locally

Thirty-four (34) and one (1) 19-foot aluminum inboard boat are currently up for sale on an item by item basis by the U.S. General Services Administration.

The boat is located in Boulder City, Nevada and may be inspected there upon request. Interested parties should contact Mr. Short of the National Park Service. (Telephone 702-385-6490).

The vehicles, including sedans, station wagons, carryalls and two jeeps (jeeps not presently operating) are located at GSA's Las Vegas, Nevada interagency motor pool. Among the models available are 1965 Plymouth and Chevrolet station wagons and carryalls, 1964 Fords, Dodges and heavy duty Plymouth sedans.

Mr. Gordon (telephone 702-385-6388) and Mr. Welsh (telephone 702-385-6490) both in Las Vegas - can provide details concerning the equipment available for sale.

Detailed information is also available in nearby Post Office lobbies and in Room 1011, 300 North Los Angeles Street in Los Angeles (telephone 213-688-3210).

Sealed bids for all items will be opened in Bell, California at 1:00 PM on Tuesday November 5. (Sale NO. 9DPS (LA) 69-50)

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