

CODE PHRASES..?

EDITORIAL

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Assembly Bill 552 Has Hidden Danger

Assembly Bill 552 can also be added to this list of bills presently before our state legislatures that could possibly do more harm than good.

Any act or bill that proports to single out any special groups for encroachment upon their civil rights, has been used to take away the civil rights of all-sooner or later.

The most notable example of this fact was how the rights given to the people was first taken away in order to convict certain criminals; namely - nor shall any person be subject, for the same offense, to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled, IN ANY CRIMINAL CASE, to BE A WITNESS AGAINST HIMSELF; nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.

Today, anyone may be compelled to testify and be a witness against himself or be faced with imprisonment for contempt, by courts and other investigative committees.

Assembly Bill 552 could possibly infringe upon the rights given by the IV Amendment which states in part: - The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, SHALL not be violated.

Altho this bill is directed against a specific group it gives peace officers too much authority in making arrests - because all any peace officer would have to say is that he had REASONABLE CAUSE, and the arrest would be justified. This phrase reasonable cause could hide any number of false arrests.

While we want our peace officers to do their jobs of enforcing OUR Laws. The courts have found too many persons that have been arrested in violation of their civil rights. We can see danger ahead, if the bill is enacted, because if officers are given this specific power it will be expanded to cover any and all arrests, for any act they, the peace officers want to make an arrest for.

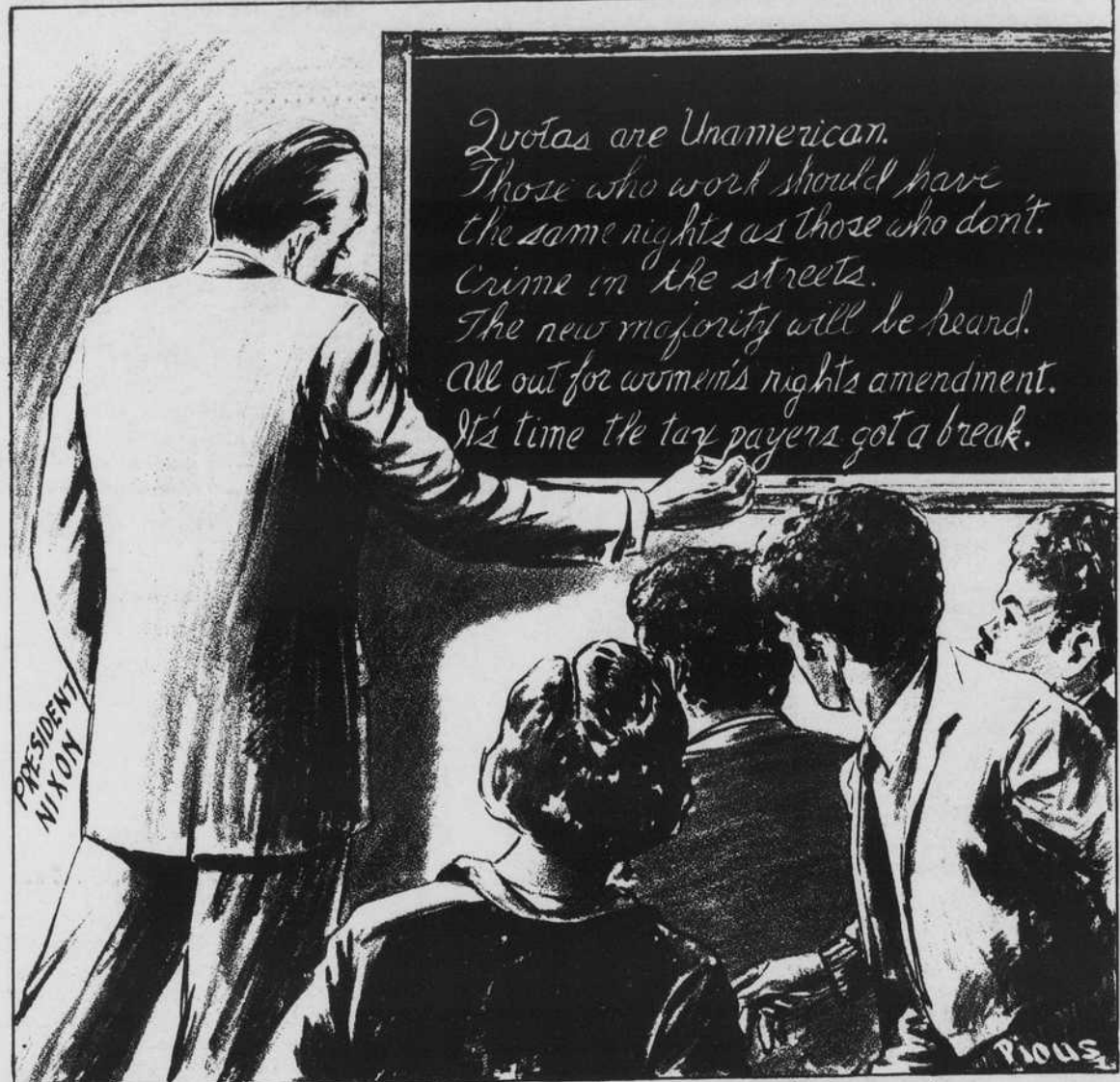
It is our opinion that if the law were enacted peace officers could make more arrests and catch some violators that get away now - but the courts calendar would be crowded even more than they are today, with technical points of law that this act could be in conflict with the supreme law of the United States - The Constitution.

Assembly bill 552 is a dangerous law - it gives too much additional power that could be abused. For the protection of all the rights of ALL of our citizens we feel that a wrong precedent would be set. As to the penalties included in this bill - Leave that power where it is - WITH THE COURTS.

Capsule Comments

We never thought that we could agree with the John Birch Society on anything. We must agree in part with them, that President Nixon's Executive order 11647 - dividing the United States into 10 Regional Councils is dangerous to the checks and balances of our Constitutions.

Ruling thru "appointed executive" administration is part of the fight in Congress today. The President holds that his executives are not accountable to anyone - but himself. The Metro or Regional type of government would multiply 10 times. It is indeed a sad day when the people have persons directing their lives who are not accountable to them.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR Man Fights Waiting For Unemployment

A one-man crusade to stop the state of Nevada from taking one million dollars per year from the unemployed worker is in progress. At the present time, if a man is unemployed four weeks, he collects four weeks of unemployment compensation at \$77 per week.

Under a bill in the senate called SB272, sponsored by Sen. Archie Pozzi of Carson City, if you are out of work four weeks, you only collect three weeks of benefits, a loss of \$77. The first week they are calling a one-week waiting period. It should be rightly called a lost waiting week. The double talk, confusing and tricky sentence below will try to take the now enjoyed benefit away:

"5." He has been unemployed for a period of one week, but no week shall be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of this subsection unless it occurs within the benefit year which includes a week with respect to which he claims payments of benefits." All the above means is that the poor unfortunate devil out of work will lose \$77 for the first week called a waiting period.

The unemployment director has stated that 15,000 people were out of work last year. Multiply \$77 times 15,000 people, and this comes to more than a million dollars that will pad the unemployment fund at the expense of the unemployed worker.

Letters have been written by me to all of the senators, also one to our honorable Gov. Mike O'Callaghan. The union officials of the various crafts have been notified. Newspapers in Reno and Carson City have been asked to broadcast the news. Radio Station KVOV has an open line that permits me to talk for three one-half minutes on SB272.

Because I don't know how much good all the above is doing, I am appealing to you to print this letter. We must stop this shameful take away of a million dollars.

Fellow citizens of Nevada, please write your senators to vote "no" on SB272. Also write the assemblymen and Gov. Mike O'Callaghan. Joe Rychic

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