

'Okra' Advocates British Methods

BY BOB CRAFT

State Sen. W. C. "Okra" Bornclay of rural Palmetto-in-the-Swamp County this week advocated reinstatement of the death penalty using the "tried and true" methods of the British common law.

Sen. Bornclay said it is the "way of God" for murderers to be punished and that "anyone who is stupid enough to be caught and convicted of murder" should die.

He said that the reason there was "so much killing up roundabout" was that "Godless Hollywood" had made "the way of hoodlums and whores glorious in the sight of the people," through such "communist-inspired" films as "Bonnie and Clyde," "The French Connection," "The Maltese Falcon" and "Robin Hood."

Sen. Bornclay said that the electric chair "was too humane for such evil scum" and that the Senate should give serious consideration to the form of execution used by the British in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries to execute persons condemned of High Treason Against The Crown.

The method consists of hanging the individual, cutting him down while still alive, disemboweling him and then drawing and quartering the condemned.

"Oh, I agree, mah fellow Senators that such a method is cruel, but we must be cruel in order to be kind. In the long run, the people will realize the errors of their

ways through this awful instrument of vengeance, and peace and harmony will return to this, the great state of South Carolina," said Sen. Bornclay.

He said that he did not favor using the method on pregnant women but that it would be "open season" on any others convicted of murder.

"And we should not be ashamed, mah fellow sons of the Palmetto, of doing God's work on this earth," said Sen. Bornclay. The Senator said that execution should take place in a public area and he had considered suggesting the Carolina Stadium but that "we wouldn't want the fine Astroturf messed up by the blood of these reprobates" and that he thought the intersection of Gervais and Main would be "as fine a spot as any."

He also said, "We must not deprive South Carolinians who do not live in Columbia from the fine lesson provided by this spectacle." He said that he thought best way was full color coverage by the WIS-TV sports unit with commentary by Joe Petty that could be filmed and run on local television stations.

"It would not be hard," the Senator said, winking "... pass a little ole law making it mandatory for stations to air these lessons in public morality."

Sen. Bornclay concluded by saying, "Finally we can get these stations to air something that is really a public!"

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Perhaps it takes an English major to differ between Mr. Fennell's statement that I wanted to hand it (an opportunity to establish a food store on campus) to the University Dining Service, and the actual article which read, that the University Dining Service will get first crack at it. I feel that the difference between these two statements is well within the comprehension span of the average Carolina student, but obviously beyond that of Edward C. Fennell.

The reason for University Dining Services having the first opportunity was also in the article. It clearly stated that under contract with the University, they have first option on any food distribution on campus. Here again Mr. Fennell failed to grasp the legal terminology, and construed this to be my endorsement of turning the operation over to the University Dining Service.

I trust that the concerned students here at Carolina will read the original article before forming an opinion. As for the unen-

lightened, dim wit stereotypes who fall into Mr. Fennell's category, you have my sympathy.

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says he loves the job but can't afford to live on his \$42,500 salary.

Well, let's see. Mr. Lehman and his more than 435 House colleagues cost the American taxpayer an average of \$188,000 a year. Senators come a bit higher, with clerical allowances ranging from \$327,000 to \$586,000, depending upon the size of their states.

Fringe benefits include franked, or free, mail for official correspondence, stationery allowances of \$4,250 a year, telephone and telegraph charges plus travel allowances of 18 round trips home per session for congressmen and 45 trips for Senators.

What Is Real Afro History?

Vernon E. Jordan, who succeeded the late Whitney Young as president of the National Urban League, is not enthusiastic over the Afro

history studies now being taught in our colleges and universities. Mr. Jordan maintains that

young black students need courses which are relevant to present-day job qualifications.

Noted Journalist Arthur Krock comments on this point in his latest book, "Myself When Young." Krock says: "I am puzzled by the American Black Moslems and their adopted names of Ali, Mohammed and the like. For it was Arab Moslems who founded the trade of selling Africans into slavery."

The victors of African tribal wars sold the defeated warriors to Arab slave traders, who in turn, says Krock, "sold them into the bondage that began with transport to the American colonies in the floating hells of that shameful era."

I concede that I am unfamiliar with current courses in African history. But since Mr. Jordan and Arthur Krock have raised the question, what is being taught?

A factual history of Africa, or only part of it?

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