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Talking of Town

THIS week, the Editorial column shall be devoted to the strange town of Ann Arbor. Having spent both my law school and undergraduate days here, I have been able to observe many curiosities which distinguish this city from all others.

WHAT other places tolerate the likes of Doctor Diag and Shakin’ Jake setting stage in the center of campus? Where else do the occupants allow such annual activities as the Hash Bash or the Lucky Streak to enthrall thousands? How many places do you know that treat public possession of marijuana in the same manner as a parking ticket? How come, unlike an average American town, Ann Arbor can never elect a mayor without creating havoc of the electoral process?

WHAT kind of place is this “Ann Arbor”? It is the kind of place that, unlike the average American town, has ample wilderness and park areas. It is the kind of town that can fill Michigan Stadium in the Autumn for Football Saturdays and Hill Auditorium in Spring during the May Festival concerts. It is the same place that brought ex-President Ford to lecture this week. And this same town presents the Art Fair and the Ethnic Festival in its streets to enrich its citizens.

THE point is, in either its irreverent or traditional expressions, Ann Arbor reflects an enormous devotion to freedom. Regardless of whether we feel akin to demonstrations of dissent or tradition, we should feel a part of Ann Arbor and participate in this town’s offerings—the part that exists beyond the Quad.

R.G. CHAMBER OF HORRORS

Grand Inquisitor..................Ned Othman
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Iron Mast..........................Bob Brandenburg
Daytime Television..............Don Parman
Rack...............................Stew Olson
Hot Iron..........................Ken Frantz
Flogging.........................John Mezzanotte
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CRUSADER RABBIT

Our Rabbit in Washington Interviews Jimmy Carter

THIS IS PART TWO OF THE RES GESTAE’S TWO PART INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER., FILED BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDANT C. RABBIT.

Q: You stated that you hope to achieve a new Strategic Arms Limitation agreement and hope to work to get rid of all nuclear weapons. What are the prospects of this?
A: Wayll, ever’body knows we have to do something to limit nuclear weapons. Mah background as a nuleah engineer convinced me that these weapons ahr dangerous cause somebody mayht use them in a war. Of course, that would get rid of nuleah weapons very quickly, which is aftah all our goal, but this is one of the options we have set aside foah now. We ahr hopin’ to make a trade with the Russians as part of the SALT II agreements—Jawja will give the Russians 1000 Dr. Peppah franchises if the Russians will give Jawja 1000 land-based missiles.

Q: Another issue which has been in the news as of late was the recent bill you backed which allows limited deregulation of natural gas, permitting higher prices. Do you really think this will help solve the natural gas shortage?
A: As you ahr awayre, this wintah has been a very severe one in the nawth and midwest, and natural gas suppliers have had a numbah of problems. Supplies have been limited, an’ many suppliers have been harassed, threatened, intimidatid, and even beaten up by crazed customers tryin’ to buy moah gas. That’s why Ah like to refer to the new highah prices as “hazardous duty pay.” Ah don’t see anythin’ wrong with that.

Q: One of your major campaign promises was to reduce unemployment. What have you done in this regard?
A: Wayll, Ah got a job now, an’ Ah think one of the things a President can do is set an example foah the rest of the country. Ah’ve shown that any unemployed person can set his sights on a job, be it President oar whatehah, and then work hard an’ get it. Of course, don’t fo’get we have proposed an economic stimulus package of tax cuts an’ job programs, which should create a lot moah jobs foah tax accountants and gove’ment bureaucrats.

Q: Along those lines, I’d like to ask for something about the $50 tax rebate. How much do you think it will help the average American family?
A: It’ll he’p ’em pay their gas bill. Moah-ovah, anyone who thinks that the $50 is too little can always give it back.

Q: A very recent controversy in the news has been U.S. criticism of human rights violations in the Soviet Union and several nations we consider as our allies. Do you think this will hurt our foreign policy?
A: On the contrary, Ah think it will help. The Russians have been mistreatin’ people they regard as pro-capitalist, and countries like the Philippines, Brazil, and South Korea have been persecutin’ people they regard as pro-communist. If we can put enough heat on these countries, they’ll just swap prisoners, an’ ever’body will be happy.

Q: When Ted Sorensen ran into trouble with his CIA nomination, why didn’t you back him up more?
A: When Ah nominated Mr. Sorensen, Ah did so because he knew nuthin’

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For Colloquium

PROFESSOR CHRISTENSEN: In your many experiences with heated labor disputes, have you ever feared for your own safety?
A: On occasion, yes, but not frequently. Labor disputes more often than not involve a high degree of emotional involvement as to the participants. A lawyer (or arbitrator) can become the focus point for a more general rage. Many “threats”, of course, can be recognized as more rhetoric than substance. Others, as in the case of an individual who has lost a job, have credibility. More often than not, fortunately, I have been simply advised by an unhappy protagonist to perform an act which I have concluded is anatomically impossible.

Ed. Note: Forms for submitting questions to professors as part of this feature are now available outside the R.G. office.
THINGS THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN WHILE YOU ARE IN LAW SCHOOL

1. George Vinyard will commend the RG for its fair, even-handed editorial policy.
2. Yale Kamisar will be persuaded by a student to change his mind in class.
3. The Coke machine in the basement of the lawyer's club will work.
4. The law library will be occupied exclusively by law students.
5. Alf Conard will have a full panel in EO.
6. K. Ward and B. Bruno will get tired of going to the Sandalwood Lounge and being picked up by the band.
7. L. Hart Wright will allow someone to pass in class.
8. Law School tuition will be lowered.
9. Donn Randall will attend EO without falling asleep.
10. A United States Supreme Court Justice will preside over the finals of the Campbell Competition.
11. Jerry Rosberg will acknowledge that some esoteric concept is not "perfectly clear."
12. Dean St. Antoine will unmercifully ridicule a student for giving a stupid answer in class.
13. You will attend a Law School mixer, meet a gorgeous person of the opposite sex, and have a long-lasting meaningful relationship.
14. A class taught by Don Regan will be closed out due to overenrollment.
15. D. Fliehman will solve all of the problems with his love life.
16. Law School will become meaningful and worthwhile.
17. Dan Schulman will say something brilliant in "Comments."
18. B. Bruno will refuse a Strawberry Dairquiri.
19. You will receive 10 job offers from San Francisco, while hearing nothing from the cities where you really want to go, like Toledo and Cleveland.
20. Your grades will directly reflect the amount of time spent in preparation for each course.
21. You will never be asked by a library groupie: (1) "Where is the pencil sharpener?" (2) "Are you in law school?" (3) "Is law school hard?" (4) "Where is the Coke machine?" (5) "Gee, those are complicated directions. Will you show me where it is?"
22. J. Strichartz will contribute something useful to a class discussion.
23. You will forgo Ft. Lauderdale in order to stay here over spring break and get your outlines started.
24. One-third of the chairs in the law library will be occupied by people instead of purses, coats, calculators, skeletons, etc.
25. You will learn something from a seminar.
Nor did the Iowa brief overlook the uses of history: "[1] It has not been a hundred years that when a man committed murder one day and was captured the next, he was tried on the third day and hanged on the fourth. And that was with due process of law, including judge, jury, defense counsel and all. Of course errors were made, perhaps some of them grievous, and innocent men were executed. And surely one appeal is enough. We do not ask that the pendulum swing back to the days of the past but only that some post-appeal limitations be invoked."

During the oral arguments, the Iowa Attorney General insisted that in the drive back to Des Moines, Williams had "waived" all his constitutional rights by asking some questions. Justice Marshall exploded: "Here is a man going from one lawyer, and he asks the lawyer to go along with him, he is on his way to another lawyer, and in between the two lawyers, he waives his lawyer? [1] If he had asked for a cup of coffee, that would have been a waiver?"

A 5-4 majority of the Court reluctantly held the confession inadmissible. This evoked what one member of the majority called "the blood-curdling cries of the dissenters." Chief Justice Berger called the result "bizarre," "mind-boggling" and "intolerable." Williams, he stressed, "is guilty of the savage murder of a small child; no Member of the Court contends he is not." His disclosures were made "without coercion" and their use "carries no risk whatever of unreliability, for the body was found where he said it would be found." That's all there is to it, or "ought to be," he can be read as saying. Not so. That's the way it used to be before Miranda and related case were decided, he seemed to say. Not so either.

True, the brief "speech" Captain Leaming delivered to Williams did not, and was unlikely to, jeopardize the fairness of his trial or risk the conviction of an innocent man. But this has not been the sole test for the admissibility of a confession since the late 1940's, and perhaps even earlier. Nor should it be.

In 1949 the Supreme Court threw out three confessions without disputing the contention that "checked with external evidence each is inherently believable and not shaken as to truth by anything that occurred at the trial." And in 1952, the Court, speaking through Justice Frankfurter, pointed out that the use of involuntary confessions is "constitutionally obnoxious not only because of their unreliability. They are inadmissible even though statements contained in them may be independently established as true"—if they "offend the community's sense of fair play and decency."

Suppose the police had set aside a room in the courthouse for Williams to confer with his attorney, but "bugged" the meeting. Suppose further that in this meeting Williams spontaneously confessed to killing Pamela and then described the location of the body to his attorney. Now suppose the police, having "overheard" his conversation, rushed out and found the body where Williams told his lawyer it would be. Would the confession be admissible? I would hope not, but why not?

Or suppose Williams had asked for a priest, the police had sent in a detective impersonating a priest and Williams had "acknowledged his sin" to him. Again, suppose the body was found just where Williams told the "priest" it would be.

I would hate to think the Court would let in such a confession. But if not, why not? Surely not because the confession carried any risk of unreliability. It plainly didn't. Nor because Williams' "mind" or "will" had been "overborne." It plainly wasn't. Indeed, it's hard to imagine a more "uncoerced" confession. Ridding one's soul of a sense of guilt is no less a "pure" instance of a "voluntary" confession when, unknown to the confessors, a detective sits in the confession.
WLSA and FLS would like to invite all women law students to attend a General Meeting being held at NOON, THURSDAY, APRIL 14 in the Lawyers Club Lounge. The purpose of this meeting is to review this year's programs and discuss plans for next year. The president and vice-president of WLSA, director of FLS, Sallyanne Payton and Sue Eklund will speak. In addition to our speakers we will have wine and cheese. All women are welcome and we urge you to come.

PAD LUNCHEON

Prof. Joseph Sax: "The effectiveness of the Private Attorney General in Environmental Protection"

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, NOON, FACULTY DINING RM.

PLACEMENT MEETING

For 2nd Year students, THURS. APRIL 14, 3:15, Room 100 Hutchins Hall

WOMEN AND THE LAW

Mock legislative hearing on the Equal Rights Amendment presented by the Women and the Law class. Students will play the roles of advocates for and against the ERA, and of legislators questioning them. THURSDAY, APRIL 14 at 7 PM, Room 132 Hutchins Hall.

SPEAKER

The LSSS Speakers Committee and the National Lawyers Guild present Hugh 'Buck' Davis, Atty., Glotta, Adelman and Dinges to speak:

"GRAND JURY ABUSE"

Mr. Davis has worked on legal matters surrounding several federal grand juries in Detroit, including the 1971 investigation of the bombing of the Capital (eventually leading to the famous decision in U.S. v. U.S. District Court restricting the right of the Attorney General to make National Security wiretaps, and to Nieburger v. U.S.) and the Michigan Grand Jury investigation of the Black Panthers; and the Dave Sinclair case.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 7:30 PM, Room 138 H.H.

HONORS CONVOCATION

Law School Honors Convocation Friday, April 15, at 3:30 pm, in Room 100 Hutchins. The Convocation is to recognize both academic and extracurricular achievement. Professor Steiner will make a short speech on "Legal Success and Legal Failure". Everyone is welcome to attend.

OYEZ OYEZ OYEZ

Tickets for the Crease Ball are now available from your friendly local Barrister, or in front of Room 100. Each ticket entitles the bearer and guest (YES, folks, TWO people per ticket) to admission to the world famous Crease Ball and a bottle of real BUBBLY. Mixes will be provided for those patrons with a flair for the Bibulous Arts, and random Barristers will function as Mixologists for those of minimal mixological skills. (Be sure to bring your own favorite brand of alcohol, five bucks only buys so much.) REMEMBER--only $5.00, and a splendid time is guaranteed for all.

BY ORDER OF HIMSELF, THE MOST EXHALTED LORD HIGH CHANCELLOR. P.S. The Ball is SATURDAY, APRIL 16.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern Dist. of Michigan, Hon. John Feikens, will conduct motion hearings in the Moot Court Room on MONDAY, APRIL 18, 9 AM and 2 PM.

INTERNATIONAL LAW SOC. LECTURE: see NOTICE.
NOTICES

NEED A SUMMER JOB?

PAD will again be sponsoring Judicial Clerkships with local District and Circuit Judges. Clerkships begin after May Finals, and extend through the 77-78 school year. All are part-time, 10-20 hours per week during Summer and 10-15 hours per week during school. Salaries are $3.00 to 3.25 per hour. Interviews for the six positions available will be on April 21. Submit PAD membership appl., resume and writing samples to PAD prior to April 15. For more information, contact Rick Rufner at 995-2738.

CAMPBELL COMPETITORS

Sorry! Due to delays beyond our control, the pen sets will not arrive before mid-May. All competitors who will be graduating in May or August please leave a forwarding address in the Campbell mailbox, Room 300 H.H., or with Val Latham, Dean Cohen's secretary.

The winners of the Campbell Competition are:

ISSUE 1: Counsel for Petitioner:
Calvin L. Keith
Douglas A. Zingale

ISSUE 2: Counsel for Petitioner:
Franklyn D. Kimball
George Kimball

BEST BRIEF (quarter- and semi-finals--no award for brief in final):
Mark Kalafut
David Miller

CT OF APPEALS STAYS POLLUTION ORDER

A three member panel of the Michigan Court of Appeals temporarily stayed Judge Robert Fink's order (see page 1) which barred issuance of any building permit or sewage permit by the City of Ann Arbor.

According to Bruce Laidlaw, Acting City Attorney, it will take a minimum of four months and probably a year for the appellate court to hear the city's appeal. Among the issues on appeal will be Judge Fink's interpretation of the Michigan Environmental Protection Act and the injunctive relief ordered as a remedy.

The Legal Heir:
PAMPERED FAVORITE OF ISLAMIC SUCCESSION LAW?

PROF COULSON of Oxford Univ.

TUES 4 PM LAW CLUB LOUNGE

There will be a served dinner for Prof. Coulson at the Faculty Dining Room at 5:30 PM. Please sign up at the door of the International Law Society if you wish to join him. Everyone is invited. (Must bring own dinner ticket to the dinner).
IRS and Law Students

In an effort to serve our readers, the R.G. recently questioned noted tax authority, Prof. L. Hart Wright, concerning what areas of the tax law might be of greatest personal interest to the law students graduating this year. Prof. Wright cautioned that he was only indicating general areas, and that each person would need to research his own particular situation.

1. **Moving Expenses:** Most students can probably derive some benefit from the moving expenses provisions of the IRC. (see IRC §§ 82, 217, 62 (b))

2. **Subletting:** It's possible that some people may have a deductible loss when they are forced to sublet their apartment for a loss after leaving Ann Arbor for a new job.

3. **Job Hunting Expenses:** As the legal profession is a new one for most law students, the expenses of finding the first job are not deductible. Future job searches may well be, if in the same profession. Reimbursement for interview travel expenses by someone who was not your employer at the time is not income.

4. **Fees, etc.:**
   a. Bar review courses are education for a new profession, and are not deductible.
   b. Bar examination fees, and initiation fees are capital expenses and are not deductible.
   c. Membership dues in a Bar Association are a professional expense, and are deductible. (Annual dues)

5. **Books:** Most professional books are a capital expense, not deductible.

6. **Home Office:** New rules make it very difficult to justify a deduction for an office in one’s home. Most lawyers will not be able to qualify.

7. **Income Averaging:** Some law students may be in a position to benefit from the income averaging provisions of the IRC depending on the factual circumstances. Most probably won’t.
The Huron and the Housing Shortage

(Continued from page 1.)
Sylvester Murray, "I think it went beyond what was prudently required to make sure no significant amounts of sewage were being added to the system."

Spokesmen for Ann Arbor's suddenly defunct building industry were even more outspoken in their assessments.

Fred Veigel, head of the Huron Valley AFL-CIO Central Labor Council termed the ruling "assanine" and "irresponsible."

Reflecting a similar feeling on the part of management, Richard Brunvand of the Washtenaw Contractors Association said Judge Fink was "operating in a vacuum."

George Gardner of the City's Building and Safety Department estimated that up to $25 million worth of partial construction may have to wait for three years for sewage treatment expansion before plumbing permits can be issued.

Judge Fink's ruling rested on the Michigan Environmental Protection Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Beginning with the premise that "no one has the right to pollute," he placed heavy emphasis on the failure of the City to comply with the specifications of its sewage permit under the Michigan Water Resources Commission Act.

Since January 1975 the City has consistently operated with a sewage flow in excess of the rated capacity of its treatment plant. In particular, Judge Fink noted discharges in excess of effluent limitations for suspended solids, bio-chemical oxygen demand, phosphorus limits, and, in one month, fecal coliform limits.

Although the Michigan statute speaks in terms of protection of water from pollution, impairment or destruction, Judge Fink stated that the plaintiff need only demonstrate that the city had exceeded the standards of the permit. This is "an objective standard" - only a violation of the effluent standard needs to be shown, the plaintiff need not reargue that standard.

NOTE: Since this story was prepared, the Michigan Court of Appeals has stayed Judge Fink's order. See insert page for details.

ABA: Pro Decriminalization

The American Bar Association has told Congress that there should be no law against simple possession and use of marijuana.

Stressing that the ABA does not approve of marijuana use, Brooksley Landau, chairperson-elect of the ABA's Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, said the estimated $600 million spent yearly on marijuana control could be better utilized against serious crimes.

"As an organization of lawyers, the ABA is particularly concerned with the impact of these laws on our system of law enforcement and criminal justice," Landau said before the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

The ABA supports decriminalization of simple possession of marijuana by users and distribution of small amounts not for profit.

She said the ABA's stand for decriminalization is supported by "the costly impact of the current criminal laws on the lives and careers of marijuana users and their families and on law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice."

Not only does it cost millions to enforce anti-marijuana laws, she noted, but marijuana cases are helping clog the nation's already overburdened court system.

More than 20 percent of the adult population in the United States - 35 million persons - have used the killer weed. A recent Oregon study has shown that there of marijuana after decriminalization in that state. All of which amounts to powerful evidence in the mind of the ABA that there is an increasing social tolerance of marijuana use.

"When the law defines as criminal an activity in which one-fifth of the adult population has engaged, the society's respect for law may be significantly undermined," said Landau.

"Fair and impartial law enforcement is virtually impossible in light of the extremely large numbers of users involved. Arrests in a given year represent a small percentage of regular users of marijuana and an even smaller percentage of those who have ever used marijuana."
Announcements from the Law Community

PLACEMENT NEWS
All students are asked to report their jobs to the Placement Office as soon as possible. Many folks have asked that we provide lists of where students will be this summer so that arrangements for get-togethers can be made. If you do not want to be included in this list, please let us know.

1st and 2nd year students are asked to complete an address form for us for mailing placement materials this summer, and for inclusion in the Placement Directory. Forms are available in the office and outside Room 100. Your cooperation is needed.

BIBLIOGRAPHY
Copies of a detailed subject bibliography of Secondary Legal Sources (treatises, hornbooks, looseleaf services, form books) on current U.S. and international law are available free to interested law students in the Reference Office, Room 362, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 87 page booklet includes over 1000 listings under more than 100 subject headings. The U. of M. Law Library call number is indicated for each entry.

SENIOR DAY
Senior Day, 1977, will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 10:00 in the morning in the Rackham Lecture Hall. The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Lawyers Club Lounge.

The purpose of Senior Day is to honor the graduating class in a way more personal than possible at the University Commencement exercises. We hope you will be able to attend as we feel this will be a memorable occasion for you and your parents and friends.

It is important that we know whether each graduating senior is or is not planning to attend, since seating arrangements are made so as to facilitate the awarding of certificates to each member of the class present. We would greatly appreciate hearing from you on this matter as soon as possible. You may respond by stopping by my office, Room 320 Hutchins Hall, and giving the information to my secretary Mrs. Howe. We will give you the number of invitations you wish to send to your guests for the occasion.

Dean Pierce

PAD MINORITY FELLOWSHIPS
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International, awards 10 fellowships, of $500.00 each, to minority students entering law school in the fall of 1977. Applications for the school year 1977-78 will be accepted until June 1, 1977. All applicants must be persons who will be enrolled as first-year students in the fall. Applicants need not be PAD members.

If you know a minority student who will be entering law school this fall, please encourage him/her to apply. Information and applications may be obtained from Financial Aids Officer John Mason or any PAD officer.

ED. NOTE: Additional announcements are printed on the xeroxed insert page.

FEDERAL COURT SESSION
The Hon. John Feikens of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan will hold motion hearings in the Law School Moot Court room on Monday, April 18, 1977.

Two motion hearings on actual cases will be held between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, and one will be held beginning at 2:00 p.m. All students and faculty are invited to attend.

PASS-FAIL DEADLINE
The deadline for signing up for the pass-fail option for winter term courses is 4:00 p.m. tomorrow (Friday April 15). Forms should be returned to the Registrars Office—Room 300.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE
Applications for positions on all LSSS committees and for positions on the Res Gestae staff are now available at the Lawyers Club Desk and at the R.G. Office, respectively.

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CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE
Continuing the Crusader-Carter Dialogue

(Continued from page 2.)
about the CIA, an’ Ah wanted somebody who would head the CIA an’ still let the President run the show. When Ah found out that Mr. Sorensen had sneaked away secret documents when he left the Whayte House, Ah figgered he knew a lot moah about spyin’ than Ah had hust thought, an’ foah that reason, Ah didn’t want him.

Q: Speaking of the CIA, did you cut off payments to Jordan’s King Hussein because you felt they were wrong or because the Washington Post made those payments public?
A: Foah both reasons. It was wrong foah the CIA to make these payments, an’ it was even moah wrong foah the ‘merican people to find out about it. Aftah all, if the ‘merican people think we got that kind of money to throw away, they’ll think we have money to spend on social programs, makin’ in that much moah difficult to fayht inflation. Howevah, the majah problem with the CIA payments is that people thought we were payin’ King Hussein to do CIA dirty tricks foah us. Actually, we just wanted to buy him sports cahrs, swimmin’ pools, an’ mansions to keep him so busy that he wouldn’t have time to fayht a wahr. This is, of course, off the record an’ not to be repeated, but we ahr continin’ the payments to Hussein through the fahrn subsidy program.

Q: I won’t breathe a word of it. I’d like to turn to the area of wearing blue jeans right now. When do you?
A: Only when Ah tend the peanut patch in the West Room.

Q: You have a peanut patch in the West room?
A: Of course. That’s the best place foah ‘em cause that’s whearah Ah keep the goats. Ah get rayht good fertilizer from those goats. Also, they get the aftahnoon sun.

Q: You mean the peanuts?
A: Yep. Also the goats.

Q: Are you the first President to ever keep barnyard animals in the White House?
A: Not unless you count Spiro Agnew.

Q: Yes, well, um, I understand that you are the first President who has been an enthusiast of stock car racing. What first attracted you to following this sport?

A: Wayll, Ah always did enjoy fast cahrs, in fact, y’ mayht even say Ah lusted aftah ‘em. Ah enjoy watchin’ fast cahrs an’ Ah enjoy drivin’ ‘em. In fact, that’s one of the reasons Ah ran foah President.

Q: You mean so you could call up the stock car drivers before a race and wish them luck?
A: No. So’s Ah could drive 90 miles an hour an’ not get ticketed. You rem­embah what a good tayme that othah ole southern boy Lyndon Johnson had doin’ that. Y’mayht say he served as an inspiration to me.

Q: Could we talk about your family for a while.
A: Shore, ever’body else does.

Q: You sound as if you resent the invasion of your family’s privacy.
A: Hell, no. Aftah all, Ah mean, livin’ in a small town like Plains is like livin’ in a goldfish bowl. You so much as sneezin’ an’ ever’body in town knows you’re comin’ down with a cold. The only difference is that livin’ in D.C., the whole damn country knows what you’re doin’.

Q: How is your brother Billy taking to your being President?
A: He ain’t drinkin’ beer an’ throwin’ up on repo’tahs as much, if that’s, what you mean. Othah than that, he’s doin’ rayht good with his gas station. Ah also understand he’s hired mah sistah down at the garage. She’s plannin’ to be the world’s first auto mechanic who fixes cahrs by faith healin’.

Q: How does Amy like going to an integrated school in D.C.?
A: Oh, she likes it fayne. Don’t fo’get, we had integrated schools in the south befoah you had ‘em up nawth. In fact, some of our best negroes ahr friends. An’ when everah the situation gets rough or when Amy cain’t do her schoolwork, she can always get he’p from the Secret Service agent sittin’ next to her.

Q: Some of your more interesting friendships are with rock musicians like the Allman Brothers Band and Bob Dylan. How did you happen to strike up these acquaintances?
A: Wayll, Ah fust heard Bob Dylan sing ‘bout ten, fifteen years ago, an’ he really impressed me. He sang about social justice, the common man, equal­ity and freedom, and the immorality of the high an’ mayhty. Then Ah found out Bob was a multimillionaire. Ah figgered we’d have a lot in common, so’s Ah called him up. That’s all therah was to it.

Q: During your inaugural, you walked from the Capitol to the White House. Was this a symbolic gesture?
A: Only in stupidity. Ah musta asked Hamilton Jordan a dozen tyymes if he put gas in the limosines, but he still fo’got.

Q: Speaking of limosines, one of your first moves as President was to take away limosines from high government officials. What prompted you to do this?
A: That was part of mah plan to fayht unemployment by given’ moah job opportunities to unemployed taxicab drivahs. Of course, Ah didn’t figger on all those chauffahs becomin’ unemployed, but that’s one of the risks you run takin’ decisive action.

Q: One final question. When you were touring the executive agencies, you urged all those employees “living in sin” to go get married. Why did you make that statement?
A: Ah figgered the ‘merican people want a gove’ment that they can believe is hard-workin’ an’ competent. With all these gove’ment workers livin’ in sin an’ havin’ a good tayme, folks get to believin’ that they ain’t takin’ their jobs too seriously. Once they’re mar­ried, folks’ll think their homelives ahr miserable as ever’body else’s, an’ they’ll throw themselves into their work. It’s all a mattah of restorin’ public trust in government.

Q: Well, thank you very much for this interview. It has been most illuminating.
A: Mah pleasure. By the way, next tayme we talk, remind me to tell you about mah plan to end the energy crisis. Y’see, Ah got 165 warehouses full of empty peanut shells, an’ you just wouldn’t believe the amount of energy you get from burnin’ peanut shells. Now if the gove’ment would just buy all mah peanut shells...