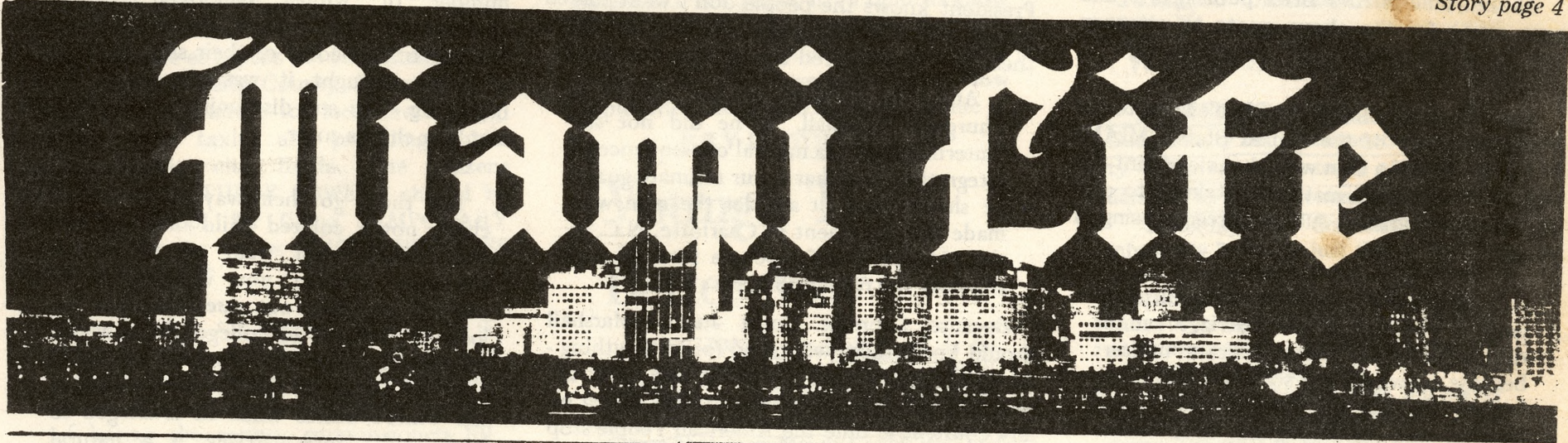


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Cops Arrest Their Defenders
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A Miami man who urged police to speed to the scene and arrest a possible molester or thief insisted he himself was seized by officers who didn't even investigate who was creating the trouble.

The white manager of a "quickie" supermarket and her daughter had been frightened and upset for fear they were going to be held up and robbed.

A black had been staring at them for some time from his motorbike in their parking area. He would shift positions occasionally.

The daughter, about 20, was doubly frightened.

So, when a disabled World War 2 veteran and his brother walked into the store, the women related to them their fears, and begged them to stay because they were afraid.

The two assured the women they would stay and asked them to be calm.

The veteran walked outside where the black man accosted him and said, "What the Mother

----- hell are you doing here?"

The veteran replied, "I have business here. What the Mother ----- hell are you doing here?"

He walked back into the store. His brother, who is in his 60's, then walked out and confronted the black, and held him at bay and asked the daughter to call the police.

When the police arrived, they arrested the elder of the two white men and made him put his hands on a car and frisked him. They found a four-inch pocket knife. The police charged him with carrying a concealed weapon. They told the disabled veteran he could go home. The veteran went into the grocery store to call a cab and, when he came out, the police told him they had given him a chance to go home and he didn't. They then arrested him for resisting arrest.

The manager of the store asked the police if they weren't going to question the black and
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Not too long ago whoever governed in the various states in these United States answered to the will of the people in that particular state and in those years we also had newspapers whose success depended on their public appeal. Their policies were of necessity in the interest of the public or else the public would not support that publication.

Of course, that was in the days of competition among newspapers. During those wonderful years the morning paper competed with the afternoon paper or perhaps two afternoon papers for public approval and support. Today, newspaper competition in America has completely disappeared. There may be an exception or two of which we are unaware but, for all practical purposes, it is apparent now the daily newspaper publishers have divided the United States into spheres of influence which belong to the indicated publishers, lock, stock and barrel. No other publisher will encroach upon another's territory. They have a guaranteed, protected nonopoly in the particular area in which they publish. They reap the benefits in that area, profits, that is, in any manner they see fit
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Better Business Bureau Practices Blackmail Here

We believe the Better Business Bureau is overstepping the bounds of legality.

Ralph Smathers, bureau manager, charged gasoline stations offering a "free" car wash with a fill-up charges more for their gasoline than other stations selling the same gas.

Smathers, who said his office had conducted several "shoppings" of the car arrangement in Dade County, said: "We don't object to the arrangement but we do question the word 'free' to describe the service. They (the service stations) should say the wash is included in the price of the gasoline."

Smathers said his office also is investigating the free car wash stations in Broward County but has not drawn any conclusions yet.

When Smathers says "We don't object," what does he mean? Who endowed him with more power than other common ordinary citizens? Does he mean to imply to the service stations in Broward County when he tells them he's investigating them and hasn't reached any conclusions yet that they had better join his Better Business Bureau for so much money annually or he will expose them?

If any business, or any individual, in Dade County is violating a law, it is the responsibility of our duly elected and appointed officials to correct that situation, and the only interest Mr. Smathers can have in usurping or attempting to usurp the powers of law enforcement agencies is for the purpose of soliciting memberships in his organization.

If the blackmail tactics that Ralph Smathers is using is not against the law, the State should dig up Al Capone and apologize to him for condemning his activities in Chicago during the roaring '20s.

Thurgood Marshall Says INTER-MARRIAGE BLACKS' ULTIMATE GOAL

"Intermarriage is a natural consequence of integration, and that is our ultimate goal."

The above was uttered many years ago at a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting in Charlotte, N.C.

At that time MIAMI LIFE published it, and gave credit for the above quote to attorney Thurgood Marshall.

Since then Marshall has been elevated to the Supreme Court of the United States. MIAMI LIFE wonders if a man with that viewpoint can judge unbiasedly on matters pertaining to civil rights and integration such as forced bussing of children.

A man who believes that the ultimate goal of Negroes is intermarriage cannot decide fairly in these delicate matters because he would put social intermingling before the learning process in school matters and intermingling of students socially would be more important than preserving the rights of students to attend schools of their choice in their own neighborhoods.

A man who can make such an utterance can rule but one way in civil rights matters. Although MIAMI LIFE believes that, under no circumstances, will the Supreme Court uphold

FORCED bussing of children, you can bet your last kopeck Thurgood Marshall will vote for it.

The reason we way there will be no forced bussing is that, regardless of what the Supreme Court rules, the vast majority of the people in the United States do not want forced bussing, and will not stand for forced bussing. And the President knows the people don't want forced bussing, and will not stand for forced bussing. So there will be no forced bussing. It is that simple.

And, this newspaper has news for Thurgood Marshall. If he did not say "intermarriage is a natural consequence of integration, and that is our ultimate goal," he should deny it and let the man who made this statement in Charlotte, N.C. at the NAACP meeting, come forward and shoulder the responsibility.

Because Supreme Court Justice Marshall should know there will be no forced anything - intermarriage or inter - anything else - that the people don't want regardless of any ruling by any court, it is time the American People stop being forced into anything, or even led against their will into anything, or permit their children to be led into anything against their will.

In the last 15 years all laws discriminating against anyone - black or white in any state north or south, east or west, in these United States - has been stricken from the statutes

and, if they have not, they are universally recognized as being unconstitutional.

Any rule or law that says a certain number of colored people and a certain number of white people must go to school together, or a certain number of colored people must be employed to satisfy a percentage against the number of whites employed, is giving employment or school attendance solely because of the color of their skin, and that is what we thought it was all about in the beginning - - to end discrimination, to forget a man's or child's color.

Let them go their way as a man or child, not a colored child or a colored man. They even went so far as to eliminate whether you were white or colored in filling out questionnaires for jobs or entrance to college. So how can we expect a man of Thurgood Marshall's color to be fair on the Supreme Court of the United States when he is alleged to have said, "intermarriage is a natural consequence of integration, and that is our ultimate goal."

Does that mean Thurgood Marshall is going to use his seat on the U.S. Supreme Court bench to further that goal? We'd like to hear from Justice Marshall.



"Sometimes I wish abortions were legal 20 years ago!"

ON SENATE FACULTY'S PLEA UM Soft on Riots, Drops Charges

The Faculty Senate of University of Miami asked the board of trustees to use all possible efforts to have charges against students involved in the February sit-in of the financial aid office in Criminal Court be dropped.

During the Summer the board of trustees, feeling the university proceedings against the students were going too slowly, asked President Henry King Stanford to provide information to the state attorney's office concerning the sit-in.

Miss Minette Massey, of the university's law school, said the resolution passed by the Faculty Senate may not get the students off the hook. She pointed out it might not influence the state attorney's disposition of the matter.

"I certainly think the resolution is a wholesome thing," she said.

The reason given for the Faculty Senate's concern was that the students charged in the February sit-in would be tried in Criminal Court, and students charged in the closing of the Ashe Administration Bldg. in May would be tried in Metro Court. The Senate feels it is an inequity to try some of the students in a

criminal court and some in a Metro court for the same offense.

It seems to us the reasons given were a poor excuse for the request to drop prosecution. If they are innocent, they would be found not guilty. If they are guilty, certainly the charges should not be dropped. There has been too much permissiveness at the University of Miami already, and you can bet the Faculty Senate was not listening to the President of the United States, who has promised to concentrate on curbing just such disorders as occurred at the University of Miami and which lead to much of the violence the vast majority of the nation abhors.

As a passing note, those involved in the sit-in the Faculty Senate wants dropped are black.

When the State Attorney's office acquiesced to the faculty's request they practically told the May violators they too will escape trial and we believe that is the only fair way. Of course in the long run this permissiveness can only lead to more and more violence. Dr. Stanford Wake Up!

O'Malley Next Florida Governor?

There is no question about Tom Adams' integrity, and we don't believe Tom Adams would be Askew's Lieutenant Governor if Askew wasn't cut from the same cloth.

If, however, the Democrats have reason or cause to seek another standard bearer four years hence, Tom O'Malley - - if he does a good job in the treasurer's department - - would be a natural. Even with the Miami Herald snapping at his heels.

We believe O'Malley is the only official

Reubin Askew and Tom Adams are probably as fine a pair ever to occupy the executive mansion and will probably remain there as long as they want to, as Florida governors now can succeed themselves, because we believe they will conduct themselves in a manner that will delight the public.

elected from Dade County to state government that the Herald tried to crucify. The rest seem to have come under the morning paper's influence. It was Tom O'Malley, formerly a Metro commissioner, who recently said on Bill Beyer's program that members of the Metro Commission phoned the Herald and asked Don Shoemaker's permission before they fired former County Mgr. Irving McNayr.

No mention of this fact appeared in any Dade County publication but it clearly demonstrated the extent that the Miami Herald has our public officials subjugated.

We were also informed that a county commissioner phones Shoemaker every morning and discusses current events.

The people of Dade County are beginning to realize that, when the Herald beckons, commissioners genuflect.

**SEASON'S
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They Would Appoint When It Suits, Elect When It Doesn't

MIAMI HERALD SPEAKS WITH FORKED TONGUE

What the Herald wants, the Herald gets -- by hook or by crook.

The newspaper's lack of integrity is clearly demonstrated by two editorials.

The first, on July 6, was headed "VOTING'S THE BETTER WAY."

The second was headed "ANGLE SHOOTERS WEAKEN METRO." That was Sept. 15.

In one of the editorials the Herald stated the nine - member Dade County Commission is Dade's own "legislature for local law making, county - wide taxing and providing public service outside city limits. The citizens VESTED WITH THESE POWERS should be CHOSEN, except for filling TEMPORARY vacancies, by the voters WHOSE BUSINESS THEY HANDLE."

That is what the Herald said when it wanted the people to vote on replacements for Mayor Chuck Hall and Commissioner Thomas O'Malley instead of letting the county commissioners fill the vacancies.

In the September editorial the Herald was resisting a movement to eliminate the appointed tax assessor with an elected one. It said, "Among the latest angles is a ploy to eliminate the appointed tax assessor, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE GOVERNMENT HE SERVES, and to replace him with an elected assessor who will be responsible to the POLITICAL SPECIAL INTERESTS."

"And people wonder why Dade County is the modern incarnation of Dodge City,"

The Herald was quite concerned in one editorial that "citizens vested with county - wide taxing powers" might be appointed instead of elected.

"Citizens vested with these powers should be chosen, except for filling temporary vacancies by the voters whose business they handle."

BLACK FRIGHTENS WHITE WOMEN

ask him why he was hanging around. They replied, "It is no use, we couldn't prove anything."

She told MIAMI LIFE the officers, practically tore her store apart hunting a pistol they claimed one of the brothers hid in the store. They asked her about a gun. She said she knew nothing about it.

Yet, without a search warrant, they went behind the counters, in the store room, through the shelves.

The district manager, she said, was very perturbed about the police officers' actions.

MIAMI LIFE wasn't able to find out whether they were Miami or Metro police officers. The incident happened in the county and the cases are scheduled for trial before Judge Frederick Barad in Metro Court.

We were told it was not unusual for City of Miami officers to make arrests in the county and prosecute in Metro Court.

What strikes us as more than passing strange and might be food for a grand jury probe is the fact that the arresting officers did not question the women in the store before they arbitrarily arrested the 60 - year - old white man whose involvement stemmed from a request from the frightened store manager who feared a holdup.

It is MIAMI LIFE'S understanding that the arresting officer personally acquainted with the black, who had instilled fear so deeply into the manager of that grocery store and her daughter that they appealed to the first two people who walked into their store, and for this reason, (being acquainted) alone, he was not questioned or arrested.

On the other hand, we repeat for emphasis, the Herald would keep the tax assessor who directly affects everyone's taxes and pocketbook appointed, stating that if he were elected, he would "be responsible to the political special interests."

We call upon the Herald to clarify its editorial thinking, its vaunted repeated statements, the public has a right to know has never been more important than it is right now. The public wants to know what the hell the newspaper means. How stupid does the Herald think the public is.

JULY EDITORIAL

Voting's The Better Way

ELECTION, not appointment, is the best way to fill the two vacancies which will exist on Dade County's Metropolitan Commission after next Jan. 5. Effective on that date, Mayor Chuck Hall and Commissioner Thomas O'Malley have resigned, as required by law, to run for state offices.

Under the home rule charter, the seven remaining commissioners would have 30 days after Jan. 5 to appoint replacements or call an election.

Special elections are costly. We prefer Commissioner Alex Gordon's suggestion to let the voters pick two new commissioners in the November general election -- if it's legal to do that.

The legality of the idea is being tested in court. A swift decision is desirable.

The nine-member board is Dade's own "Legislature" for local lawmaking, countywide taxing and providing public service outside city limits. The citizens vested with these powers should be chosen, except for filling temporary vacancies, by the voters whose business they handle.

In one of these editorials the Herald supports the recent tax assessment increase.

We're reprinting the two editorials in full, underscoring certain paragraphs. You be the judge as to the Herald's sincerity.

SEPT. EDITORIAL

Angle-Shooters Weaken Metro

AN EFFORT to roll back the 1970 Dade County tax assessment, or property valuation, ought to be resisted and defeated by Metro Commission.

Yesterday the Commission voted informally 3-2 to do just this. It was the usual obstructionist lineup -- Matheson, Shepard and Carroll -- with the usual show of irresponsibility, in this case fiscal irresponsibility. The Commission will vote officially today.

No one likes higher taxes, but higher assessments are not necessarily higher taxes. The millage rate controls the actual tax.

Instead of attacking the tax roll, Metro commissioners should be defending it. The courts have required Florida counties to assess as nearly as possible at true value. There is no other way, we think, to lay the basis for fair and equitable taxation.

Metro's worst historic liability is not its Charter or even its lack of tax resources. It suffers most from political instability, a reputation earned for it by angle-playing politicians.

Among the latest angles is a ploy to eliminate the appointive Tax Assessor, who is responsible to the government he serves, and to replace him with an elected Assessor, who would be responsible to the political special interests.

And people wonder why Dade County, as someone has put it, is the modern incarnation of Dodge City!

Let's Not Dilute Pollution Fight

The menace of pollution in so many areas is so great that attempts to deal with the problem in all its facets at the same time dooms any possible successful fight to curb it.

If all efforts were concentrated on stopping raw sewage from being dumped into our streams period, and the agencies using an outfall into the ocean be forced to treat and liquify sewage before it is dumped, and if we make certain the outfalls are extended far enough into the ocean at places that would carry the treated sewage away from shore, the GULF STREAM perhaps, we might make some headway.

All other types of pollution are secondary. After a program to rid Dade County of the raw sewage problem is successful or without question has been put on the road to success. Then and only then should another area of pollution be selected for concentrated effort.

The measures that would be necessary to take to make that raw sewage program a success would serve as a deterrent to polluters in other areas, and would also serve notice on those who perhaps would like to start polluting that their turn to be prosecuted might be next.

If this is not done, and the woefully insufficient anti-pollution enforcement agencies continue to dilute their efforts by chasing in all directions, we don't believe anything will ever be really accomplished.

This does not mean legislative bodies cannot and should not pass laws against pollution in all areas but the enforcement of the laws should be concentrated on the worst form of pollution and, when that is cured, go to the next worst.

Is it the custom of local police to arrest only those they are not acquainted with? Does this come under the guise of race relations, community relations or PERSONAL relations?

The brother charged with carrying a concealed weapon was forced to post a \$1,000 bond, retain an attorney and spend several hours in jail after being fingerprinted and mugged.

People who have never come afoul of the law have the impression generally that when a man is arrested and charged by a police officer with committing a crime, he is guilty. And, if he is later found innocent, it's because the judge was "fixed" or because of some political pull.

Police officers should not be permitted to use their position for personal persecution or advantage of any kind to do a friend a favor by arresting an innocent man, charging him and refusing to question their friend who could have been getting ready to rob a store. The police did not even try to determine why the black was suspiciously staring and loitering at two defenseless women. And what his purpose was?

The two brothers so wrongfully arrested are anxious to take a lie detector test to prove their only interest was to protect these two women and that the black told one of the brothers, "Goddamn you, I'll kill you." You can bet the cops won't take any test.

Anyway, civil rights have been violated. We wonder if any agency or governmental law enforcement body or any civil liberties group will be interested enough to look into the matter. Or must you be black or have the Miami Herald become interested in your behalf before a grand jury or anyone in government attempts to see justice done.

HERALD THREATENS GOV. - ELECT ASKEW

EDITORIALS

(reprinted from Miami Herald)

Gov.-Elect Reubin Askew was told in no uncertain terms by the Miami Herald he would be better off politically if he did not call the legislature into special session to consider a corporate income tax.

The Herald said only five other states have neither a corporate income tax nor a personal income tax. It further stated, "For many years Floridians have regarded the absence of income taxes as a good and proper inducement for new residents, including new industries."

That's what the Herald said. But the people said they no longer regard the absence of income taxes as a good and proper inducement for new residents and industry. When they overwhelmingly elected Askew governor, they said in effect we have changed our minds: We do want a corporate income tax, and that was the issue which made it possible for Askew to overcome Herculean odds and win the gubernatorial primary elections.

The Herald admits Askew has grounds for optimism because the Senate in 1968 adopted a corporate income tax but its incoming president, Sen. Jerry Thomas, the Herald says, may well reflect a new mood because Thomas said he wouldn't support such a tax unless the need for new revenue is demonstrated.

But what the Herald doesn't say is that unless a special session of the legislature is called and the matter resolved immediately it will be too late, even though we need new revenue, to implement the corporate income tax phase of the Gov. - Elect's tax reform goals. The Herald knows a constitutional amendment must be passed, and, if that is to be accomplished before the next legislature meets, a special session in January is mandatory.

What was the Herald's purpose in leaving that potent and most important fact out of its editorial?

If Reubin Askew has the intestinal fortitude to insist on calling a special session, he will find the Dade delegation outright opposed because its political life depends on the good will of the Miami Herald.

The Herald in its editorial gave Dade legislators a clue to the policy it wants them to follow, when it said, "We doubt that this need (corporate income tax) could be shown at a special session or that Florida has been sufficiently educated to accept something which has long been under restraint constitutionally."

Dade delegates, coerced by the Herald, will inform Gov. - Elect Askew that they are sorry but they're no longer sure how they feel about the matter. They will definitely, though perhaps previously committed to it, follow the Herald's clue and not assure the Governor - Elect support for a special session.

The Herald told the governor - elect in the concluding paragraph that, if he insists on going ahead with this foolhardy approach and listen to the people instead of the Herald, he will have an anti - administration delegation from Dade County at the next regular session of the legislature in April.

The editorial's concluding paragraph said, in part, "Further, if the new governor is rebuffed at a special session in January, which is quite possible, his leadership capabilities WILL BE DAMAGED for the regular session in April."

You will note the newspaper did not say maybe or perhaps. The paper made a direct statement, "Askew's leadership capabilities WILL be damaged." The paper meant that, no matter what it had to do, it would make

Let's Debate New Taxes After The Need Is Certain

GOV.-ELECT Reubin Askew "feels encouraged about the prospect" of legislative approval of an amendment to the Constitution which would permit (both the old and new Constitutions bar it) an income tax on Florida corporations.

Accordingly, he may well call a special session of the new Legislature in January and ask it to submit an amendment to the people sometime in March or April. The legislators then could fix the tax rate.

Only five other states — Maine, Nevada, Texas, Wyoming and Washington — have neither a corporate income tax nor a personal income tax. Ohio's corporate tax applies at the local level only.

For many years Floridians have regarded the absence of income taxes as a good and proper inducement for new residents, including new industries.

How pertinent is that prohibition to the state's development today? We don't know. We do suggest that the Legislature find out before it gallops off in all directions.

Mr. Askew's optimism, of course, has some grounds. In 1968 the Senate adopted a corporate income tax. But its incoming president, Sen. Jerry Thomas, may well reflect a new mood. He wouldn't support such a tax, he says,

certain Askew would feel the aftermath of its overwhelming influence in all areas - - national, state and local, if he acted rashly.

And the newspaper ended the editorial by saying, "whatever the merits or demerits of the tax, the game simply isn't worth the CANDLE."

Now the Herald didn't mean candle because that doesn't make sense. The Herald meant, it isn't worth the GAMBLE.

It would be so easy for the Governor - Elect not to call a special session thereby escaping the risk of the Herald's wrath. But if he bowed to the Herald's demands, every politician and knowledgeable layman would know why. The Herald itself slammed the door on compromise.

The Herald perhaps didn't intend to, but they posed a problem to the next Governor of Florida that will only be settled when he announces his decision anent the special session.

If he doesn't call one he will be proclaiming to every politically astute person in the state that he didn't have the intestinal fortitude to do so in the face of the Herald's editorial threat. On the other hand if he does it is coming awfully close to spitting in the face of Herald publisher John Knight.

If Mr. Askew, on its merits, thought it best not to call a special session, the Herald has made it practically impossible for him to take such action and retain an image of independence and self respect. For no real man runs from the whip.

Dade Countians have learned to live with the knowledge that their legislative body is controlled by the Herald. We hope the Governor's office remains independent. The truth will soon out.

unless the need for new revenue is demonstrated. Proponents of the tax note that its sponsor two years ago was Ben Hill Griffin, one of the wealthiest members of the Senate.

While it is true that the corporation tax was the issue on which Reubin Askew campaigned for governor, we share Sen. Thomas' feeling that the cart should not be put before the horse in any case. Many of his supporters, including this newspaper, backed him with the reservations we renew here today.

Certain tax reforms found also in the Askew 1970 election package are proper in the name of equity. But Florida is not accustomed to levying new taxes until the need for them is proven. This is the record of the sales and use tax, and it is only prudent economics.

We doubt that this need could be shown at a special session or that Florida has been sufficiently educated to accept something which has long been under restraint constitutionally.

Further, if the new governor is rebuffed at a special session in January, which is quite possible, his leadership capabilities will be damaged for the regular session in April. Whatever the merits or demerits of the tax the game simply isn't worth the candle.

The Herald makes a plea in its editorial, obviously addressed to the Governor - Elect, "many of his supporters, including this newspaper, backed him with the reservations we renew here today."

Is the Herald not telling Governor - Elect Askew he can do what the Herald asks him and retain that support, or refuse and lose that support? What the Herald means by "reservations" is the defeat of the corporate income tax reform no matter what intrigue is involved - - and it is a master at that game.

What the Herald did not tell Governor - Elect Askew is that it supported him only after the Herald's candidate was defeated by the Askew - (Tom) Adams team and there was no one left but the Republican nominee, Claude Kirk, whom the Herald had castigated for four years and therefore had no choice but to support him.

The Governor - Elect owes no loyalty to the Miami Herald.

Can't the people's welfare for once be paramount to the interests of big business or the Miami Herald?

We are reprinting the editorial which to us is an ill disguised attempt to bulldoze, threaten and coerce Reubin Askew not to call a special session of the legislature to make it possible if the regular session of the legislature in April after due consideration wants to pass a corporate income tax.

The Herald's tactics have never been fraught with integrity and never has this been more clearly demonstrated than by the abortive attempt to bulldoze Reubin Askew so he would not go through with his corporate income tax pledge.

CORRUPT HERALD RULING ALL DADE OFFICIALS

without fear of interference from anyone. *They are above the law.*

Publishers are 'Kings'

Practically 100 percent of public officials in the areas controlled by monopolistic newspapers will follow the dictates of the editorial policies of that paper whenever called upon to do so. There are few, if any, who dare to do otherwise and, when they do, they are not generally office holders long.

As we said, they divided up the United States in little special kingdoms where they publish their papers, use Washington and the Federal Government as a common "pork barrel."

The more circulation controlled by a publisher the more he is listened to and the more potent his influence nationally.

Recently two newspapers were found guilty of violating the anti-trust laws. This, however did not deter papers in 22 other cities from continuing, along with those convicted, with the illegal practices. They merely joined hands and raised their editorial fist over the head of Congress and forced Congress to pass a law giving the newspapers violating the anti-trust laws the right to do so, but making it mandatory in the future for any other newspapers wanting the same privileges to get permission from the Justice Dept.

Ladies and gentlemen, think hard on what we are going to tell you now! This law was passed on a voice vote. Only one man had the intestinal fortitude to record his vote and he demanded that his vote be recorded. His name escapes us but he was the chairman of the sub-committee who heard the evidence submitted by the Justice Dept., and the Justice Dept. said it was a VIOLATION of the ANTI-TRUST ACT and CONTRARY to the WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE and ENDANGERED and CREATED an UNTENABLE MONOPOLY of THE NEWS MEDIA.

THEY GO UNPUNISHED

Immediately after openly succumbing to media pressure and passing a law by VOICE VOTE that permitted at least 22 daily publishers to go unpunished for violating the anti-trust act, Congress passed a law prohibiting, if you please, the passage of ANY LAW by voice vote! It was so ashamed of its own actions, it wanted to make certain that those who succeeded in congressional offices would have to answer for their misdeeds.

Then this bill, giving newspapers the special privilege, was sent to President Nixon for his signature.

Nixon had the intestinal fortitude to send troops into Cambodia when he knew it would create untold criticism and was fraught with political peril. But he did not have the intestinal fortitude to back up the Justice Dept. when they testified this was a bad bill and should be defeated. Remember, this bill was passed by voice vote and, if Nixon had vetoed the measure, it wouldn't have had a chance of passing over his rejection.

But the senators and representatives who voted by voice vote felt Nixon was in the same fix they were and dared not veto it. And, you know, they were right.

SHOTGUN OVERHEAD

Public officials in the United States today live with a loaded shotgun at their heads with the news media's fingers on the trigger. The press today controls our nation; the only hope the public has for fair treatment is smaller and smaller entities of government. Instead of merging and making our government larger and larger, we should reverse that trend and have smaller and smaller districts of government, districts within districts, if necessary, to give the people once more a meaningful voice in their government. But, again, the newspapers interfere, they continuously tout the reverse,

want big government because it then becomes almost necessary to have the newspapers' support to assure getting a message across to the public.

The Miami Herald is perhaps a prime example of what we mean.

Everything good that has happened to this community in the last 20 years should be credited to the Miami Herald; on the other hand, everything BAD or EVIL that has happened to this community in the last 20 years should be blamed on the Miami Herald for it is responsible. We can't think of anything good so we are going to enumerate some of the negatives.

For a starter, the Herald sponsored the metropolitan form of government under which Dade County lives today. Our taxes have doubled and tripled and quadrupled since then despite the fact the Herald propagandized (and was the only way it got the people to vote in Metro), that consolidated metro government would lower taxes. The paper said, "If you consolidate, the city and county tax assessors, you won't have to pay so many people and, naturally, your taxes will be lower."

SVENGALI INFLUENCE

The paper got the people to vote for an appointed instead of an elected tax assessor; it said it would take politics out of the tax assessor's offices. Ever since that awful day, instead of our taxes being lessened, they have skyrocketed. *If we had an elected tax assessor today, you can be assured the home owners would not be in their present predicament.*

The Herald was directly responsible for an appointed sheriff. Scandal after scandal has emanated from the Sheriff's Dept. The present sheriff's administration has been replete with corruption in nearly every department. The Dade County jail is the scene of rapings and prisoner torture that the sheriff says he cannot control. Because of so many lawsuits against Dade's appointed Sheriff, Dade County can't get insurance against the acts of its police.

Yet not one mention of the sheriff's name. He is the Herald's man and it is just circumstances that are to blame or others and not the sheriff, the Herald intimates. An elected sheriff would not have let his department deteriorate as our present, appointed sheriff has. Crime is up in Dade County, above the national average, and, when questioned about it, the sheriff replied we are a tourist community, which he thought was news to the more than one million residents of Dade County, and crime was hard to control, which was really news, it seems to the more than one million residents of Dade County, and he said it was going to get worse, which was not news to the more than one million residents of Dade County.

SHERIFF WANTS MORE

The Sheriff wants more and more men and more and more money but doesn't even promise better results; he keeps his job only because he is praised editorially by the Miami Herald . . . no other reason. MIAMI LIFE exposed him as a liar, incompetent fraud and perjurer.

He did not refute, or attempt to refute a single one of those charges. Yet the Herald has already retained the new county manager, he must return the present sheriff.

When Irving McNayr, who preceded Porter Homer as county manager, was slated to be fired, Tom O'Malley said that, before the Commissioners voted on it, they insisted on calling the Miami Herald, which they did. Editor Don Shoemaker's name was mentioned as one of those called. The Herald gave its consent and McNayr was fired. Then, for the first time, according to O'Malley, the next day, an anti-McNayr editorial appeared in the Herald.

It was the Miami Herald which recommended Porter Homer to the Commission. The Miami Herald said recently, in commenting on Homer's resignation, it was through Washington influence that Homer got his job but the Herald neglected to say it was the Herald that supplied the influence.

When Porter Homer went along with the Herald and increased tax assessments 32 percent, he found himself in a quandary; he had absolutely destroyed himself insofar as being useful locally and he knew it.

But he wasn't fired, nor did he quit immediately. The Herald got him a job and he resigned.

Our local politicians didn't have the intestinal fortitude to buck the Herald and share the blame for Porter's rash and immoral actions in raising the assessments 32 percent. Some years back, when Homer doubled the assessments, it put thousands on the tax rolls for the first time and, at the same time, cut the value of the homestead tax exemption from \$200 to \$100.

The recent 32 percent increase cuts the value of homestead tax exemption proportionately.

BLAME THE HERALD

The Miami Herald is the cause of it all and, because of its entrenched monopoly here, it even dares advocate to this day the total abolition of the homestead tax exemption.

Of course, the only way the public can fight back is to demand throughout the state a referendum to double the homestead tax exemption to overcome the wrong and harm done those who bought homes and settled in Florida. When the \$5000 homestead exemption was passed in 1933, homes were selling for about one fourth or one fifth of what they are selling for today and assessments were based on 33 percent of value. This is irrefutable proof the intent of the legislature was to free moderately priced homes from paying ANY tax EVER.

We could write indefinitely about specific incidents the Herald has been responsible for, such as getting the legislature to eliminate the inventory tax. This saved its advertisers many millions of dollars yearly. This tax, which was taken off big corporations that advertised in the Miami Herald, was, of a necessity replaced by heavier ad valorem taxes on home owners; a spokesman for the legislature said there was no other way to replace the lost taxes.

Up until the last session of the legislature, there was a law, making it mandatory that millage be reduced the same proportion that assessments were increased. The Herald was responsible for the removal of that law.

Not too long ago, the Herald challenged a Dade County public official to take a polygraph test to prove to the people of Dade he was not guilty of a charge of bribery of which he had been accused by a Herald informer. The Herald said this must be done so the people of Dade County could have confidence in this public official. Subsequently this official was cleared; he took the lie test and came through, with flying colors. We challenge the Herald to take such a test. We suggest it would show the Herald was insincere and it knew it was misleading the public when it advocated the items enumerated above.

WHY NOT?

If an official of the Herald took a lie test, it would show the greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is not a civic organization but a tool formed to carry out its bidding.

The test would prove the Herald is insincere when it opposes district voting for Dade County; the opposition was merely for the Herald to more easily maintain control of elections.

The lie test would further show the

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Youth Needs Truth About All Three

FIGHT ALCOHOL, TOBACCO ALONG WITH MARIJUANA

1. There are 10 times as many alcoholics as there are drug addicts.
2. Alcoholism costs us more lives each year than the Vietnam War.
3. 25,000 lives are lost annually through drunken driving.
4. Alcohol causes a disease which ranks third as the most common cause of death among the young and middle-aged.
5. Alcohol costs industry more than \$4 billion a year through absenteeism.

The above are the highlights from a story we are reprinting below. The emphasis that the public, politicians and would-be do-gooders, to say nothing of publicity-seeking law enforcement officials, places on drug abuse is disheartening.

Both cigarettes and alcohol obviously are 10 fold more harmful to the human body than the scapegoat weed marijuana. We say disheartening because subconsciously we realize that the use of alcohol and tobacco have become so common it appears economically and politically impossible to curtail their use.

But it doesn't mean that an educational program about the evils of tobacco and alcohol should not be conducted along with the programs instituted to curb the use of drugs. If not, the young who are admonished not to smoke pot because of the harm it could inflict on one, may turn to alcohol and tobacco which are much more deadly killers.

If the above highlights referred to marijuana instead of alcohol and cigarettes, you can bet your last penny that the parents of this nation would form vigilante committees on every block in the country to stamp out its use. But as we said before, we have learned to live with alcohol and cigarettes. Let's not let these killers hide behind the fight to eliminate pot. Let the truth be known about all three - alcohol, tobacco and marijuana - so at least the very young might have a chance to be factually informed and be in a better position to protect his future.

And the taxes collected from alcohol and tobacco should not be a factor.

Death Penalty Out For Rape, Court Says

A federal appeals court held recently the death penalty for rape when the victim's life is neither "taken nor endangered" violates the constitutional prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, noting what it called "a national and world-wide trend away from capital punishment," upheld the contention of a Negro man sentenced to death for the rape of a white woman that such a penalty represented cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the 8th amendment.

If it is unconstitutional to inflict the death penalty for rape, would the death penalty also be unconstitutional for kidnapping when the kidnapping does not result in the death of the victim?

There are 22 inmates on death row at Florida's Raiford Prison who were sentenced to die for rape. Most of the 22 were sentenced under the same conditions the court held unconstitutional. Most are blacks who attacked white women.

No one has been executed in the United States for rape since 1964 or for any crime since 1967.

We believe however the supreme court will reverse the appellate court, else the deterrent of the death penalty to all crimes will be endangered.

**Alcoholism
The Killer,
Some Hold****But Drugs Get
Most Attention**

By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press International Writer

WASHINGTON — "Drugs are the fair-haired child. They are getting all the gold. Yet there are more than 10 times as many alcoholics as there are drug addicts."

That complaint happened to come from Willard O. Foster, coordinator of alcoholism programs in the state of Maryland. But it might have come from any one of hundreds of federal, state and private authorities on alcoholism.

They don't begrudge the attention politicians, legislative bodies, the press and the public are giving to the drug menace.

BUT they can't understand how a nation that gets so wrought up about heroin and marijuana can be so complacent about alcohol.

"It is incredible that we cannot face realistically the

alcoholism epidemic in this country, which costs us more lives each year than the Vietnam war," says Sen. Harold E. Hughes (D., Iowa), a former alcoholic who now heads a special Senate subcommittee on alcoholism. "If we were willing to spend a 10th of what we spend on Vietnam to save people from this controllable disease, we could accomplish miracles."

The American Psychiatric Association estimates at least nine million Americans are afflicted by alcoholism in the sense of being so dependent on alcohol they are ruining their careers and wrecking their homes.

REPORTS from coroners indicate more than half of the nation's highway deaths result from drivers trying to handle a car after drinking. There are more than 50,000 highway deaths a year, so the toll from drunken driving alone is upwards of 25,000 lives annually.

Excessive intake of alcohol is the main (though not the only) cause of cirrhosis of the liver, an ailment that ranks as the third most common cause of death among young and middle-aged adults.

Many alcoholics do not wait for the disease to complete the slow destruction of their bodies. Studies show the suicide rate among alcoholics is about 50 times

greater than that of the general population.

ASIDE from its cost in wrecked lives, alcoholism is a serious economic problem. The National Council on Alcoholism estimates that U.S. industry loses more than \$4

billion a year through employe absenteeism resulting from excessive drinking.

The American Medical Association has waged a vigorous campaign in recent years to get practicing physicians and general hospitals to treat alcoholism as "an illness that can and should be treated."

But thousands of doctors still look upon "drunks" as a character problem rather than a health problem. And a recent survey showed that only one third of the nation's general hospitals will admit patients for treatment of alcoholism.

IN August, the Senate passed a bill, sponsored by Hughes, authorizing an outlay of \$395 million over the next three years to launch nationwide programs for prevention and treatment of alcoholism, including research into its causes and rehabilitation of its victims.

This legislation now awaits action in the House. Sponsors had hoped it might be cleared for floor action before the congressional election recess, but it didn't make it.

PRIVACY INVADED AT ST. FRANCIS**Hospital TV Racket Worse Than Pay First Policy**

James Archer Smith Hospital in Homestead is being sued by an 8-year-old indigent whose mother claims, because she couldn't pay the \$150 cost of treatment, it refused to admit her son.

Suit is being brought in Federal Court to force any hospital funded by the federal government to treat indigents.

James Archer Smith Hospital received \$900,000 from the Government under the Hill-Burton Act for construction of a new 75-bed wing.

The suit says the hospital "gave assurance to the state agency and to the United States it would furnish a reasonable volume of services to patients unable to pay."

The action further contends the hospital and its officials "have followed the policy of charging all persons for the full cost of all hospital services, of not admitting people as patients for in-patient or out-patient services and not examining people to determine medical needs unless said persons are able to pay for the costs in full from personal sources or health insurance."

We can't comment on the suit because we know nothing of the facts but we do know that nearly all hospitals, unless they are publicly-owned hospitals, demand front money of \$200 or \$300 before admittance.

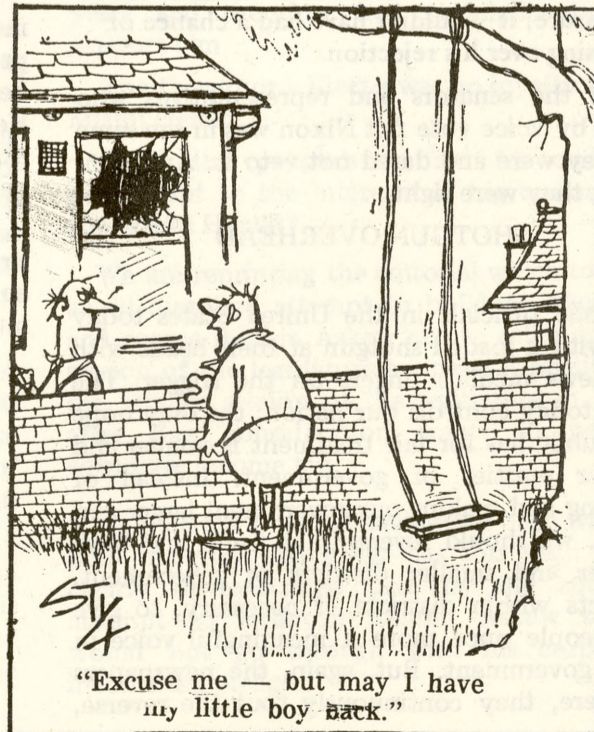
And we also know petty rackets exist in some hospitals. For instance, like the one in St. Francis. A patient had her husband bring a portable TV to her room. She was advised that she could not bring her own television set. The hospital had a contract with a television rental service to supply TVs at a \$3-a-day-rate and, if there were two people in the room, the small TVs were attached to the foot of the

beds in such a manner that, if both patients wanted to look, there would have to be two TVs - one on each bed.

The patient we refer to, however, insisted on her own TV and told the hospital that it could charge her \$3 a day but she wanted her own set.

Later, a representative of the TV rental service, without knocking, came into her room and said, "Oh, you have your own TV set. You can't do that. I'm going to report you." Then he walked out.

Worse even than the TV racket is the audacity of the representative who, we believe, was guilty of a gross invasion of privacy. How in the world could he have known what was going on in that hospital room?



Its Own Editorial Condemns Paper Here's More Proof Herald Controls Our Lawmakers

What's worse - a few billboards or the realization that a tyrannical newspaper has complete domination over the acts of the people's duly elected officials?

The Miami Herald wanted to rid itself of competition in the advertising field.

So, on the very day a move to permit billboards to remain a few years longer in Miami was to come up before the City

Commission and Planning Board, a Herald editorial told the Miami City Commission, "there can be no excuse for a move to defer the decision on the sign ordinance. The commissioners' choice is a simple one: Do they honor the agreement made five years ago to clean up Miami's smudged image or do they cave in to the billboard lobby pressure?"

We are reprinting the entire editorial to show

the methods used by the Herald and the extent of its power.

Of course it is unnecessary to tell you that later that day everything the Herald wanted was done by the commission. The commissioners voted unanimously against permitting billboards to remain. Yes, and Miss Alice Wainwright was there as the Herald told her she should be.

We would call the city commissioners Herald lackeys but we can't because we don't believe a single official in Dade County has the intestinal fortitude to buck the Miami Herald when it goes to these lengths to tell them openly they can expect to feel the sting of the newspaper's editorial whip if they refuse to do its bidding.

And no politician wants the Herald on his neck if he has further political ambitions.

Beautiful Broads in Barracks Will Attract Even More Men

The Army in an effort to entice more men to volunteer is now permitting beer in the barracks.

An effort by the Air Force, Navy, and Marines is also being made to make military life more palatable to enlistees.

There's no question but there will be many more recruits but the caliber of the serviceman will, in our opinion be much lower.

The trouble with the military today is that few respect the serviceman. They don't look upon him as a patriot risking his life in the service of his country. They look on him as one who was unable by trickery, political pull or some other means to keep out of the army; that he was just another poor "sap."

And now the image of the serviceman will certainly not improve if they will have to permit 17 and 18 year old recruits to drink beer in the barracks to get them to enlist in the Army.

We fear for tomorrow's image of the serviceman. Next step perhaps will be to permit WACs and WAVEs and other females to permit the barracks. That, we know, would make army life more palatable.

In fact, even without the 20 percent increase in salary mentioned as another inducement, we believe the Government would have more men in the armed services than it could use - if they go to that extreme.

If the liberation of army rules is not countermanded, the armed services will soon be replete with "winos" and bums. And, if the kids enlisting in the Army are not "winos" and bums when they join, they will be after they are there a short period of time.

It would be better to increase the pay in the armed services to a degree that would enable the services to attract a higher type enlistee - one that would be filled with pride because he was in the service of his country.

HERALD RULES ALL DADE COUNTY

Herald is guilty of using the present displeasure of the public against the current tax gouge in an attempt to further consolidate on the premise that it would save future tax gouges and perhaps correct the present one.

The same ruse the Herald used originally to put over Metro.

The lie test would prove the Herald's aim, tax-wise, is to spread the tax base upon the shoulders of the masses and relieve businesses from whom the Herald receives its huge profits.

We believe the lie test would prove the Herald is insincere when it concerns itself with the welfare of this community. We don't believe the Herald could answer and pass the test if it said it did not color its news to suit the Herald's selfish purposes. A lie test would prove the Herald is not interested one iota in the public's right to know; a lie test would prove the Herald has deliberately withheld important news from the public. A lie test would prove the Herald deliberately permitted without publicity multi-million dollar deals by

the county detrimental to the public when it involved its friends.

LET'S FACE IT

What is good for the goose is good for the gander. The Herald insisted the public official take a lie test or his worth to the community would be nil and he shouldn't remain in office, or words to that effect. Now, we challenge the Herald to select one of its top three officials or all of them and let him or them take a lie test as we have suggested so the people of Dade County might have a little confidence in the corporation that publishes the Herald and which has such a great influence on the public's everyday existence.

And, if the Herald refuses to take the lie test, could it be it knows it would fail the test, or does it feel it is big enough to thumb its nose at the public with a "don't give a damn" attitude? And might the newspaper not say, "So what?"

The Miami Herald is secure in its position as a monopoly; it knows no one can start a successful daily operation in competition to it. It matters not what the public thinks as long as the dollars roll into the Herald's coffers.

Dade's New Power Feared in Florida; Italians Set Example

The small counties in Florida are in political danger.

Never before in the history of Florida have three members of the state cabinet been elected from one county. Tom O'Malley was elected state treasurer, Richard Stone, Secretary of state and Robert Shevin, attorney general, all from Dade County.

The people elected those three and the House of Representatives elected Richard Pettigrew, of Miami, speaker of the House.

The picture has just begun to clearly infiltrate the awareness of the rest of the state.

It has shocked them. They visualize in

the very near future both U.S. senators, the governor and all members of the cabinet, to say nothing of all three members of the Public Service Commission, coming from Dade County.

Some of the smaller counties fear an attempt to do away with the equal (to all counties) distribution of race track revenues, hints of which already have appeared in the local press.

It could easily react against Dade County, however, by the rest of the state voting against candidates merely because they are from Dade.

The next four years will tell if Robert Shevin lives up to his campaign promises.

Signs Of The City's Integrity?

THE HERALD headline on Feb. 21, 1965, proclaimed: "Signs and Slums, Our Sorest Sights." The story described the visual pollution in Miami and the efforts to reduce it. Five years ago, the promises were urban renewal and a Miami ordinance aimed at a 12-year phasing out of roof signs and a five-year phasing out of non-conforming billboards.

But now the billboard companies are trying to squirm out of the compromise agreement reached five years ago after months of hearings before the Miami planning board and city commission.

Unfortunately, Alice Wainwright is no longer a member of the commission.

The community must hope this outstanding civic leader will be at Miami city hall this morning to speak against a gutting of that 1965 law aimed at getting rid of non-conforming signs which include the visual mess along Biscayne Blvd.

The architects will be at city hall today with their expert testimony on the environment and how man has damaged the quality of life through careless zoning.

As for the knuckling under by the city planning board, we can only shrug and figure it is more of the same from a public body that has a monumental record for doing the wrong thing. The very idea of calling it a planning board is a joke. Why not rename it the Handy Dandy Rezoning and Variance Society? That's what it is.

Today's decision on the sign ordinance is an important one for the city. It will indicate whether city hall is sincere about its talk of creating a new image for downtown.

If he doesn't, he says he's going to resign, and if Richard Stone maintains the high quality in office Secretary of State Tom Adams did, and Tom O'Malley satisfies the angry auto owners insurance wise, and there's no attempt to gain special advantage for Dade County, just maybe the stigma which seems certain to be placed on Dade County in the future might be stayed.

If even one of Dade's cabinet members does not, image as pure as Caesar's wife, by the time he runs for re-election, coming from Dade County will be tantamount to a "kiss of death" politically for all Dade candidates.

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"KNIGHTS RUN POLITICS"

The Miami Herald who bullies all and sundry through their editorial columns cannot themselves take it.

When a courageous individual or newsman fights back at the Herald or exposes them, they seek cover.

Classic example; they compromised gladly with the owner of the Fountainebleu Hotel when he sued them for libel.

And when their own columnist Jim Bishop accused that "the politicians are not power in Florida. Power reposes in the hands of the brothers Knight - James and John - who publish The Miami Herald, and men like Mitchell Wolfson, who corners television and radio and a bank vault.

"The communications industry has more muscle in Florida than anywhere else in America.", did the Herald show its courage and concern for its public image by drawing particular attention to what one of their own columnists wrote and comment as an ethical newspaper would? No, they acted like the cowards they are - they left Jim Bishop's column out of the paper that day.

We are printing the entire column at the end of this article, we clipped it from the Orlando Sun a little over a year ago. THE MIAMI HERALD CAN DISH IT OUT BUT THEY CAN'T TAKE IT.

The Herald demands that all officials of public bodies act in a manner beyond reproach. Yet they themselves used influence and devious tactics to gain a multi-million dollar property from the Federal Government, TV Channel 7, which, when the facts were brought to light, were forced to surrender. They seem to live by the rule "Do as I SAY not as I DO".

When the Herald deleted Jim Bishop's column on the day it was supposed to appear it was an admission they have an Achilles heel, THE TRUTH WOULD DESTROY THE MIAMI HERALD'S HOLD ON THE STATE AND THIS COMMUNITY. At present all they have to do

is mention in their editorial columns that this or that official, or that governmental body should act thusly and lo and behold at the first opportunity, that is what occurs. But the Herald's obvious hesitance for the truth to be published in their own paper under one of their favorite columnists byline, we repeat, proves they are not what they demand others be.

They are out to build the Herald into a powerful money making corporation. Their every endeavor points in this direction. They are trying to take over the community through the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce which was organized as an arm of the Miami Herald. Their general manager, Alvah Chapman heads it. The desires of the Herald are now projected through the Chamber which they have anointed with a semi-official status.

The Herald was instrumental in cutting the worth of the Homestead tax exemption in half. In an April 14th editorial they favored more jobless if it would curb inflation. They are interested and only interested in Big Business. (People who advertise with them) The Miami Herald engineered a 75% cut in the inventory tax, they are now working to abolish it all together although they realize this casts the burden on the shoulders of homeowners. They were successful in saving millions of dollars yearly for their advertising friends through this inventory tax cut.

Since we're on the subject of the Herald we want to point out that for the first time in our memory, newsmen deliberately violated a confidence! A couple of Miami Herald reporters testified before the Grand Jury as to what Diamond and Edwards told them regarding the Gerstein matter. This accounted for at least 10 of the indictments against the pair which were later squashed, but the indictment against newsmen for violation of a confidence CAN NEVER BE ERADICATED!

Where Else Can One Find A Comedian As Governor?

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JIM BISHOP

FOR A FEW dollars, the tourists fly to Grand Bahama to try roulette, chemin de fer, and the clanking slots. For a hundred, a couple of sports can charter a fishing boat and go out into the inky blue of the Gulf Stream for the big ones.

You can bet on jai alai players at Miami and Dania, or lie on a lounge beside a swimming pool and watch the action undulate.

Nothing in the world matches it. The south of France is a dowager on a crutch compared to this. The Italian Riviera is an assortment of quaint shops and gigolos who do not know how to jiggle. Hong Kong? It's a gold-plated laundry ticket. Majorca? It's not tuned in. St. Tropez? Dead shells on the beach. Acapulco? A creep in the deep.

AMERICA HAS good year-round resorts like Los Angeles, Las Vegas, the Monterey Peninsula, New York, and a new one, Galveston. But, in the 100 days of blizzards, 7,500,000 tourists (which almost matches the population of the state) troop to Florida for the fun.

Fun cannot be equated with perfec-

tion. Fun is entertainment, laughter, jollity.

Where else can one find a comedian as governor, or expensive highways that start, and die, four miles from a village?

Florida even saves its best murders for the season. Two weeks ago, a man and woman were found chained to a bed. The cops greet the mafiosa at the airport, but can't think of a charge to hold them in the local sneezer. A state like that can't be all bad.

LITTLE GIRLS nine years old are taken to nightclubs in Balenciaga gowns to listen to dirty jokes.

Steaks the size of pork chops run to \$8 a rattle, and you can go to hotel clubs and see Tony Bennett, Eddie Fisher, Frank Sinatra, Jackie Mason, Sammy Davis, Buddy Hackett, or, on a fairway, Jackie Gleason, the saloon keeper's intellectual.

Fort Lauderdale now rivals Miami and, come Easter, the college kids become aggressive on beer. Michael Kent and his poetic violinists choke the sentimentalists at The Casino. Harry's American Bar at the Eden Roc gets a big play and bring your own flashlight. The Celebrity Room at the Diplomat is so expensive that the lamb chops wear real lace pants.

THE PER CAPITA income of the natives is \$50 a week, but they are permitted to watch the tourists free.

The pilgrims spend \$750,000,000 per season, and there are more press agents than oranges. These are the ones who mail the pictures of the curvy cuties north to the freezing editors in Dubuque and Portland.

Palm Beach has become a wax museum. The wild action is getting out of bed. Coral Gables is Spanish moss over sauteed snob. Hollywood, which surprised everyone, is spreading north to Lauderdale and south toward Miami.

The indoor game in all these towns is to indict sheriffs. They seldom go to jail, but it makes good copy on days when no body floats in the canals.

THE POLITICIANS dine at Joe's Stone Crabs or Casa Santino, but the politicians are not power in Florida. Power reposes in the hands of the brothers Knight — James and John — who publish The Miami Herald, and men like Mitchell Wolfson, who corners television and radio and a bank vault.

(The communications industry has more muscle in Florida than anywhere else in America.) It puts the Gold Coast in gear and keeps it on the rails. The tinkle of gold makes pickers of the old pirates.

Then, the hundred days are over. The exodus is on. The planes flip out one per minute. Cars with suriboards clog the highways. Hotel robberies become uneconomical. The natives eat hominy and grits and wait for the next coconut to fall . . .