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FALSE ATTACK

Any one who is at all familiar with the case of the State against F. H. Casper would know that the defendant was tried before me as the judge of the City Recorder's Court and it makes no difference that the cowardly writer of that letter did not call my name, because I am the one who defended his slanderous and scurrilous statement to harm and damage.

ABLE DEFENSE

The letter that you published anonymously on July 30, 1955, charges that Mr. Casper was not allowed to offer the testimony of his witnesses. This is a false, scurrilous and defamatory charge against me. The truth is that Mr. Casper was represented by Warren C. Stack, an able and competent attorney who was diligent in his efforts to put before the court everything that he could in favor of Mr. Casper. Every witness that Mr. Stack had sworn for Mr. Casper, testified in behalf of Casper, and Mr. Stack knew and intended to introduce the testimony of every witness he had. After all the evidence on the question of the introduction of the testimony of Mr. Casper was introduced, Mr. Stack stated that he had some character witnesses that he wanted to offer in behalf of Mr. Casper if I cared to hear them, and I told Mr. Stack that he could put up his witnesses as he saw fit.

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The fact that the Supreme Court is appointed for life is the greatest tragedy of the United States, for no matter how lousy they might get, nothing can be done about it. For dislodging a Supreme Court justice would be about as great a heresy to the average lawyer as stealing the judge's pants.

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McCarthy: The Big, Bad Wolf Is Dead

LIKE the Big, Bad Wolf, Sen. Joe McCarthy continues to huff and puff at the administration's door. But, alas, he is not the wolf he used to be. With nonchalance and insouciance, the Senate's GOP leadership gently shoos him away so it can get on with the business at hand.

Eisenhower has strengthened the cause of global peace if McCarthy doesn't kill it, Congress does. And if anyone doubts the responsiveness of Congress to the will of the people, let them note how McCarthy's Senate colleagues shrug off the senator's irresponsible oratory.

The noisy junior senator from Wisconsin may not yet realize it but the feeling of the American people on that subject is rather ably reflected in the attitude of Congress.

Even recent admirers of McCarthy and the "ism" he founded no longer leap to his support. Some like Sen. Mundt (R-S.D.) and Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz.)—even say they do not believe U.S. citizens will buy the McCarthy line on Geneva under any circumstances.

The Final, Final Act By Talbot

A strange sadness comes over one who reads the letters exchanged between President Eisenhower and Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbot. Mr. Talbot, clear in his mind his actions have been within the bounds of ethics, is quitting only to save the President from embarrassment. He is a victim of "distorted publicity."

It does unless one wipes away the tears and remembers the business solicitation letters Mr. Talbot wrote on Air Force stationery, his sharp words to the R.C.A. attorney who wondered about the ethics of that firm doing business with Talbot's private firm, and his use of the Air Force general counsel as his private attorney.

Shoo, Fly!

WHERE do July flies fly in August? Nowhere. They recognize no anomaly in sticking to their posts and making their horrible sound after the month of their name is gone. Even into September they will sing, celebrating the harshness of heat.

July flies may be very fine insects. Like the well-known cartoon they may be performing great service to mankind. But until such evidence comes before us, we declare unhesitatingly against the presence of July flies in August or September or October or any month that moves toward the season of coolness.

Bafflebag: Order Out Of Chaos?

IN the long, anxious and notably exasperating search for meaning, Washington correspondents are finding Capitol Hill a bigger and bigger puzzle. You thought things were bad in the days of the New Deal's "alphabet soup" agencies, and nobody's book?

government official's speech contained this crazy, mixed-up gem: "We are peaking our program philosophically, but it is naive to assume the allotment program is an equity program unless the allotments are so abysmally low that they permit the agency to relax and allow market determination as a percentage of base period, sidetracking military return with adjustments. This is based on use levels proportionately and is in the market test sense. We now have the quantitative framework with marginal qualitative allocations to formalize the procedure for further refining and implementing of our objectives."

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