

THE FIRST (AND LAST) ANNUAL MARTHA MITCHELL FORUM

Speaker: Benjamin F. Holman, Director, Community Relations Service, Justice Dept.

Date: Thursday, November 5, 1970

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Place: Room 214, History Corner

HAPPY GUY FAWKES DAY!

ABOUT TONIGHT'S MEETING

1. You cannot ask questions that you want to ask. You must submit written questions. Mr. Holman or some functionary chooses the questions to answer.
2. In the past, Justice Department officials performing the same function that Holman is performing today have appeared at open meetings with open question and answer periods. For example, Assistant Attorney General William D. Ruckelhaus at Mount Holyoke College, October 19, 1970.
3. The meeting is being held at a remote, small place not normally used for meetings of this type.
4. The only announcement of the meeting occurred on the day of the meeting.

QUESTIONS FOR MR. HOLMAN

1. Would you prefer an open question and answer period, instead of the present system of written questions that is symptomatic of totalitarian regimes?
 2. When did you first learn of tonight's meeting? What publicity did you request about the meeting?
 3. The principal activity of your office consists of "resolving racial difficulties" and "eliminating the disadvantages suffered by members of minority groups." (U.S. Government Organization Manual) You believe integration is an "unrealistic and unwise" goal. (New York Times, 11/19/69) Why don't you resign?
 4. Why are you, a black official concerned with discrimination problems, sent to a campus such as Stanford to represent the Justice Department, instead of some other official who is more intimately concerned with the possibly subversive, revolutionary activities that have occurred on this campus? What other campuses are you visiting or have visited as part of this Justice Department program?
 5. Who is doing the work of your office while you are out touring the country? Don't you think you have better things to do (for example, reduce the racism in our society) than what you are doing today?
 6. How many closed meetings are you having with Stanford students, faculty, administration, trustees, and workers? Who are the people involved in those meetings?
 7. Please comment on this item from the November 4 Christian Science Monitor: "Armed with pistols the sheriff's deputies smashed down the door with a sledgehammer. 'We're looking for drugs,' they told the terrified woman who stumbled sleepily from the bedroom [at 2:00 a.m.]. They didn't find any. They had crashed their way unannounced into the wrong apartment.... This episode happened earlier this year in Prince Georges County, a Maryland suburb of the nation's capital." Compare the philosophy in "No-knock, quick-ontry" laws with the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in the Declaration of 1776.
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