

Editorial

Lest You Be Judged

The U.S. Senate hearing on the appointment of Clarence Thomas as a U.S. Supreme Court justice, never seriously considered the issues of constitutional law involved, but only the issue of scandalous allegations. As a result of similar practices by the Senate and Presidency in other recent cases, we have today a Supreme Court majority which, in fact, usually votes in direct opposition to our Federal Constitution: the so-called Rehnquist-Scalia majority.

To speak plainly, today's Federal Court is dominated by justices who represent what is best known in our national history as the "American Tory" tradition, of which Scalia represents the most dangerous threat to the future existence of our republic.

Why do we allow our Senators to do such awful things to our nation as that?

Recently, the former assistant to President Lyndon Johnson, and later HEW Secretary, Joseph A. Califano, wrote an opinion-piece published in the Aug. 31 *Washington Post*. Califano put his finger on a symptom of the problem in our Federal courts, when he referred to the use of a "litmus test" standard for the Senate's consent to court nominations.

The problem was, that although Califano did identify a symptom of the disease, he did not supply the proper remedy. The test ought to be: Does the nomination meet the requirement implicit in the Declaration of Independence and Federal Constitution? In other words, is the nominee a representative of the patriotic, or, like Associate Justice Scalia, an extremist expression of the so-called "American Tory," current?

A person bearing the title of U.S. Senator—which means, in other words, "someone who ought to know better"—should be able to recognize a

basic truth of our constitutional process. Although that process may permit any person to attain the position of Senator or Federal Judge, our national history should have repeatedly reminded us, that we must never be so reckless as to allow those of the American Tory persuasion of an Aaron Burr, van Buren, Polk, Pierce, Buchanan, a Cleveland, Teddy Roosevelt, Wilson, or Coolidge, to constitute a majority of the Federal bench.

There are many premises which would be sufficient to prove that argument. The case of the presently onrushing collapse of today's global monetary and financial system is sufficient to prove the point.

The changes in philosophy of practice, introduced by the pro-racist "Southern Strategy" campaign of 1966-1968, made possible the tragic monetary decision of August 1971; and led, through President Carter's similar views on economic policy, to the great monetary, financial, and economic calamity descending upon the world today.

The monetary and economic system we had, from 1945 through the mid-1960s, worked; the evolution of our national policy-shaping, since the 1966-1968 Southern Strategy campaign, has been a catastrophic failure.

The 1945-1964 system, with all its faults, worked to foster improvement in the conditions of life and strength of the economy. The axiomatic changes in policy introduced by those who followed the American Tory tradition of the Southern Strategy campaign, have ruined us.

The facts should be obvious; but, the conclusion ought to be obvious, too.

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