

THE UNIVERSITY'S GRATITUDE

Mr. Johnson, Mr. District Attorney, fellow law students, on the rostrum, faculty, students, visitors and friends, it is my privilege to express the gratitude of the University for this morning's Law Day Observance--and I might add in language which men of reasonable intelligence can understand. Of course, we are grateful to the Student Bar Association for planning and executing this and other programs to take place this week. We are especially grateful to the Honorable Frank Briscoe, District Attorney for Harris County, for taking off from his busy chores and responsibilities to participate in our program.

It is very fitting that May 1st of every year is now designated as Law Day USA. The communist countries of the world commemorate Labor today, we commemorate and extoll the virtues of law. This is not because we are indifferent to the cause of labor and better working conditions, but because we know the gains of labor, the virtues of our free enterprise ~~enterprise~~ system cannot ~~not~~ be preserved unless the social order is under the rule of law.

Most of us in this auditorium this morning owe a singular debt of gratitude to the rule of law and Constitution in this country; for the major gains in ~~eradicating~~ eradicating the vestiges of a slaveholding society have been won in the courts--in cases prosecuted, I might add, by Negro attorneys, for the most part ~~xx~~ trained in a predominantly colored Law School--

Howard University. We can ill afford not to respect law, for by definition law is no respecter of persons and we can realize our fullest potential only under ~~xxxx~~ a social order governed by such an even handed principle. I *am* teach ~~constitutional law~~ and as a dog has ~~xxxx~~ fleas a professor has theories. I subscribe to a proposition, which Plato announced in his Laws many ~~xxxx~~ centuries ago, that law is pedagogical as well as prescriptive, that is, **it** not only molds the pattern of a culture by coercive authority ~~xxxx~~, but also it is a text book for the proper social behavior to be learned.

The social orders of the world and the nations in it are confronted by a stupendous crisis. There cannot be peace without order and there cannot be order without law. However, order and peace are not enough. There must be justice. Therefore, ~~the~~ *the* sometimes conflicting goals of law are order and justice. Justice without order is a ~~ix~~ pipedream; order without justice is inhumane. We must continue to strive for justice and order.

It is not my purpose to deliver ~~an~~ harangue. But I should like to add that ^{the} Texas Southern University School of Law is moving ahead under the sympathetic ~~xxxx~~ University ~~Adminixix~~ administration of President ^Nabrit. ~~andxxxxxxkxxxx~~ He fully appreciates the value of well legally trained lawyers in our communities. The quality of our students has considerably improved. At all ~~lx~~ hours of the day and night you can find many of our students plowing through the tomes of ~~xxxx~~ legal lore in our library--I cannot say what the mathematical relation of the increased ^{law} number of ~~st~~ students in our law library has with the increased number of very charming and attractive coeds who have ~~xxxx~~ found some ~~x~~ business in our Law Library.

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The law students can better explain this mathematical relation to you, since they have ~~a~~ keen eyes for figures. But I know our students are more conscientious. We expect them to make their mark on the manuscript which will record the social ~~gains~~ and economic gains of our people in the years to come. ^PWe are proud to say we have an integrated faculty and student body, working ~~harmoniously~~ and studying harmoniously together for more or less common goals and purposes. Our School is a living proof that the high principles inscribed in our ^Constitution are more than just ^a sanctimonious exercise in pious pronouncements. We are proud of the achievements of many of our graduates and we look with ~~renewed~~ renewed assurance upon the appointment of one our alumnus to the United State District Attorney's office here in Houston and the many other offers our students and graduates are ~~receiving~~ receiving from the United States Civil Service ^{Commission} and various governmental ~~agencies~~ agencies.

High above sadness a smile ~~bursts~~ bursts into bloom. We are not sure the recent reports in the newspapers herald the coming of a killing frost and bleak winter. We will not flinch in our effort to prepare those who will open even more the wellspring of liberty which has so much so partially far/quenched our thirst for a better drink of the opportunities of our great country and big state. ^PMr. District Attorney, we have eager learners in our School of Law, and I feel certain that they have learned much from your remarks today. I am sure our ~~law~~ law students, as well as the others who ^{here} have heard your informative and stirring address this morning,

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will leave this ~~site~~ auditorium rededicated to the rule of law, the Wellspring of our Liberty. Thank you for coming. Thank you, Mr. Johnson and members of the Student Bar Association. The University is grateful to you and our government because you are committed to the rule of law. *P* May the spirit of liberty, and the rule of law which nourishes it, grow to full fruition.