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Tape 1

Q: Hows that?

A: Well, make a speech, you know, _____ recorded _____
actually a friend of mine,

Q: Was the _____

A: A little thing called

(INAUDIBLE -- CAN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF THIS)

Q: What happens to people like some of the students
that I encountered there in '55 and '56, whose opinions are strong,
_____ this is an attack on my _____, I don't want to be told by
_____ -A+ what I'm gonna think or do, I'll be anybody, will be
anybody I want to be, or read anybook I want to read -- I'm a
_____ all the way up to the _____ such as
being, you know, not resigned to integation, but for integration.
Now, what's happened to those kids, this is only 8 years ago. What's
happened to them.

A: When I left in xxx /54, this was strong, _____ oh, I
would say, represented 75-80% of the student body, and a vast majority
of the students would say, yes, I favor desegregation. But before
I left, I was only 3-1/2 years, before I left there, _____
White Citizens Council just that strong.
Of course it is much stronger now than it was when I left there, back
in _____, so that you still have a few students, are in this position,
but not very _____

Q: What happened to them, how do you _____

~~Wxx~~ A: When these kids were growing up, of course, I wasn't too far ahead of them, ~~wxxx~~ when I was growing up, this wasn't really an issue. There were white kids and Negro kids. And we assumed that we would go to school together, and would talk about it. So when I got grown and went ~~a~~ away to college, and sorority, and so on, I was ~~a~~ really ^{free} pleased to make up my own mind. But these _____ they get in the school, in the church, in the home, from the day they're born, and so that _____ issue with them, and a closed line, it's not really, _____ so that's they get to college, and _____

Q: The ones in college now.

A: The ones in college now, ~~a~~ what happened to those kids that you're referring to, _____

A: ~~Wx~~ Even when I was there, there was room to fight. Didn't get much support, but you could, you could fight, _____

Nobody denied me freedom of speech. The only way to do it, you know, was just a matter of whether or ~~not~~ I want to pay the price. Well, the price at that time, I was willing to pay, it was a very modest price. You know, some folks didn't like to, but _____ some folks would try to get you ~~x~~ fired, but that _____ price. _____ But the price now, is really, _____

Q: Well, there's a good chance that a colored man won't survive ~~in~~ physically.

A: Yes sir.

Q: What about Dr. _____.

A: Of course, Jim is in a better position now, so far as job security is concerned.

(IM CANNOT TRANSCRIBE THIS MAN'S SPEECH -- HE'S NOT ON MIKE)

Q: Do you have any notion about the jury on the Beckwith trial, ~~the-Beckwith-trial?~~ that? We got a straight verdict _____ or was it rigged.

A: _____ I doubt if it was rigged. _____ one of the prosecutors in this case, _____ Fox, I know ~~xxxx~~ he was he was one of the crowd, you know, _____ and Waller _____ So the fact that they got a hung jury, may _____ when I was a kid.

Q: Some Negroes have said to me, that even if it was rigged, the fact of rigging it, indicated something, considered _____ putting on a drama, indicates something. But the cynicism about it is pretty widespread ~~xxx~~, as far as I could make out, among Negroes.

A: There's no question about that.

Q: Some kind of deception.

A: Yes. Yes. Well, of course, the man will go free. The fact that he has been detained so long, that it's been this much of a nuisance to him, indicates that something is on its way, you know, something _____ I think there's no question ~~xxx~~ about it, _____ man usually had a certainty that he would not be _____ Well, ~~xxx~~ of course _____

_____ can't lose _____

Q: What do you make of this , the editorial in the Clarksdale paper after the acquittal of Kimball, the man who killed the young Negro, _____ unknown man _____ later he said , it's not fair the o ~~thers~~ getting all the publicity. I ~~want~~ want some. The Clarksdale papers, came out after the acquittal, and said ther was some excuse in the _____ case, if not for the verdict, at least fort he motive ~~behind~~ behind the case, ^{interference} ~~in~~ some / _____ pressure and conflicting evidence. In this case, ~~there-was--~~it was clear, there were eye witnesses, and _____.

A: Well, in a sense, yes, but I don't remember the exact editorial, but I was there _____ the old noblesse oblige, which I don't _____

there was a time when you looked after your own, _____ very important,

because this was the aristocratic white proud people, you know,

~~wax~~ I was a part of this white aristocracy , I came from the _____, you know,

folks did the best they could under the circumstances, _____ there was nothing _____

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