

Un-American?

Editor of the Daily News:

I have read your Public Pulse columns with a good deal of interest since the sit-down protests at the lunch counters began in Greensboro and other cities. What surprises me is that so many writers overlook, or try to confuse, the main issue involved.

The main issue, as I see it, is this: Does the owner of private property have the right to control it within the law and the right to choose whom he will serve?

If he doesn't have this right, then we already have a state of affairs worse than that which is said to exist in Communistic countries.

If a person or firm does have the right to own and control property, then he has the right to make his own regulations as to whom he will permit to come onto his property, whom he will or will not serve, whether it be an individual or a group of individuals. Those who invaded private property in violation of the regulations of the owners are violators of our oldest and most time-honored laws and should be dealt with as lawbreakers.

Those who want to make a protest against the regulations of the owners have a perfect right to do so, but such protests should be made through the proper channels and within the law. To condone or encourage this invasion of private property in violation of the law, no matter how just the cause, is to condone and encourage anarchy.

Hundreds of us Caswell County farmers are deeply concerned that the right to own and control private property be upheld and the law strictly enforced, for we have experienced many times the invasion of our property against our wishes by unauthorized hunters and trespassers.

Those who show so much concern about the rights of the invaders of private property apparently have no concern whatsoever about the rights of those who own property, which to me is a strange, un-American and unchristian attitude.

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