

'Crucify Him'



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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S WIFE
A few things to say about Fulbright

Martha Mitchell Gets on the Phone

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The wife of Attorney General John N. Mitchell telephoned the Arkansas Gazette at 2 a.m. yesterday and urged the newspaper to "crucify" Senator J. William Fulbright (Dem-Ark.) for his vote against the Carswell Supreme Court nomination.

The Little Rock paper, largest in Arkansas, quoted Martha Mitchell as saying:

"It makes me so damn mad I can't stand it. He (Fulbright) could have done a great deal for the whole vote. . . . I want you to crucify Fulbright and that's it."

Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, made a rare break with his Southern colleagues Wednesday when he voted against confirmation of Judge G. Harrold

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Carswell for the high court.

When informed of Mrs. Mitchell's phone call to the paper, Fulbright smiled and said. "Mrs. Mitchell has become a kind of character around here."

The attorney general's wife, who is a native of Pine Bluff, Ark., was quoted as informing the paper she had talked to three or four "very influential" people from Arkansas who said they would "disown" Fulbright because of his vote.

ARKANSAS

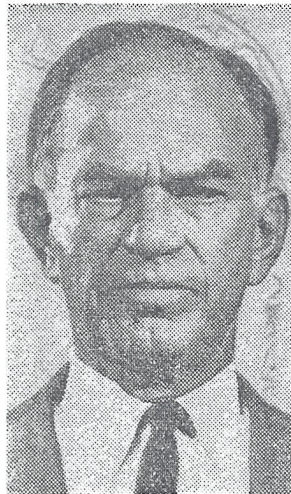
"He is not representing the people of Arkansas," she said. "I love Arkansas, and I want everything possible for my state. I am from Arkansas. It is my home state. Fulbright doesn't represent the state."

To this, Fulbright retorted: "I don't believe she's in touch with the people of Arkansas. She was born in Pine Bluff, but she's been away from there for 20 or 30 years. She's a New Yorker."

Mrs. Mitchell confirmed to the Washington Star later yesterday that she had called the Gazette "really upset" about Carswell's rejection.

"I asked them to put in a letter to the editor for me to ask the people of Arkansas if Mr. Fulbright really represented them," she said. Asked if she urged the Gazette to "crucify" the senator, she replied: "Look, you can say anything. Even the Arkansas Gazette is crazy."

Mrs. Mitchell told the Star she has a perfect right to voice her objections. "I'm just little Martha Mitchell, just in the city of Washing-



SENATOR FULBRIGHT
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ton, period. No right, no rhyme or reason why I have to withhold my thoughts or wishes or anything else."

The Star said that near the close of the 30-minute interview, Mrs. Mitchell said, "Deep down in my heart, I wonder, am I out of step?"

RIGHT

But, she said, "If I don't have the right to ask the people of Arkansas what they think, it's just too bad."

Her family, Mrs. Mitchell said, "started the state of Arkansas, practically . . .

When my grandmother and grandfather went to Arkansas, they thought the Indians were going to kill them before they arrived . . ."

The Gazette has strongly supported Fulbright, whose term does not expire until 1974, and editorially opposed the Carswell nomination.

HUSBAND

Both Carswell and Judge Clement F. Haynsworth Jr., who was President Nixon's first choice for the court and also was rejected by the Senate, were recommended to the President by Mrs. Mitchell's husband. (Fulbright voted for Haynsworth.)

Referring to the latest rejection, Mrs. Mitchell was quoted as telling the newspaper that "I don't know how my husband feels about it, because I am the one most interested."

Mrs. Mitchell's knack for making offhand comments first became apparent when she likened Washington anti-war protesters to "very liberal Communists" and Russian revolutionaries.

OTHERS

She also was reported to have made some heated phone calls during the controversy over the Haynsworth nomination, including one to Fulbright's wife, Betty.

Mrs. Fulbright told the Star she hadn't heard from Mrs. Mitchell this time but did get a call at dawn from someone in Arkansas telling her about Martha Mitchell's call to the newspaper.

"I thought, well, well, there's never a dull moment," Mrs. Fulbright said. She herself called the Gazette and ordered four copies of yesterday's edition