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Laurel Leader-Call on "Judge Pickering's Nomination."

It's the devil's world. If you don't think so, look at the public thrashing Judge Charles Pickering Sr. is taking as he awaits confirmation for a seat on the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, based in New Orleans.

Those opposing this presidential nomination can't attack Pickering's work for the past 11 years as a U.S. District Court judge. The American Bar Association reports that he is well qualified, the highest ranking it can give.

In a tired, monotonous effort to smear Pickering as a racist, the opposition places a great deal of emphasis on a student essay written in another era. They magnify a question he may have asked about a situation in the early 1970s in a weak attempt to brand him as a liar and in

league with the Sovereignty Commission. Is this the best they can do?

They choose to ignore that as the county prosecuting attorney during the 1960s, Pickering prosecuted the Ku Klux Klan here in Jones County. They fail to mention that his life could have been (and probably was) in danger during that time.

Charles Pickering has made an outstanding federal judge, and is deserving of this next step in the Federal Court system. He is a fine family man, a successful attorney and farmer, and a strong Christian leader. Is it no surprise in this day and time that his Christian beliefs are what the opposition seem to hate the most?

He has been criticized for being the first lay leader of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Actually, that was an honor, and a tremendous responsibility which he handled very well.

During his life, Pickering has received many honors. Just last year, he and his wife, Margaret Ann, shared the honor of being named Alumnus of the Year at Jones Junior College, a great compliment to two native Jones County residents from the people who really know them.

And while Pickering truly believes in the Christian faith, his record reflects that he is a judge who follows the rule of law to the letter.

Those who know him do not believe he will try to create new laws from the Federal bench as some of the liberal members of the court have, and still try to do.

That's what is important in this discussion.

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