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"FOR THE SAKE OF ANOTHER MAN..."

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 5, 1965 (URRP): A near riot took place today in City Court as Ann Randy pleaded "Not Guilty" to a charge of negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Miss Randy, a writer and philosopher, had been arrested on June 15 when the brakes failed on her car and it passed a red light, hitting and seriously injuring 9-year-old Frankie Gruber.

A subsequent investigation showed that Miss Randy had not brought her car in for the required state motor vehicle inspection since buying it in 1954. Judge J. Tammany Hack asked her why she had not had her car inspected.

"I swear - by my life and my love of it - that I will never live for the sake of another man," she replied, "nor ask another man to live for mine."

Judge Hack seemed puzzled by her statement. "Miss Randy," he told her, "the state of New York requires that every licensed driver have his car inspected regularly, for the public safety."

"The only proper purpose of a government is to protect man's rights, which means: to protect him from physical violence," said Miss Randy. "The 'common good' of a collective - a race, a class, a state - was the claim and justification of every tyranny ever established."

"Be that as it may," Judge Hack continued. "You chose to flout the Auto Inspection Act, and as a result your brakes failed."

"A government that initiates the employment of force against men who had forced no one is a nightmare infernal machine designed to annihilate morality."

"You seem concerned with morality," said the judge. "Do you think it moral that, thanks to your negligence, Frankie Gruber may never walk again?"

"I do not consider the pleasure of others as the goal of my life," Miss Randy replied. "Do you ask what moral obligation I owe to my fellow men? None - except the obligation I owe to myself, to material objects and to all of existence: rationality."

"Your 'rationality' seems to be a rationalization for callousness," said the judge. "Do you realize that you will be responsible for Frankie's hospital expenses?"

"Only a brute, a fool or an evader can agree to exist on such terms or agree to give his fellow men a blank check on his life and mind. A trader does not squander his body as fodder or his soul as alms. Men have been taught that their first concern is to relieve the suffering of others. To make that the highest test of virtue is to make suffering the most important part of life. I do not recognize anyone's right to one minute of my life."

Judge Hack thereupon found Miss Rand guilty and proceeded to assert the state of New York's right to 527,040 minutes of her life.

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