

discrimination. As Mr. Justice Clark said in Gideon's case:

"The Fourteenth Amendment requires due process of law for the deprivation of 'liberty' just as for deprivation of 'life', and there cannot constitutionally be a difference in quality of process based merely upon a supposed difference in the sanction involved."

There is no reason why South Africa should accept a lower standard than the United States in the conduct of its criminal courts. Recently the Minister of Justice has suggested that the various Bar Councils are the proper bodies through which moneys intended for legal aid should be administered. This suggestion is to be commended but the time has surely arrived when the necessary funds should be provided by the state and not through private charity. Only in this way is it possible to ensure that proper legal representation is available for every person charged with a serious criminal offence.

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AT A BLACK SASH PROTEST

(in Johannesburg opposite the University)

By ELAINE KATZ

No concrete corpse. Another freedom shuttered
And obscured in negative. The obituary
Banner swelled, taunting those doped
By gold's narcotic into apathy.
No students joined the mourners, even paused
Their sauntering steps; blinds were opening
In lecture halls. You motorists enlocked
In funeral queue, where were your wreaths of
smiling?

"You scum!" The lorry driver's hooter pealed
Such splendid anthem. Momentarily
The miasma of indifference lifted, focussed
The security camera lens with clarity
On thirty women sentinels black-sashed
Each shutter click to blot out liberty.