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FREEDOM AND INDIVIDUALITY

*He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that.

*The mental and moral, like the muscular powers, are improved only by being used.

*Genius can only breathe freely in an atmosphere of freedom.

*The initiation of all wise or noble things comes and must come from individuals; generally at first from some one individual.

*The despotism of custom is everywhere the standing hindrance to human advancement.

*A general state education is a mere contrivance for molding people to be exactly like one another. (*Not that Mill was opposed to government aid to education; he believed that education thrived on diversity.*) — John Stuart Mill.

- The President of the Philippines is being accused of violating the right of privacy.

THE PRESIDENT'S BUGGING OFFICE

President Marcos has revealed that he has bugged his office and has been able to secure tape-recordings of confidential and compromising conversations with visitors. The revelation was made in Cebu at a public rally in which he presented the NP candidates for senator. We have heard of the Russians bugging American and other embassies in Moscow for purposes of espionage, but this is about the first time that the President of a free country has secretly tape-recorded his conversations with his visitors.

In an official press release of Sept. 3, 1967, the Malacañang press office quoted the President as having said in his Cebu speech:

"Don't you know that many of these supposed candidates (presumably the LP senatorial candidates) frequent my office in Mala-

cañang asking for favors from me? I have tape-recordings of each and everyone of them. And if they are interested to find out what they said, I will give them a copy of the tape-recordings.

"Some of them can be a basis for criminal action like attempted bribery. So, if they really want proofs, they should come to me.

"There is not a single one of them who has not gone to my office begging for favors.

"I have refused them, some of them for appointments for high office. I think you know whom I am talking about. Some of them for concessions, some of them for contracts, the Manila Hotel; some of them for reparations items.

"I repeat, if they want to hear the tape-recordings, I will accommodate them."

There are several ways of looking at the startling pres-