

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



WASHINGTON—The Vietnam War has moved into a new phase. This has caused an examination of our position there, and even raised doubts in Congress as to the best course of action that our President should pursue.

Even while the debate is in progress, however, the question of whether or not the United States should engage in a war in Southeast Asia is becoming more and more an academic one. We are already engaged in a war there. Our men are being killed and wounded daily in this war. We are confronted by a condition and not a theory. What has been largely unrealized by the nation is the extent of our commitment there.

Now we must face certain stern realities about Vietnam and our position there. There are only three courses of action open to the United States. The first is to settle the war by negotiation; the second is to fight the war with a will to win it; and the third is to withdraw our forces from South Vietnam. The third course simply means that we would surrender Southeast Asia to the Viet Cong, who are Communist agents.

The President has attempted to reach a settlement by negotiation. Despite the entreaties of vir-

tually the entire civilized world, the only nations which can negotiate a settlement, i. e., North Vietnam and China, have contemptuously rejected the President's offer to negotiate.

Negotiation, at this stage of the war, has degenerated into an empty dream. This leaves two courses of action for us to pursue. One of these courses is to fight to compel North Vietnam to stop fighting and come to the conference table. This requires a military victory. The other course is to withdraw our forces and surrender our position in South Vietnam.

Surrender of South Vietnam poses a problem of immense importance to all of Asia. It would lead to a serious weakness of our position in the free world, India, and a host of other Asian nations, would be subjected to Red Chinese domination. Surrender would have a vast influence on the freedom of Malaysia, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and even the United States itself. All of mankind's experience demonstrates, too, that surrender whets the appetite of the aggressor to attempt more conquests.

The issue of whether or not we should have chosen

Merry Hill News

By Mrs. Ethel Winborne

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Williams and daughter Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rhea of Ahoskie were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Georgia Cobb and Marvin Cobb of Camp Lejeune spent the weekend with his mother.

Miss Vivian White and Mrs. Mittie Sue Bowen of Windsor visited Mr. and Mrs. William White Sunday.

Those visiting S. V. Coward and family Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Coward and daughter Carol of Rocky Mount, Mr. and Mrs. Livingston White of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. Lellie Northcutt of Ahoskie.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley White, Miss Marion White and David Early of Lewiston were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Robertson of Rosemead Sunday.

A. E. Bowen, Sr., of Windsor visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winborne Sunday and L. I. Bowen of Windsor visited them Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Smithwick and children of Newport News were the weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Layton and his father, Bernard Smithwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Cobb and son of Suffolk, Va., were the weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Cobb.

James Love of Swansboro and Miss Nina Love of East Carolina College, Greenville, spent the weekend at home with Mrs. Love.

Britt Smithwick of State College, Raleigh, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smithwick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winborne visited A. E. Bowen, Sr. in Windsor Thursday.

Mrs. Virgie Baker is still spending some time in Windsor with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baker. She has been

to fight in Vietnam raises a military and strategic question that has been amply discussed by General Ridgeway and others. I have said many times that if the original decision had been mine, I would not have put troops in Vietnam. But, since we have committed our troops to a war there, surrender is not the solution of this grave situation.

Standing firm and fighting in South Vietnam is certainly preferable to surrender. As Kipling once counseled England: "No easy hope or lies shall bring us to our goal . . ."

The reality of this day is that we must win a military victory and defeat our enemy or force him to the conference table. No other course of action is open to us in the precarious world in which we live.

there for the past two weeks since leaving the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bissette of Windsor were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smithwick.

Pvt. Frankie Pierce of Colorado has been spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Pierce.

Radio Handles Home News

Information has just been received from Headquarters, Third United States Army, that the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) now has a mission to handle personal messages between servicemen fighting in Vietnam and their families or friends in this area.

These messages are sent via radio free of charge by MARS radio stations in Edenton - Chowan County, and should be limited to 25 words each message. This is the first time that MARS radio has been allowed to go into an active combat area and should mean speedy communications to our fighting men. MARS radio stations who can handle these messages in our area are: Murray D. Ashley AD4HHF, C.D. Office, Edenton.

Jim P. Ricks AD JMV, phone 482-3737.

Jake Hobowsky, AAKVHB, phone 482-2487.

Curtis Forehand, AD4LWK, phone 482-4264.

Lyman Partin, AD4IEQ, phone 482-3162.

4-H Sponsoring Barbecue Meal

Center Hill 4-H Club will sponsor a pork barbecue supper on February 12 from 5-7:30 P. M.

Proceeds from the supper will go towards the Center Hill Community Building Fund.

Tickets from the supper may be purchased from any 4-H Club member — adults \$1.00 and children 75 cents — for plates. Barbecue sandwiches and pie will also be available.

The Enforcer

We search for traffic solutions; but nothing better is yet known than to have a police car right behind you. —Eagle, Wichita.

SOCIAL SECURITY Questions and Answers

George Dietrich, Field Representative of the Social Security Administration is in Edenton every Thursday and is located in the old Municipal Building.

One of the busiest places around right now is the Greenville social security office where the people are taking claims and explaining the changes made in the social security law, Thomas F. Wyatt, social security district manager in Greenville, said today.

"There is one problem that concerns us," Wyatt stated, "and we are asking the public to help. This is: how to get in touch with persons 65 or over who do not receive social security or railroad retirement benefits. This is important because these people may be eligible for the new program of health insurance — sometimes called Medicare."

If anyone knows or is related to someone 65 or over who does not receive social security or railroad retirement benefits, please get in touch with a social security office or tell your friend to reach social security, if he

has not already done so. These individuals have until March 31, 1966, to sign up for the voluntary medical insurance if they want this protection when the program starts on July 1, 1966.

Wyatt also called attention to the fact that the Greenville Office is open every Saturday morning between now and the end of March.

The Greenville social security office is located at 207 Boyd Avenue. The telephone number is 758-3121.

Not Political

Pool Hall Citizen—During the election, I went all over the neighborhood kissing babies, kissing young girls, kissing mothers, kissing just about everyone.

Sidewalk Civic Leader—What office were you running for?

P. H. C.—Oh, I wasn't running for any office. I was just out for the smooching.

FELTON BOOKED

David Lee Felton, Route 1, Tynet, has been booked by Edenton Police Department for reckless driving. He was cited to appear in Chowan County Recorder's Court on March 1.

Tough "This is tough luck," said Ham mournfully, as he lean-

ed out of a window of the Ark.

"What's the kick now?" inquired Shem.

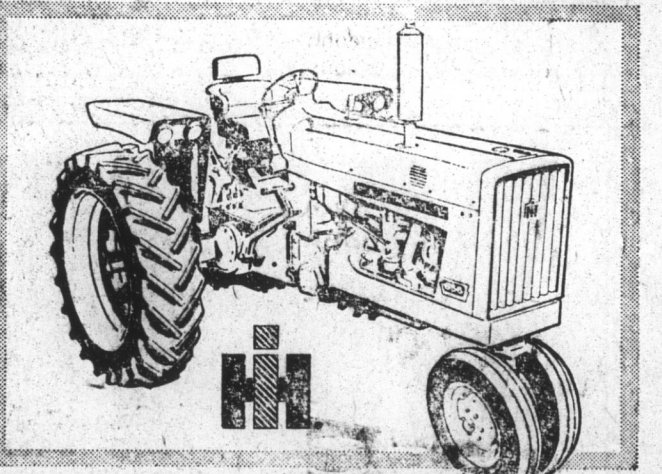
"Why, we've got all this water around us to fish in," replied Ham, "and only two fish worms on board."

Submit, and thou conquerest: serve and thou'lt command. —Ovid.

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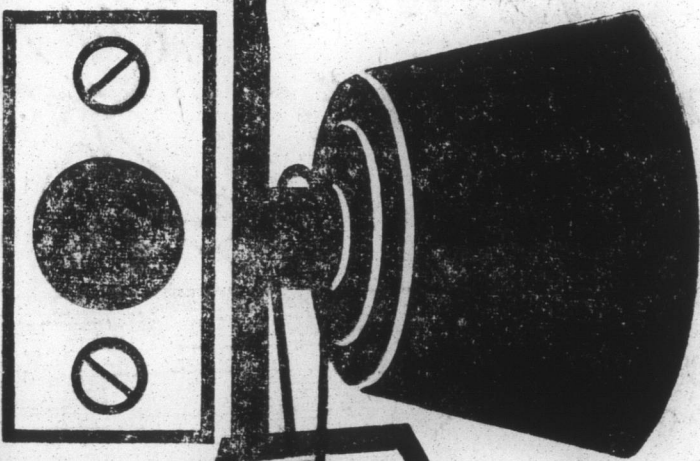
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