



Report From Washington By Rep. Walter B. Jones

The Committee on Banking and Currency brought a bill to the floor of the House which provided for the manufacture of one dollar denomination coins, as well as a change in the design of fifty-cent coins. It also provided that these coins would be minted of cupro-nickel on copper, rather than from silver. This is the same type coin as the present quarters and dimes. The new dollar coin would have carried the portrait of the late President Eisenhower.

The basic argument for the passage of this legislation was the fact that only a very small percentage of the one and one-fourth billion silver half dollars minted since 1963 are actually circulating.

This coin legislation was considered on the suspension calendar, which requires a two-thirds vote for approval. The record vote was 205 yeas to 140 nays, which was not the required two-thirds majority. Therefore, the legislation failed.

All members of the North Carolina delegation who were present voted against the bill, except Representative Galifinakis, who voted yes.

The House approved two education bills, one to provide for educational assistance to gifted and talented children, and the other to provide special programs for children with specific learning disabilities.

The special problems of the type student involved in these programs have long been ignored. Certainly, it is important that we challenge the gifted to their maximum capacity. By the same token, these children with specific learning disabilities also must have help.

They are not to be confused with the mentally retarded. Rather, this pertains to children with slight perceptual or motor handicaps which interfere with their ability, for example, to perceive words, colors or mathematical figures. The basic focus of this legislation is to train teachers to give these children the proper assistance. The need is evidenced by the fact that the 52 million children in both elementary and secondary schools in the United States, one to three million have these learning disabilities.

Also approved was a major appropriation bill covering the general subject of public works, providing funds to the Civilian Corps of Engineers, the Panama Canal, the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, the Bureau of Reclamation, power agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Atomic Energy Commission. The total amount of money appropriated was in excess of \$4.5 billion.

A heated legislative fight took place on the section covering appropriations for water pollution control. The Bureau of the Budget had originally requested \$214 million, but the appropriations committee increased this to \$600 million. This appropriation is based on estimates submitted by the individual states of their need for federal funds to match local participation. For example, the North Carolina Department of Water and Air Resources

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GOD'S JUDGMENT OF ISRAEL

International Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 19

Memory Selection. "Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets."—II Kings 17:13.

Lesson Text: Hosea 4:1 to 5:14; Amos 7-8; II Kings 17.

In this lesson we shall study some of the causes of the downfall of the Northern Kingdom, and at the same time perhaps we shall more clearly understand that the strength of a nation (and the enduring quality of that strength) lies—in the main—in the commitment of its people to the moral and spiritual standards which are acceptable in the sight of God.

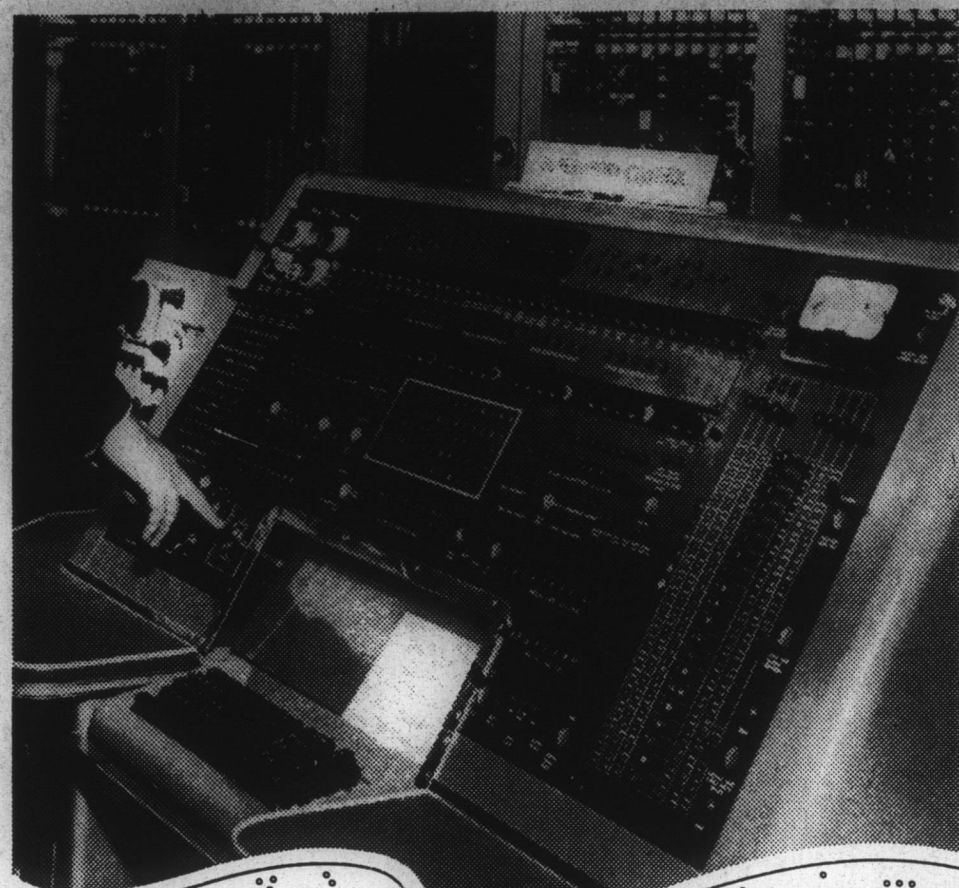
There is no doubt, after the experience on Mount Carmel, as covered by our last lesson, that there was a renewed covenant of faith by the people with the God of their fathers and of Israel. Sadly enough, however, it did not last. The worship of Baal and Asherah was, by that time, on ingrained habit, and the habit (like all habits) was insidious, and hard to break.

Man has always been inclined to have a short memory—especially when it comes to something unpleasant. Alas, along with the unpleasantness, he also sometimes forgets the lesson. So it was with the children of Israel. They rejoiced as they came through each hardship they encountered (and they were many) and revelled in the times of peace and prosperity, completely forgetting that God had fulfilled His promise and delivered them from their enemies, bringing them unto the land "flowing with milk and honey." They became complacent and spiritually "flabby."

Thus it was that God finally lost patience with Israel, and caused her to be taken into bondage by the Assyrians.

If we study the background behind this lesson we see moves and counter moves that might well apply to the plight of the world today. A majority of the Israelites were deported by the conquerors, and they were replaced by people of the conquering nation. Inter-marriage resulted, and this, again, had its impact on history. God had been long-suffering in regard to Israel. He had never let her misdemeanors go unpunished, but He had constantly sought to restore her to her commitment to Him. The prophets Elijah and Elisha had called the people back to God. Amos had warned Israel many times of the coming judgment of God upon her, and had urged the people to repent before it was too late. But Israel had wandered too far from the path of God's appointment for her.

A good parent is oftentimes known as a stern parent. That that parent is not permissive, nevertheless is no indication that he is not a loving parent. Rather it is indicative that he takes his responsibilities as a parent very seriously. He is intent on raising children who will be worthwhile human beings — a form of love which



WHAT A COMPUTER CAN'T DO



Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday Mich 6:1-8	Monday Jonh 1:1-16
Tuesday Jonh 1:17	Wednesday Jonh 3:1-9
Thursday Jonh 3:10	Friday Habakkuk 1:1-13
Saturday Habakkuk 2:1-20	

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We'd be lost, wouldn't we, if suddenly computers were withdrawn from our daily life? We have become dependent on them to schedule airplane flights, point out scholastic aptitudes and aid the Internal Revenue Service in checking income tax returns.

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As today's world is run more and more by automation, we need the help of the Church to guide us in the spiritual realm of life. We need to experience God's great love for all men. In our mechanical world, only the Church can help us find God's love.

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