

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — The Senate has been discussing the civil rights bill reported last week from the Judiciary Committee. Fortunately, the bill passed by the House was referred to our Committee where substantial amendments were voted.

Due Process of Law—I am glad that one of the principles laid down in the Constitution of the United States is the principle which is found in the Fifth Amendment: "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law." That is the constitutional provision which is binding upon the Federal Government and is binding on Congress when Congress undertakes to exercise the legislative power of the Federal Government.

Let us see what is meant by the expression "due process of law," which the Fifth Amendment requires the Federal Government and Congress, when Congress is exercising the legislative power of the Federal Government, to observe in respect to all persons.

The essential elements of due process of law are notice and an opportunity to be heard and to defend in an orderly proceeding, adapted to the nature of the case before a tribunal having jurisdiction of the case.

Voting Referees—During the course of the debate last week, I spoke at length in the Senate against the star chamber proceedings for referees as provided for in the original bill.

In so far as the proceeding before a voting referee is concerned, we have a very peculiar provision. There are these stages in the proceedings before

the referee: First, a voter of the race of those who have been found to be discriminated against, but who has not been discriminated against himself because of his race or color, must make an application to the referee.

Second, the referee must conduct a hearing on the application. However, under the terms of the original bill this hearing is to be ex parte.

Third, after the referee has conducted this ex parte proceeding, he makes a report to the court, which report is in effect the judgment of the referee.

Fourth, the court thereupon issues a notice to show cause to the State official, which notice to show cause for the first time acquaints the State official with the judgment of the referee.

Fifth, the State official is then permitted to file exceptions to the referee's report and have a hearing before a judge, unless the judge takes the peculiar action which is authorized by this provision of the bill.

The issues of fact and law raised by such exceptions shall be determined by the court or, if the due and speedy administration of justice requires, they may be referred to the voting referee to determine in accordance with procedures prescribed by the court.

Under that provision of the bill it is quite possible that the State official never does have a hearing before the judge. This is true because this provision of the bill authorizes the judge to send the matter back to the referee and to let the



ZANY, PERHAPS—FASHIONABLE, YES—With Easter just around the bend, these Italian masterpieces are sure to receive a second glance. The girl at left wears a geometric series of life, topped with a rose; from Turin. The overturned wastebasket effect of the Roman creation at right consists of a series of blue felt pleats held by black ribbons.

referee pass on the question of whether he, the referee, has committed an error of law. I would dislike to have to try a case before a man who had already decided the case, when the only chance I would have of winning the case would be the finding by that man that he had made a mistake when he tried the case in the first place. Yet that is the procedure that the civil rights bill provides.

Youth Night At Ballard's Bridge Saturday, April 9

Chowan Baptist Association Youth Night, scheduled for Saturday night, April 9, at 7:30 o'clock at the Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church, is expected to break all records for Youth Night attendance in Chowan.

Slated to bring the main address of the evening is Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. When elected to this position in October, 1953, Dr. Cauthen was the board's Orient secretary; formerly he was a missionary to China, missions professor at Southwestern Seminary, and pastor of rural and city churches. A Texan, Dr. Cauthen was born in Huntsville, grew up in Lufkin and received the bachelor of arts degree from Stephen F. Austin College, Nacogdoches, the master of arts degree from Baylor University, Waco, and the master and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He also holds honorary degrees from Baylor University, East Texas Baptist College and Stetson University, DeLand, Florida.

Going to China when World War II was imminent, he spent most of the war years doing evangelistic work in Kweilin, in Southeastern China. In 1945 the board elected him its secretary for the Orient, and he served in that capacity until assuming his present responsibilities in January, 1954.

A large number of Chowan Association young people will be featured on the program, including special music by the Concord Choir of the Edenton Baptist Church and a youth sextet from the Ramoth Gilead Baptist Church. Presiding during the program

will be the Rev. Lamar Sentell, Associational T. U. director. Mr. Sentell has written to the pastors and several other leaders in each of the Chowan churches, suggesting a minimum attendance goal and requesting help in informing, encouraging and seeing that all of the young people have transportation for Youth Night. Because of limited capacity and because it is "Youth Night," it is requested that the ages be kept between 13-24, plus any adult sponsors bringing young people.

It is felt by many that the Youth Night program for this year will be a great spiritual milestone in the ministry to Chowan Baptist Association's young people.

ASC Cotton Choice Results Announced

A final report of the number of cotton farmers choosing to plant within their regular cotton allotment shows that only a handful of farmers in this state had any desire to exceed their regular cotton allotment and accept the reduced price support level.

According to H. D. Godfrey, administrative officer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, only 2.5 percent of the farms in this state chose to exceed their regular allotment by up to 40 acres.

percent. These farmers as a result of the increased cotton allotment will have their support rate reduced by 15 percent of parity. The percentage of farmers in this state who chose the larger allotment is much smaller than the percent of farmers throughout the nation who made the same choice. For the nation 6.4 percent of the farms chose the larger allotment.

On the basis of acreage, however, Godfrey said, about six times as much acreage will be represented in the choice "B" group for the nation than for North Carolina. Based on acreage in this state farmers controlling 2.7 percent of the acreage allotment chose choice "B" while throughout the nation farmers controlling 18 percent of the allotted acreage chose choice "B." This, Godfrey said, is an indication that the larger farms throughout the nation seem to be more inclined to select the choice "B" with the larger allotment and the lower price support rate.

Nationwide the acreage planted for cotton in 1950 as a result of farmers selecting choice "B" will be a million acres greater than it would otherwise have been. The national cotton allotment, according to Godfrey, was originally slightly over 18 million acres. This allotment, because of choice made by 6.4 percent of the nation's farmers, will be in excess of 17 million acres.

Auxiliary President Will Visit District



Miss Effie Mayberry, Elkin, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of North Carolina, will visit the first district when the annual district convention is held in Sunbury April 10th.

A member of the William J. Jones Auxiliary to Post 3-7794, Elkin, she has served in all offices of the unit including president in 1955. She was elevated to the state presidency by the unanimous vote of the delegates at the state convention last year, having served also as state junior and senior vice president the two years previously.

Mrs. William Hudgins, president of the first district will be the presiding officer when the meeting convenes at 1:00 P. M. for the representatives of the five auxiliaries that compose this district. Highlight of the business will be the election of the district officers, who will be installed by Miss Mayberry.

Farm Agent Warns Against Wire Worms

R. M. Thompson, County Agent, today advised farmers who have trouble with wire worms or bill bugs in their corn to apply a good insecticide to protect the crop.

Thompson said there are several ways to apply this insecticide, either by spray, dust or granulated form before or after planting or just after the corn comes up. Many fields where soil temperature is cold or wet an insecticide is almost a necessity to guarantee a stand.

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