

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has completed hearings on the U-2 plane incident. The Senate is now awaiting the Committee report. It should be helpful in serving to focus attention on the need for top-level coordination of our defense efforts.

Lack Of Coordination—While I am not a member of the Committee, the testimony released to the public indicates that the U-2 incident was not wisely handled. It does not strengthen our standing in the world when a "covering" lie is national policy. I think the Administration would have been wiser to have told the truth or to have said nothing.

It is hard to make everything run smoothly in all facets of our national defense and intelligence-gathering systems. There ought to be more emphasis placed on the problem of coordination. America's glaring lack of recent years. Its deficiency puts us at best in a poor psychological condition.

Rapid Pace—With little time remaining before the conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties, it is self-evident that any drastic legislative proposals ought to be put over until January. What concerns me about hasty legislative action is that such proposals as minimum wage changes, Social Security amendments and the like by their very nature need most careful study. Both the Senate and the House have already passed education bills. The House adopted the

Powell amendment to its bill and thus delayed action until some agreement can be reached. The Powell amendment cannot be left in the House bill. If it is retained the entire bill must be defeated by whatever means at our disposal because it changes the bill from one aimed at helping education into one which would be punitive. My belief is that the Senate and House conferees will strike this amendment unanimously.

Minimum wage legislation and the Social Security amendments, not to mention the numerous appropriations bills roving foreign aid, defense and other federal activities, require adequate time for debate.

As a consequence of this situation—and with the air charged with politics—the wisest performance would be for the Congress to put off action until a more calm and deliberate atmosphere prevails.

Voiting And Speaking—Last week I had the pleasure of delivering two college commencement talks. The first was at Converse College at Spartanburg; the second was at Mitchell College in Statesville. As it was necessary to be home to vote in the primary election, these talks fitted my schedule perfectly. As a rule the Senate is taking up legislation and voting on matters which make attendance necessary at the time of the year when the schools and colleges are holding commencements. This makes scheduling speaking dates very difficult.

Soil Conservation Society Will Meet In Edenton June 15

Soil Conservation Society members and their wives will meet at a dinner meeting in Edenton Wednesday night, June 15, at 7:30 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant. Members from Bertie, Hertford, Northampton, Gates, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Washington and Tyrrell counties will attend this meeting.

State Senator Henry Gray Shelton of Speed, N. C., will make a short talk. Leslie Rucker of Tarboro, zone chairman, will be master of ceremonies.

Visitors are welcome to this meeting. If interested, contact James H. Griffin, Edenton, phone 2484, for details.

The purpose of the Soil Conservation Society of America is "To advance the science and art of good land use." Membership is open to any person who agrees with this purpose. North Carolina has about 450 members at the present time.

The state meeting of the society will be held at Carolina Beach on June 24-25. Zone meetings are held over the state before the state meeting.

MISS BERTHA HAYES

A funeral service for Miss Bertha Hayes, who died Thursday of last week, was conducted at the graveside in Holy Trinity Church cemetery here last Saturday by the Rev. Virgil Queen, pastor of First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City. Pallbearers were Marion Swindell, Jimmy Dozier, Sam Mann, Warren Bridgeres, Jimmy Walker and Sammy Twiford.

Stars And Stripes Was Adopted National Flag On June 14, 1777

The "Stars and Stripes" was adopted as the national flag of the U. S. on June 14, 1777, by a resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

But why red, white and blue? World Book Encyclopedia says the founding fathers may have been influenced by the flag of the British East India Company, a group of merchants organized for exploration and trade. Their flag bore seven red and six white stripes.

In 1782 the U. S. Department of State explained the colors this way: Red stands for hardness and courage, white is a symbol of purity and innocence, and blue is the color of vigilance, perseverance and justice.

According to legend, however, George Washington gave us a more dramatic explanation when he reportedly said:

"We take the stars and blue union from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

The original "Old Glory" was a world traveler, a refugee from the Confederacy, and a souvenir of the Smithsonian Institution.

A young sea captain named William Driver introduced the nickname in 1831, when he was given command of the brig "Charles Doggett." A group of citizens of Salem, Mass., presented him with a U. S. flag and he hailed it as "Old Glory."

Driver traveled twice around the world with the flag, according to World Book Encyclopedia. When he retired in 1837, he took the flag with him to Nashville, Tenn., where the name "Old Glory" spread.

During the Civil War the flag was sewed inside a bed quilt to hide it from Confederate troops. When Union soldiers took Nashville in 1862, Driver brought out the flag and it was raised over the state capitol.

In 1922, "Old Glory" retired to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C. Flag Day was established as an annual national celebration.

in 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson. World Book Encyclopedia points out that it is not an official national holiday, but the President proclaims a public observance every year.

Not even the President of the U. S. can be saluted by dipping the national flag. According to World Book Encyclopedia, the U. S. flag may be dipped in courtesy to another nation but, unlike some other national flags, never to an individual.

The U. S. is flag-maker to the world. America's skilled flag makers manufacture the flags of more than 150 countries.

The headquarters of the United Nations in New York, where the UN flag is supreme, is the only place within the U. S., its territories or possessions where a flag may be displayed in a position of higher prominence of honor than the U. S. flag, according to World Book Encyclopedia.

HAMPTON GRADUATE

Among the graduates at Hampton Institute, at the school's commencement June 6, was Oneida Felton of Hertford, who was listed in the Division of Teachers Education.

BASS-LANE

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Lane announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Emily Anne, to Wilbur Ray Bass, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bass of Route 3, Edenton. The wedding will take place at the Burgess Baptist Church, July 3, at 3 P. M. No invitations are being sent, but friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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