

**SENATOR
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SAYS**



Confronted with a new national mood and changing priorities, the President's State of the Union Address eloquently presented the challenges of the new decade. The Address, however, did not blueprint proposed solutions to our problems. The Chief Executive said he would propose his remedies in a dozen or more special messages to the Congress later in the session.

There was much common ground between the sentiments

of the President and the Nation on what the problems are. With respect to foreign policy, he called for an end of the Vietnam war through a just peace. He announced also that his foreign policy would deal with the realities of a world that has changed much in the last 25 years, and said the time has come for us to "reduce our involvement and our presence in other nations' affairs." In essence, what the President appeared to be saying was that we have strained our economy and our resources in trying to act as the world's policeman, an opinion which I have expressed many times during the last two decades.

The two other key issues mentioned by the President--inflation and crime control--certainly strike a responsive note in the minds of Americans. I am gratified that the President announced that he would present a balanced budget for fiscal 1971. He correctly blamed deficit Federal spending which has occurred in many prior years as the cause of today's rising prices. In calling for a broad attack on crime, the President was emphasizing a new what most Americans have urged for some time. It should be remembered, however, that neither of these most pressing domestic problems has yet been responsive to simple rhetoric. Any relief in these areas will require the cooperative efforts of our entire governmental structure. Congress and the Executive branch must work together to control



NUCLEAR FUEL ARRIVES - - - Don Goedjens, Westinghouse engineer, inspects a fuel assembly in a storage area at Carolina Power & Light Company's nuclear generating unit near Hartsville, S. C. Scheduled for startup later this year, the CP&L unit will be the first commercial nuclear electric generating plant in the Carolinas.

Federal spending and inflation. Both of these branches of the Government sorely need the cooperation of the Judicial branch to cope with crime.

The President laudably gave environmental pollution control a priority status in the Administration's catalogue of programs. Unquestionably, there is much need to continue the major programs enacted by the Congress in this area in recent years. There was some friction between Congress and the Administration at the last session when Congress raised the budget request for anti-pollution control. It remains to be seen just how the President will seek to implement existing Federal efforts to purify the air we breathe and the water we drink.

While the President advocated new solutions for most of the nation's ills, and should be commended for so doing, his message shed no light on one

of the most troublesome problems of this hour--the crisis of the public schools and what we should do to improve that situation. It would have been laudable if the President had urged that we take a realistic approach to this problem also. Indeed, it would be refreshing if the nation embarked upon a new policy which emphasized education as the prime function of the public schools.

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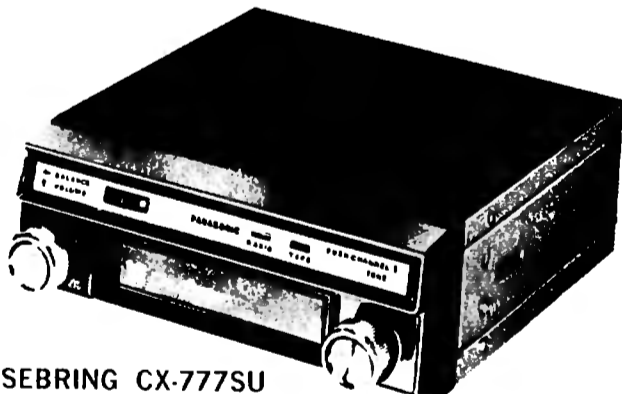
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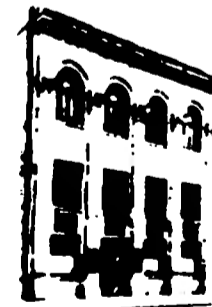
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