

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — The President's defense reorganization plan, embodied in a message to Congress on April 3, is the center of much attention at this time. There are indications that it is developing into major controversy.

Defense Reorganization
The plan to reorganize the Defense Department gives the Secretary of Defense sweeping powers over men, money and the military in general, including operations. The proposal is defended on the need for unity in the armed services. The defense head would take more direct charge of affairs, having the authority to appoint and to discharge top officers of all three services. He could also shift funds among the services. The Joint Chiefs of Staff would act as his own staff, not independently.

Criticism of the plan was quick to come here in the Congress and country, including the charge that the power to shift funds would be a surrender of the role of Congress. There are those who feel that the Constitution charges Congress with the responsibility of providing for the defense of the country and that the new plan would, in many instances, violate this concept.

Presidential Views
President Eisenhower has said that the criticism that the Secretary of Defense might become a "czar" is not founded in fact and that he is going to make this plan a major issue before Congress and the country. He has pledged his full effort to get the people to understand and to accept the reorganization plan.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I have been greatly interested in this problem. It should be carefully considered to determine whether or not it will solve some of the problems that beset the armed services. At the same time Congress must carefully review its Constitutional role in this matter. It must be remembered that strong pressures accrue on both sides of any issue of this magnitude. Unfortunately, the heat sometimes exceeds the light. The plan deserves an impartial hearing.

Accomplishments
Congress, having returned from the Easter recess, took stock of its achievements to date. There have been many accomplishments, reflecting the urgency for action, the hallmark of the second session. During the first three months, the Congress was occupied with such matters as the recession, public works, national defense, highways, postal pay, farm matters, and a large amount of

committee work to lay the groundwork for the busy weeks ahead.

My feeling is that this action to halt the recession has been wise and that it will be effective. As I have stated before, the most careful and profound consideration must be given to avoid ill-advised and extreme action that might quickly reverse the recession into severe inflation.

Along with North Carolina, the people here in Washington were saddened and shocked by the death of my colleague in the Senate, Senator W. Kerr Scott.

William Kerr Scott
The Squire of Haw River, as he was affectionately known, came to the Senate only a few months after I had taken my seat. When he was nominated and elected, a mutual friend of ours stated to me that he sincerely hoped that the two of us could work together in harmony for the good of our people. I stated at the time that I could work with any person who loved North Carolina, and I knew of no one that loved our State more than Kerr Scott.

Senator Scott never failed in his devotion to North Carolina and her people. An humble and modest man, Senator Scott exemplified those qualities which have characterized our greatest statesmen and leaders.

He has plowed to the end of the row; his furrow is deep; time will not erode his indelible imprint upon our great State for which he so unceasingly labored and gave his full measure.

As one who has served with him in the United States Senate, I can testify with pride that Senator Scott served North Carolina and the Nation with honor and distinction, carrying on the high tradition of his predecessors.

I shall miss him greatly. The Senate will certainly miss him, and North Carolina will ever remember William Kerr Scott of Haw River.

May Day

Witches on broomsticks fill American skies on Halloween, millions of valentines exchange hands on February 14, and Santa is busy for weeks preparing for December 25—but the first day of May rates scant attention in the United States.

In spite of the American love of holidays, the colorful celebration of May Day has never really gained a foothold here. Occasionally children can be seen dancing

around a May Pole in city parks and playgrounds, and youngsters in some rural communities still gather May flowers on the first day of May, and leave gay little baskets of blossoms and bonbons on the doorsteps of friends and neighbors. But as a general holiday for adults, May Day means little.

The fact that the Puritans frowned on May Day festivities is given by The World Book Encyclopedia as the reason the day has never been celebrated with much national enthusiasm in the United States.

As is the case with most holidays, the origin of May Day is more of a matter of theory than of historical fact. Credit sometimes goes to the ancient Druids, probably because of their worship of the tree. The May Pole, or May Tree, has long been the symbolic center of May Day festivities. But students of folk customs feel it's more likely that the tradition goes back to the "Floralia," spring festival of the ancient Romans.

Floralia was celebrated each year from April 28 to May 3, in honor of Flora, goddess of flowers and spring. A very gala affair it was, with games and street dancing, and floral offerings to the goddess. The first boy or girl to adorn Flora's altar with a garland of flowers was assured of good luck throughout the coming year.

During the Roman occupation of Great Britain, the festival was probably introduced to the English, and evolved into their May Day. Whatever its origin, the English May Day festival of the Middle Ages was the jolliest of the entire year. The festival has remained close to the hearts of the English people, and is mentioned often in literature of the land. We are told that even King Henry VIII and Queen Catharine "rose on May Day very early and with the lords and ladies of the court went to fetch May or green boughs."

Very strange things take place on May Eve in Ireland. If one is brave enough to listen, the fairy pipes of the "wee people" can easily be heard. Enchanted cities spring up from the sea, and even O'Donnoghue of Killarney leaves his castle under the waters and parades on a dazzling white steed followed by his lords and ladies.

The one rather universal observance of May Day in our country are the gay spring festivals held everywhere on college campuses. The outdoor celebrations include May Pole dancing, and a bevy of

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— By —
FRED DODGE

TEXT: "Not all adults are adults."
—H. A. Overstreet

Alexandre Dumas was asked by an admirer, "How do you grow old so gracefully?"

"Madam," Dumas replied, "I give all my time to it."
"So far in the history of the world," said G. B. Chisholm, "there have never been enough mature people in the right places." Childish minds in people who appear to be adult and have the privileges of adulthood, are our greatest menace to peace, growth and happiness. Disguised as grown-ups, they practice monstrous cruelties that only immature children could enjoy and

ladies-in-waiting to attend the modern "Queen of the May."

Sheep Production Growing In County

Sheep production in Chowan County is growing slowly according to County Agent C. W. Overman. Bemby Wood of Yeo-

others fail to recognize because they share the same immaturities.

We do not become adults at a certain age. We do not drift into maturity. The "triumph of maturity" belongs to those who learn and practice. H. A. Overstreet writes in "The Mature Mind," one is an adult, "if he is ready to act responsibly where responsibility is called for; if he sinks his ego out of sight; if he seeks self understanding and a wise understanding of others; if he tries to see in whole instead of in part..."

Criticism is useless. We can only challenge men to earn the dignity of a mature mind which each should possess. Do you dare engage your mind in this effort?

pin community has added a flock of approximately 350 ewes. He moved into sheep production last year by purchasing some over 300 ewes.

Mr. Wood already had a fairly good acreage of established pasture. With the assistance of the county agent and the Soil Conservation Service County Technician, he set out to arrange fence, and seed additional pas-

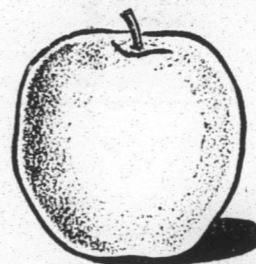
ture sufficient to take care of his sheep flock.

On visiting the farm last week Mr. Wood showed the county agent six new southdown rams he had purchased for breeding. His production of lambs this season has been very good. He is following a good creep feeding program with his lambs and it looks like he will have a good lamb crop for market in May.

Prior to enlarging his sheep flock, Mr. Wood was keeping about 40 to 50 ewes and a herd of beef cattle. He decided to sell out the beef cattle and go entirely to sheep. Mr. Wood was looking for an additional cash enterprise for his farm and one which does not require a lot of manual labor. Thus far he has followed recommended practices very well and appears to be well pleased with his results.

Record Played At Meeting Of Rotary

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