SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS

Washington — The 87th Congress convened on Tuesday, January 3, 1961. Immediately after its opening, the so-called ultra liberals initiated a fight to have the Senate itself change Rule 22 of the Senate without any study being first given to their proposal by the Rules Committee—a course of action required by orderly procedure. Fortunately, they suffered at least a temporary defeat when the Senate voted 50 to 46 to refer their proposal to the Rules Committee for study.

The Proposal — It seems not amiss to indicate the implications of the proposed change in Senate Rules. Under Rule 22, as it now stands, debate in the Senate upon any pending measure cannot be ended unless two-thirds of the Senators present and voting so decree.

The purpose of this Rule is to make it certain that any Senate minority shall be given a reasonable opportunity to persuade the Senate majority that a pending proposal is unwise and ought not to be enacted into law.

Use of Epithets—The so-called ultro liberals sought to change Rule 22 so as to provide that 51 Senators should have the power to silence the other 49 Senators. In accordance with the smear technique now practiced all too frequently in public life in America, the ultra liberals say that the change proposed by them is necessary to silence the "filibusterers". It would be equally as just for those who oppose the change in Rule 22 to say that the purpose of the so-called ultra liberals is to gag those who disagree with them. As a consequence, anyone addicted to the use of epithets as a substitute for reason might well say that we have just witnessed a contest between the filibusterers and the gaggers.

My Position — I favor Rule 22 in its present form. I have always liked the statement attributed to the French Philosopher, Voltaire: "I disagree with what you say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it." I also agree with the observation made by William S. White, one of America's foremost columnists who points out in his book on the Senate that it is well to remember that any rule devised today to silence troublesome demagoguges can be used tomorrow to silence a brave man fighting a just cause."

ABUNDANT LIFE

by ORAL ROBERTS

IN ONE HOUR

In one hour, a youthful shepherd, previously unknown except by the sheep he tended in the hills near Bethlehem, became the national hero of Israel.

He was David!

In that same hour, the legendary champion of the Philistines, perhaps the most formidable warrior the world has ever known, lay dead at the feet of his people.

He was Goliath!

The confidence of the Philistines melted into dismay and confusion. The insecurity of the children of Israel turned into exultation and triumph. All within one hour!

Goliath towered in splendor 9½ feet. He was magnificent in impenetrable armor. His great sword flashed in the sunlight. Who in all the world was equal to this giant of giants?

David was but a lad in his teens. He was too light to wear protective armor. He had no experience with the sword. The only weapon he knew was a small hand sling. It was both gross insult and folly to pit this diminutive child against the might of Goliath.

The fate of Israel had never hung on so slender a thread in all of that nation's resplendent history. It was one of the earth's most dramatic hours.

David wound his sling and cried, "I fight not with sword and shield, but with the Spirit of the Lord!"

What happened then stunned two nations. Goliath fell. David stood upon him. Taking the giant's own great sword, he severed the massive head. There was a shout of victory from the host of the Israelites, and the Philistines turned and fled.

All within one hour!

The history of David is one of the most inspiring stories of all time. They sang of him, "Saul hath slain his thousands, and DAVID his ten thousands!" What was the secret of this simple lad who became mighty in battle and king of Israel?

His secret was in his word of faith: "I fight not with sword and shield but with the Spirit of the Lord!" His secret was his act of faith. He wound up his sling and fired. His secret was the Spirit of God who guided the stone unerringly to the forehead of Goliath. His secret was his trust in the Lord.

Goliath is a symbol, or a type, of the unconquerable enemy. When you are confronted with fear, you face Goliath. What is poverty but Goliath? What is failure, hunger, insecurity, indebtedness or anything which blocks your way, if it is not Goliath? The uncertainty of the future is Goliath. In one hour David slew his giant because he fought with the Spirit of the Lord.

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