

Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON—The challenges which confront our country run deep. We are at war in a distant land with slim prospects that our fighting men can be called home soon. Our domestic problems are no less serious. They concern the centralization of government powers in Washington and run the gamut from crime in the streets to current demands being made upon the Congress to pass legislation guaranteeing an annual income to everybody.

This is the nature of the problem. Yet, when we begin talking of solutions, divisions arise among us.

The Paris peace talks have made little progress to date. The Senate has passed a broad new anti-crime bill, but its fate in the House is uncertain. The demand by the demonstrators here in the nation's capital for a guaranteed annual income for everybody by the federal government comes at a time when the federal budget may wind up with another whopping deficit even if an already mammoth spending program is reduced and a tax increase is voted.

All of this outlines the tragedy of an age when men ask their government to grant them a guaranteed income. The demand ignores the true realities

upon which life is based. It does not reckon with the basis of a free society where individuals produce goods and services in response to needs and achieve individual and national progress. It does not reckon with the fact that even if the government unwisely granted such a demand that it would do far more harm than good. Government does not operate at a profit. It derives its funds from either taxes or by borrowing money to fund its obligations.

Already our country is experiencing inflation that can be traced to federal treasury borrowings over the last 38 years.

What is proposed now is to either tax our citizens far more heavily or to have the treasury borrow far more heavily to pay for the guaranteed annual income. The proponents of this plan have been somewhat vague in their estimates of the cost of providing an income of at least \$4,000 for everybody. Estimates, for whatever they may be worth, range upwards of something like \$30 billion annually in addition to the present \$186 billion federal budget requests. Actually, such a cost estimate does not take into account the loss of revenues from individuals who would be content to let the government pro-

vide for their wants, the disruption to our economy by its failure to create and distribute the things we now consider as a part of our daily needs, or the stagnation which would come to a nation which is deprived of individual efforts, creativity and sheer drive in a competitive world.

A more abundant society shared by more individuals is not to be attained by guarantees by an all powerful government. No government can guarantee that individuals will not have to strive for a living. It has always been so, and to date, I do not think that we have created a world that can repeal the need for individual effort and toil. Moreover, when government provides our wants, controls go with it.

Our governments at all levels have poured billions of dollars annually into programs and efforts to see to it that individuals have the opportunity to live meaningful lives. There is still poverty in our country, but I do not think that a federal guaranteed income will eradicate poverty. Indeed, it could bring ruin to our citizens and their governments.

Virginia Bar Admits Bunch

William C. Bunch, Jr., former Edentonian and graduate of Wake Forest University, was recently admitted to practice law by the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners.

Prior to moving to Norfolk and Virginia Beach he was manager of Sears and Town Councilman from the First Ward. During the last several years Mr. Bunch has been active in the real estate business and the study of law.

He is now associated with five other lawyers in the firm of Murphy and McGee with offices in Norfolk and Virginia Beach. The new attorney was presented to the Virginia Supreme Court June 3 by Dr. William T. Muse, dean of the School of Law of the University of Richmond.

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Respectfully,

H. B. Willford, Jr.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE GREATNESS OF GOD

International Sunday School Lesson for June 9

Memory Selection: "Then Job answered the Lord, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee."—Job 42:1-2.

Lesson Text: Job 38-41.

Today we live in a world that—with the speed of mechanical travel and the thrust into space—becomes increasingly smaller. And it is undeniably true that, with knowledge, automatically comes a blase acceptance.

This was not the case in the times in which the Bible is couched. Then—as, indeed, it should be now—the people saw, in the greatness of creation, the greatness of the Creator.

God, in His greatness, gave man a questioning mind; it is undoubtedly a matter of both joy and sorrow to Him that man has used this mind; he has used it creatively and destructively; creatively when it is concerned with the advances of medicine, vanquishing an erstwhile deadly disease; destructively when it invents an A-bomb, directed solely at taking and despoiling the life which is God-given.

And, should you question the charge of being blase—stop and think a minute. Remember how we waited, with bated breath, to see if that brave human being, enclosed in a capsule, would return safely to earth? How often, now, do we take the trouble to turn our television sets on, to see another launch? We have accepted it as par for the course; we acknowledge that it takes "guts"—and we wish we had them. But we do not wait and watch with bated breath for the outcome. We are too busy living in this world we know, dealing with its trials and its frustrations, to be overly-concerned with a real which we do not know, and from which we feel far removed.

We do not understand a lot of things, while marvelling—in passing—at their existence. God spoke to Job from out of the midst of a whirlwind, and His voice was symbolic of the majesty and might of the Almighty, and His revelations to mankind.

And still, in our quiet, more introspective moments, we cannot refrain (at the end of a trying and troublesome day) from looking up at the night sky, marvelling at the stars, and enjoying the quiet peace that lies over familiar surroundings. We cannot—looking at the small perfection of a new-born baby—cease to marvel at the wonders of a Creator, whose ways we do not pretend to comprehend.

In such instances we can only fall back on the words of Job: "I am of small account; how can I answer thee?" Man is man, and God is God. Man is limited by time; God knows no such boundaries. He is infinite. Man is limited in knowledge, in comprehension. God is not.

We earthbound creatures, who lack the physical, mental and emotional stamina of today's

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Sunday II Chronicles 34:1-7	Monday Matthew 22:34-45	Tuesday John 13:12-20	Wednesday Ephesians 6:1-9	Thursday II Thessalonians 1:3-12	Friday Timothy 4:11-16	Saturday Titus 2:1-10
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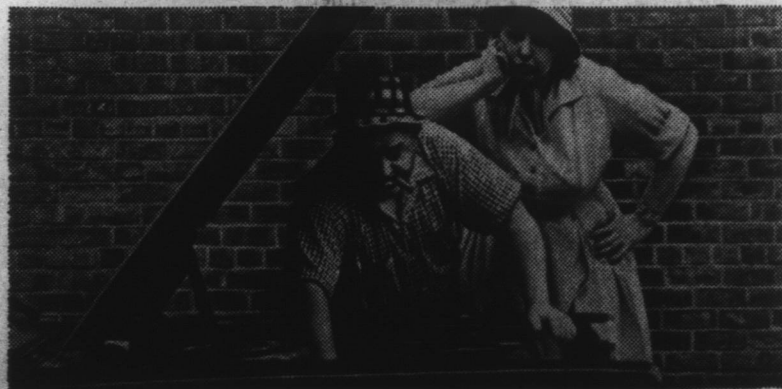
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