

Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON—The latest government statistics show another rise in textile imports, principally from Japan, and reveal that this trend has worsened our trade deficit. The textile industry has been the neglected child of our economy since 1957, the last year in which this country had a favorable balance of textile trade. Early in the Kennedy administration, it became apparent that something had to be done to remedy this situation. The GATT control arrangements for cotton textiles were developed then as a partial solution to the unfair pressures our textile industry was under from foreign producers who benefit from lower wage costs, lesser taxes, and more favorable governmental policies. The 1961 arrangement dealt with the cotton imports and did not touch the wool and synthetic fiber import problems.

The new figures show that our 1968 deficit in textile trade amounted to about \$1.1 billion. Cotton, wool and synthetic fiber imports resulted in \$800 million of this trade deficit. This deficit was \$300 million larger than that incurred during the preceding year.

The problem has immense consequences for our state. The textile and apparel industries in North Carolina constitute about 40 per cent of our industrial force. These industries have more than 1,700 plants in our state. They employ more than 333,000 of our citizens with an annual payroll exceeding \$1.5 billion. It has been estimated that more than 1.5 million North Carolinians are dependent on the textile and garment industries for their livelihood.

The basic problem is that our textile producers are faced with greater costs than their overseas competitors who are flooding our domestic textile market. This condition affects the job security of thousands of North Carolinians and millions of Americans.

The problem has not been resolved because a battle has raged for years in this country between those who believe in reasonable protection for American textiles and those who favor free trade. Consequently, our government has often been indecisive in its efforts to protect the domestic textile industry, and foreign nations have taken advantage of this situation.

It should be evident to any fair-minded person that we do not have the conditions present in this country which will permit our textile industry to thrive under a "free trade" policy. This is so because "free trade" cannot exist unless we are willing to let prices rise and fall with the demands of the market. Not only are we unwilling

to do this, but we have also established controls over our domestic industry through minimum wages, taxes and other governmental policies which interfere with a free market. In addition, the textile industry is at the mercy of overseas competitors who benefit from their national trade and investment policies. Thus the American textile industry is faced with serious problems unknown to its foreign competitor.

To remedy this problem, this nation must now establish reasonable restraints on wool, synthetic fibers and blended textile goods coming into this country. The Secretary of Commerce has recently sought to conclude such an agreement with Asian and European nations. Thus far, he has met with little success. Unless such an agreement is concluded soon, I think Congress should enact measures to remedy this situation, and I expect to support such legislation.

Folk Musical Is Scheduled

The Young Churchmen of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will leave the Parish House at 7 P. M. Sunday for the Christian Folk Musical, "Good News" to be held at the Sheep-Harney auditorium in Elizabeth City.

Officers for the group to be installed at 11 A. M. Sunday include Thomas Shepard, president; John Raines, vice president; Marion Hassell, secretary, and Betz Ricks, treasurer. The sponsors are Dr. and Mrs. Allen Hornthal.

The Junior High Discussion Group will be led by Mrs. Frances Inglis and John Becker. The Senior High Discussion Group will be led by Richard D. Dixon, Jr., and Mrs. Virginia Flora Wood. Both groups meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 o'clock.

The full autumn schedule is in effect at St. Paul's Church with Holy Communion at 8 A. M. Sundays, 10:30 A. M. Wednesdays and 11 A. M. first Sundays. Church School convenes for the autumn session at 9:30 A. M. Sunday.

Luncheon Given For Debutante

Mrs. Thomas C. Byrum and Mrs. Ken McCotter of Chapel Hill entertained at a buffet luncheon August 24 at the Byrum home on West Eden Street honoring Miss Ruth Bond Conger, debutante.

The honoree was presented a corsage and a gift of silver.

Guests included out-of-town debs, friends and relatives of Miss Conger. Covers were laid for 22 guests.

Make Church - Going A Habit . . .

GOD GRANTS ISRAEL A KING

International Sunday School Lesson for Sept. 7

Memory Selection: "Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things He hath done for you."—I Samuel 12:24.

Lesson Text: I Samuel 8-12; 15-16; 18:5-12; 28; 31:1-7.

GOD IS OMNIPOTENT! That is the text of the lesson we study today. He created the Heavens and the earth, and all that in them dwells. But Man He created in His own image, and, of all the animals, man is the only one with reasoning power and freedom of choice. He has the freedom to choose his own tenets, his own standards of morals, his own allegiances; but God controls the consequences of mankind's choices.

We may consider ourselves more advanced than the nations of Biblical times, but—nevertheless—we experience the same need for spiritual leadership that, for instance, Israel did. God, as then, is ever ready to provide Divine leadership to those who truly crave it.

But, in Biblical times, Israel was God's chosen race; He was her King. From time to time she had a stated leader, called a judge; but he was a leader by God's appointment, whose purpose was to bring the people back to obedience to God's commands.

The time came, however, when Israel demanded a king such as other nations had, and the crux of this lesson is concerned with the granting of this wish.

Samuel was such an one, marked by God to take his place in the destiny of his own people. Hannah, Samuel's mother, was a devout woman; Samuel was dedicated to God's service at an early age. He proved himself worthy of God's choice to be a leader of His people. In that, Hannah fared better than did her beloved Samuel; for Samuel's sons proved to be totally unworthy of their devout parentage. They grew to manhood physically, but never spiritually; they became notorious for their immoral behaviour—and they left their mark upon the history of Israel and of Christianity more by default than by accomplishment. For their unworthiness, on top of the unworthiness of the sons of that other great leader of Israel, Eli, caused the people to become restless, and to have the security of an earthly king, as did other leaders. They quite lost sight of the fact that they were not intended to be as other nations—they had been chosen as God's own nation.

So, in due course, Samuel appointed Saul as Israel's king, following God's instructions. Saul, however, although he started out brilliantly, soon fell heir to the failings of humanity. His son, Johnathan, had a dearly loved friend in the young David. Young, upright and virtuous, David soon claimed the affection of the people. They sang Saul's praises—but they sang David's own louder. Jealousy corroded the soul of Saul, and it was not long before he found displeasure in God's eyes.

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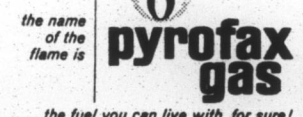
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SALE OF VALUABLE FARMLAND

The undersigned owner will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse door in Hertford, Perquimans County, N. C., at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 12, 1969, the tract of farmland situated in Bethel Township, Perquimans County, containing 36.8 acres, bounded on the south by N. C. Road No. 1339 (known as Pender Road), on the north and east by woodland owned by H. S. Hoffer and Sons Lumber Company, and on the west by the Felton property. This land is in cultivation and has 7.15 acres of peanut allotment.

The high bidder will be required to deposit 10 per cent of his bid at the sale, with the balance payable on delivery of the deed within ten days. Owner reserves the right to reject all bids at the sale.

For map of survey and additional information, contact Dewey W. Wells of LeRoy, Wells, Shaw and Hornthal, Attorneys at Law, 112 North Martin Street, Elizabeth City, N. C.

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OWNER