

# Senator Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON—Congress faces a crowded calendar of bills and unresolved issues following its mid-summer recess. The lengthy agenda suggests the possibility that any interval between sessions of the 91st Congress may be brief.

Heading the agenda of legislative issues awaiting Senate action is the House-passed tax reform bill. This legislation is some 368 pages in length and reports filed by the House Ways and Means Committee embrace another 369 pages. Twenty-seven major federal tax provisions would be

revised if the bill is enacted in its present form. Its most controversial sections involve the schedule of tax reductions for low and middle income taxpayers, a decrease in the depletion allowance for the oil and gas industry, an increase in taxes on capital gains, and some taxation of income of organizations which are currently tax-exempt.

The Senate Finance Committee has opened hearings on this bill. Current indications are that the committee will study its provisions in considerable detail before making its recommendations to the Senate. As passed by the House, the measure represents the most comprehensive reform income tax undertaken since the enactment of that law 50 years ago.

Along with the revenue bill, appropriations for fiscal 1970 have the highest legislative priority. On July 9th, Congress imposed a flexible \$191.9 billion spending. Thirteen major appropriation bills are still in committees or in House-Senate conferences with final judgments on federal outlays yet to come.

Since the House-passed version of the tax reform bill proposes a net revenue reduction of about \$2.4 billion annually, its passage in that form would necessitate a review of spending priorities if we are to balance the budget. Most taxpayers, given a choice, would urge a reduction in federal expenditures, provided they could choose the area of reductions. A

problem arises, however, because lawmakers usually hear different voices when it comes to spending. Moreover, the philosophy has grown over the years to meet "needs" and worry about taxes later. Often, the cart gets before the horse when expenditures get priority over revenues.

Other measures awaiting Congressional action include: A proposed extension of the \$2 billion anti-poverty program, a major anti-crime control bill, the extension of farm programs and reform of the postal system. New anti-pollution legislation may also come before the Senate soon. The Senate Public Works Committee reported out the Water Quality Improvement Act on August 7th. The bill would force owners of oil tankers and drilling rigs which spill oil into the nation's waters to pay the costs of cleanup.

The President's new proposal on family assistance may get early House Ways and Means Committee attention. On August 11th, Chairman Wilbur Mills of that committee indicated that hearings on the administration proposal could get underway shortly after he returned to Capitol Hill.

These are a few of the many issues on the legislative calendar which will receive Congressional attention in the months ahead.

## Mrs. Saum, 35, Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Marion Nixon Saum, 35, 1920 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Fla., died September 3.

A native of Chowan County, she was born June 29, 1934, daughter of Mrs. Florine Nixon and the late Levy Robert Nixon.

Mrs. Saum was a waitress.

In addition to her mother, surviving is a brother, Danny G. Nixon, U. S. Air Force, stationed in Idaho, and one sister, Mrs. Shelby Jean Silva of Seaford, Va. She was a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 P. M. Saturday in Williford Memorial Chapel with Rev. Meredith Garrett in charge. Burial was in the Nixon Family Cemetery.

Williford Funeral home had charge of arrangements.

Most North Carolina soils are naturally acid and need lime to make them productive.

# Make Church - Going A Habit . . .

DAVID'S REIGN — ISRAEL UNITED

International Sunday School Lesson for Sept. 14

**Memory Selection:** "David perceived that the Lord had established him king of Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake."—II Samuel 5:12.

**Lesson Text:** I Samuel 16; 18:1-16; 24; II Samuel 1:1-16; 2:1-11; 5:1-12; 6:1-5, 12-15.

In our last lesson we saw God grant the people of Israel their dearest wish—that they should have a king—a ruler like other countries. And, although Saul was never a strong ruler, he nevertheless managed to hold the tribes of Israel together. At his death, these ties were weakened, but in our present lesson we will see how David drew the tribes together again, creating unity and a period of growth and prosperity. God had a purpose for Israel to serve—as, indeed, He has for all mankind—and a nation's prosperity, if it is to be a lasting thing, is in direct relationship to its spiritual relationship with God. History avers this time and time again.

Although David had led somewhat of a checkered life while he was fleeing the jealousy of King Saul, and although he joined the camp of his people's worst enemy of that time, the Philistines, he, nevertheless, had never lost his feeling for his own people. And when—having been king of Judah for a little over seven years, representatives of the tribes of Israel approached him with the offer of monarchy since they were by then convinced that David was, indeed, their appointed ruler, he gladly accepted their overtures. Wisely, he made the transition of his seat of government from Hebron to Jerusalem, the latter city being on the borders of the northern and southern sections, and not situated actually within the territorial boundaries of any of the tribes. Fortifying the city's defenses, he also made one great, significant move—he brought the Ark of the Covenant to the city, installed it in a tent, and reaffirmed the presence of God in his people's national, political and spiritual life. Israel was one again, and back on the path that God had ordained for her.

This great country in which we live today, and which we dearly love, bears many resemblances to the events recounted in this lesson under our scrutiny today.

We, also, have drifted from God, as Israel drifted from time to time. We have—in the flush of our prosperities (and they are many)—tended to forget from whence our many blessings have come. We have set up false gods—money, possessions, self-worship—and basked in a false sense of independence and security.

But no nation that is not God-centered will flourish for long. Troubled world conditions all around us are creating anxiety everywhere. We will not climb out of this morass of confusion and inequities if we do not (like David) make a great and sincere public affirmation of God's purpose in both our individual and national lives. As individuals we must put our trust in God,

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**WORKMAN** and experiment, even if what he is creating doesn't have any

Sometimes a mother wonders what makes a boy's mind work.

Even when boys still seem like babies, they have a preoccupation with tools and a desire to "make" something that goes beyond their actual years.

This is an urge that should never be "squashed." Out of such beginnings come great inventions, machine marvels, electronic wonders and all the rest.

Then, allow your child to explore

significance to you. Let him expand his horizons in every direction. He was, after all, meant to explore three worlds: the physical, the mental and the spiritual.

Don't stint on any of them. Be sure he gets a good start in every area. If your son isn't going to church school and to church services with you, why not start now?



Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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18:30-40	18:41-46	19:1-18	20:1-12	20:13-22	20:23-34	20:35-43

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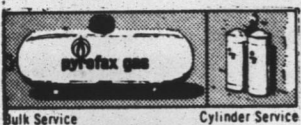
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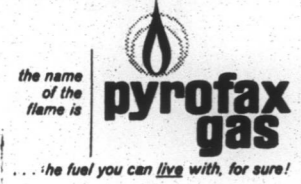


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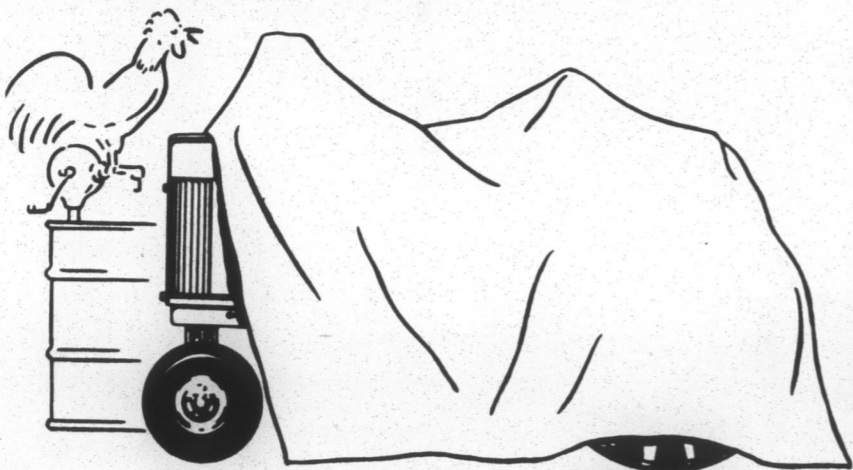
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