



Report From Washington By Rep. Walter B. Jones

Last week the principal items of interest in Washington concerned the military. First, was the generally approved action of Secretary Stanley R. Resor of the Department of the Army in announcing that there will be no prosecution of the Green Berets in connection with the disappearance of a Vietnamese counter-spy. I am convinced that this action was a result of Congressional protest expressed by many of us. With over 40,000 American men killed in action — no doubt many of them as a result of enemy espionage — it was inconceivable that criminal prosecution could have been justified in the case of these young men, acting in what they considered to be the best interests of the security of this nation.

Another military matter was the House approval of the procurement authorization for aircraft, missiles, naval vessels and tracked combat vehicles for the fiscal year 1970. This authorization was for a total of \$21.3 billion. It is important to understand that this

is still an authorization and remains to be approved by the Appropriations Committee, as well as requiring House consideration of the Appropriations Committee's action.

This year the Congress has conducted a wider discussion and a more careful consideration of the defense budget than ever before. And this is as it should be, for with the anticipated total appropriation for national defense for fiscal year 1970 amounting to in excess of \$75 billion, it is incumbent on the Congress to analyze carefully the justification of these requests. In addition, these discussions provide a more detailed explanation of the public at large. Through the news media, the public is given a much better understanding and knowledge of what exactly is involved in defending this country and in keeping our commitments with free nations throughout the world.

Representative L. Mendel Rivers, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, had this to say: "World leadership is a tough business. America has assumed this role of world leadership, and we cannot forfeit it. We just cannot forfeit this leadership. We are the only ones who can handle it, so now let us handle it."

The House considered the military procurement authorization for three days while consideration of procurement by the Senate took 2½ months. The House approved version was \$1.8 billion less than the request made by former Secretary Clifford in January, and \$663 million less than the amount requested by Defense Secretary Laird on April 15.

H. R. 13300 was a bill to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 to accomplish mandatory retirement and the extension of supplemental annuities. This bill was a result of an agreement between over 80 per cent of the membership of the unions involved and the management of railroads. In spite of this, most members of Congress were flooded with protests from non-affected unions urging the defeat of this bill. Apparently these union leaders were unaware that this legislation was necessary to validate any sort of an agreement, because the federal government, through previous Congressional action, is the administrator of this retirement system.

Many of you have forwarded to this office pornographic material of the most repulsive and perverted nature, received by mail. On each occasion I have diligently called this to the attention of the Postmaster General, as well as the Department of Justice, demanding that some action be taken. Finally, last week the Post Office Department denied the use of rental boxes to individuals who use them for immoral or improper purposes as determined by the department's general counsel. In addition, eight publishing firms have been arrested or indicted on charges of violating federal or state pornographic statutes.

4-H Council Making Plans

The Chowan 4-H County Council met at the Center Hill Community Building in September. Pamela Wills presided.

Much business was attended to during the meeting. Camp selections was the first order of business. Selected were: First, Milstone, June third week; second, Betsy-Jeff Penn, July 2nd week, and third, Swannah, June second week. Election of officers was next. Elected were: President, Janie Evans; vice president, Pamela Wills; secretary, Millie Bunch; assistant secretary, Charlie Downing; reporter, David Cooke, and song leader, Edna Hathaway.

Mrs. Gladys B. White then gave a program on the 4-H Citizenship Short Course, held each year in Washington, D. C. This is a worthwhile goal that every 4-H boy and girl should try to achieve. The program was enjoyed by everyone.

After the program, announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned.

David Cooke, Reporter.

Make Church - Going A Habit . . .

THE LORD GOD OR BAAL?

International Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 12

Memory Selection: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."—Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

Lesson Text: I Kings 17-18.

God, in His watchfulness and concern for His chosen people, Israel, has ever been ready to call upon sincere and dedicated men to champion the cause of Christianity; this is reiterated time and time again throughout the Bible. It has been re-iterated time and time again in contemporary life.

Jeroboam, the first king of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, introduced pagan elements into the worship of Jehovah, and in some fifty years that followed another came along who perhaps exceeded Jeroboam on that score—Jezebel, who opposed the prophets of Jehovah and favored the prophets of Baal and Asherah. Therefore, the religious life of people in the Northern Kingdom went rapidly downhill, until God called upon Elijah, known for his fearlessness and his witness.

In a confrontation with King Ahab, Elijah pronounced a drought upon the land that was to last three years; and during that time Elijah, himself, dwelt beside a brook that was fed by a spring, and lived upon food that the ravens brought him; later he visited a widow at Zarephath, whose meager supply of meal and oil was miraculously replenished from day to day (I Kings 17:14); God also used Elijah to restore the widow's only son to life (I Kings 17:22).

After the prophesied three years of drought had been fulfilled, Elijah again approached Ahab and issued a public challenge to the powers of Baal as opposed to the powers of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac and of all Israel. This was to take place on Mt. Carmel, and was to be witnessed by all the people. The worshippers of Baal offered a bullock as a sacrifice, and entreated Baal to consume it in fire. Nothing happened. In turn, Elijah took twelve stones and repaired the altar of the Lord (indicative of the state of neglect into which the altar had been allowed to fall, while the people followed pagan rites); the twelve stones represented the true unity of the twelve tribes of Israel, and were to be symbolic in their placement. Elijah further directed that the bullock and the wood and the altar were to be drenched with water, thus making what was to follow even more impressive. For, upon Elijah's prayer, the Lord sent down fire and consumed the offering of Elijah, in spite of the water that was all around. And upon the sight, the people fell down and acknowledged God as their one true God. On that day, God truly routed Baal on Mount Carmel.

We, today, are mixed up in our emotions and our beliefs about God. So many things distract us. The struggle to make a living for ourselves and our families; the competitive spirit, both inside the country and outside, with the rest of

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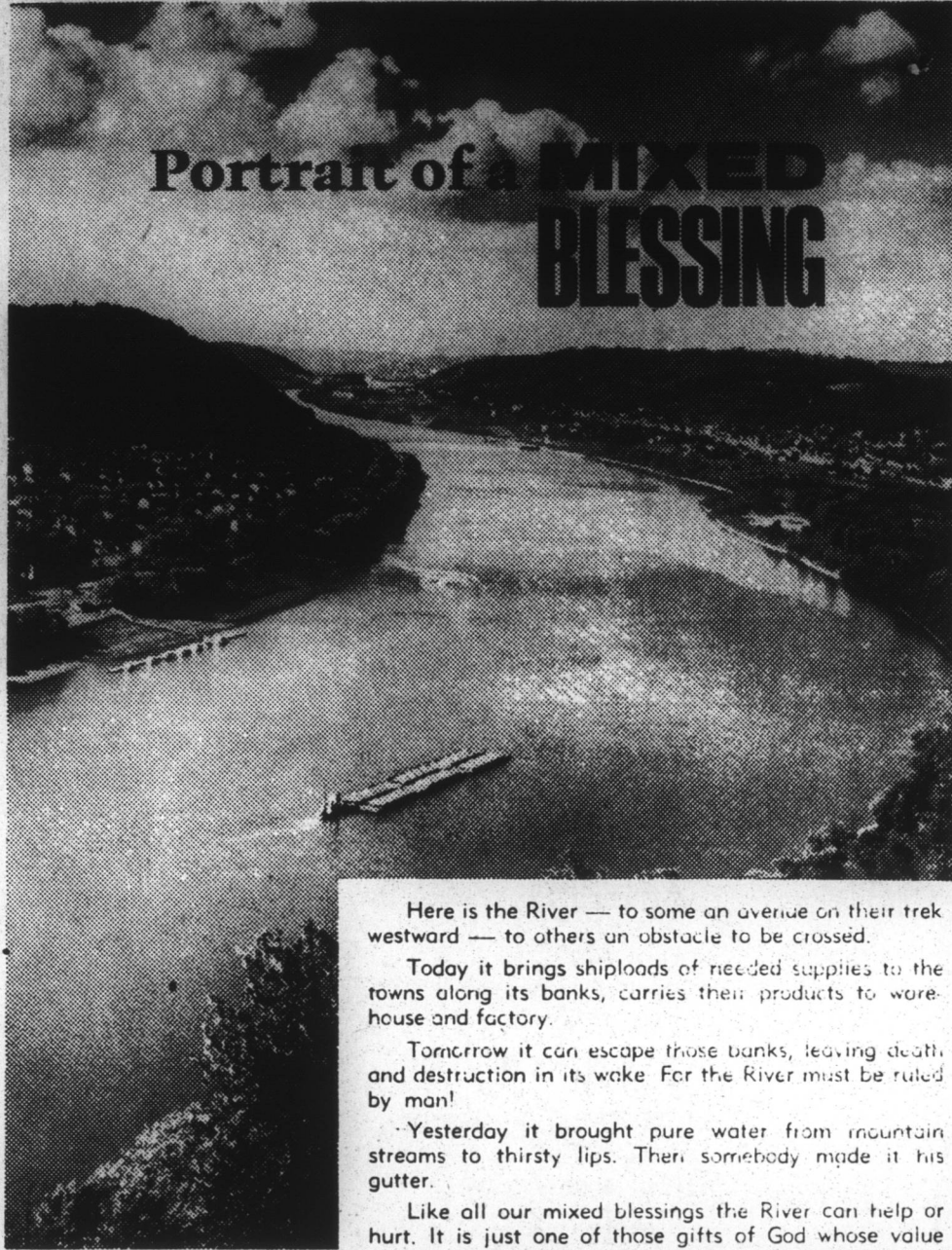
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Like all our mixed blessings the River can help or hurt. It is just one of those gifts of God whose value will always depend on our good sense and initiative, our respect for God's intent and our concern for the needs of others.

Call it a by-product if you please — but one of the results of faithful religious worship and service is that so many mixed blessings become real blessings!

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday II Kings 9:1-13	Monday II Kings 13:14-21	Tuesday Psalms 27:1-14	Wednesday Psalms 130:1-8	Thursday Amos 1:1-8	Friday Amos 2:1-16	Saturday Amos 3:1-11
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H. B. Willford

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