



Report From Washington By Rep. Walter B. Jones

There was little Congressional action last week due to Columbus Day, and the Vietnam moratorium on October 15. Some liberal members of the Congress attempted to hold the House in session during the entire night of October 14 as a symbol of their opposition to our Vietnam activity. This action purported to express approval of the moratorium. Another reason offered was to provide members of the House an opportunity to discuss issues of the war.

The statements made that evening were not original, for most of what was said has been said many times before. In the final analysis, it is the Senate and not the House that approves treaties and other foreign negotiations, such as those which have caused us to be involved in the present war. I refer, of course, to the Gulf of Tonkin resolution adopted by the U. S. Senate on August 6, 1964.

The all-night effort came to an abrupt halt at 11 P. M. when, in response to a quorum call, the results showed that a majority of the members failed to answer to their names. Under House rules, no further business can be conducted in the absence of a quorum. Therefore, adjournment was automatic.

A United States Supreme Court decision rendered on October 13 could be damaging to the future of our tobacco economy. The court refused to review the action of an Appeals Court which, in effect, upheld the Federal Communications Commission's right to censor tobacco advertisements on TV and radio.

The tobacco industry had previously announced the withdrawal of television and radio advertising in September, 1970, yet representatives of the National Association of Broadcasters threatened to continue anti-tobacco propaganda programs for a period of four years after this date. To me, this is one of the most unjustified acts that one industry could inflict upon another. For historically, through the years, many of the better and more expensive radio and TV programs have been brought to the public at the total expense of the tobacco industry. And certainly, without the dictatorial decrees of the FCC, this contribution to the American public would continue. Inasmuch as the anti-tobacco propaganda programs have been based on the theory of equal time, I intend to question the right or the legality of the National Association of Broadcasters to carry out this threat.

The major legislation approved by the House last week was H. R. 1300—the Federal Salary Comparability Act. Each year Congress is deluged with requests for salary increases from government employees in all categories. This bill will create a Federal Employee Salary Commission, which will annually report to the Congress with specific recommendations regarding wage scales of government employees as compared to private industry. This commission will be composed of four members appointed by the President, with one vote each, and four representing employee organizations, but with only a total vote of three.

The bill was amended to provide that the commission's recommendations must be approved by the Congress for them to become effective.

Another act of the House approved a resolution to declare November 9 a national Day of Prayer and Concern for American Servicemen Being Held Prisoners in North Vietnam. It is my hope that churches and the people will observe this day.

A few days ago the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, Jim Graham, contacted my office and requested my assistance in securing a purchase program by the U. S. Department of Agriculture designed to purchase surplus No. 1 sweet potatoes in North Carolina, to alleviate a surplus problem which currently exists among growers and packers. The department was immediately contacted by phone and I was advised that such a program would be put into effect last week with purchases being made through local ASCS offices at prevailing market prices for distribution to school lunchroom programs, as well as other federal and state agencies certified to receive surplus commodities. A similar surplus occurred in 1966, at which time I was successful in securing a purchase program which has invaluable to our sweet potato farmers throughout the state.

Local Soldiers Get Promotions

FT. BRAGG—Two Chowan County Army privates have achieved accelerated promotion to the rank of E-2 while undergoing basic training here.

They are: Joe N. Harris of Company C, 6th Battalion, 2nd Brigade, and Jackie B. Czerniak of Company E, 7th Battalion, 2nd Brigade.

Pvt. Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Harris, Route 1, Edenton. Pvt. Czerniak's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Czerniak, Route 2, Edenton.

The business man never stands still. He progresses up to a point over the years, and when he stops, he goes backward.

Make Church-Going A Habit . . .

REFORMS AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE

International Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 26

Memory Selection: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."—Isaiah 55:7.

Lesson Text: II Kings 18:1-8; 22-23; Jeremiah 25:1-7.

As will be seen from the context of this lesson, the general moral and spiritual values of a nation—or an age—are largely dependent on the beliefs and tenets of their leaders.

We tend to generalize, in our day and time; we tend to trot out, for instance, that old saw of "like father like son." This is not necessarily true. We have all known worthless fathers, and worthwhile sons; we have also known worthwhile parents, and worthless children.

Today we study the meaningful and sweeping reforms made by two worthwhile sons—sons of weak and shallow fathers—Hezekiah and Josiah; the work of these two kings in overthrowing pagan practices and the worship of idols, and in calling the people of Judah (the little Southern Kingdom) back to the fulfillment of God's holy ordinances is inspiring, to say the least, and indicative of what a truly dedicated and sincere spirit can accomplish.

Both of them did away with the idolatry that had so insidiously become a part of the national life of Judah. Both fought an uphill fight in calling the people back to the worship of Jehovah, only to have what they so painfully accomplished destroyed once again by the weakness of those who followed them. But nothing that happened in Judah subsequently to their efforts in any way detracted from the spirit of these two wholly dedicated and religious men.

When Hezekiah inherited the throne from his father Ahaz, the little kingdom was in dire straits, surrounded as she was by both powerful and aggressive enemies, and her situation was precarious, to say the least. When Ahaz had turned to Assyria for help, Judah paid a heavy price in taxation for her assistance. Besides involving Judah with Assyria, Ahaz—in order to appease the Assyrian overlord, gave consent to the pagan gods of that country, throughout the little kingdom. One might call it political appeasement—which has not changed too much since those days. Too often we compromise our convictions and our ideals as a matter of personal policy.

Ahaz also desecrated the temple by destroying many of the holy vessels used in paying homage to Jehovah. Altars were erected to pagan gods throughout the country, and the practice of human sacrifices became almost commonplace.

Hezekiah, upon his accession to the throne, gave voice to his resentment of this evil, and set about destroying it. He restored the temple and called upon the people to re-affirm their belief in the one true God, calling them back to their commitment to obey the Lord's commandments.

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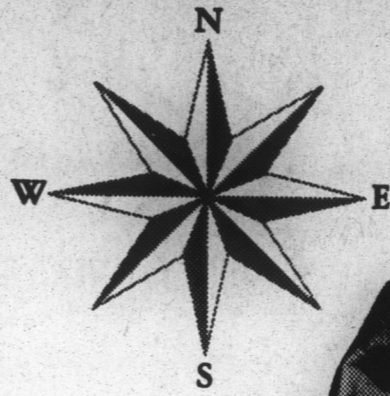
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In desperation, I called my pastor. Calmly and with understanding, he spoke to me of God's love as the common denominator of all nationalities.

And so from the moment I saw them, Sue and Lee have been our own, bringing laughter and joy without measure.

How grateful I am for God and His Church and the wisdom they teach—in Christ there is no East nor West. Without this truth my arms might still be empty.

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