

# Senator Sam J. Ervin Says

WASHINGTON—Confronted with a new national mood and changing priorities, the President's State of the Union address eloquently presented the challenges of the new decade. The address, however, did not blueprint proposed solutions to our problems. The chief executive said he would propose his remedies in a dozen or more special messages to the Congress later in the session.

There was much common ground between the sentiments of the President and the nation on what the problems are. With respect to foreign policy, he called for an end of the Vietnam war through a just peace. He announced also that his foreign policy would deal with the realities of a world that has changed much in the last 25 years, and said the time has come for us to "reduce our involvement and our pres-

ence in other nations' affairs." In essence (what the President appeared to be saying was that we have strained our economy and our resources in trying to act as the world's policeman, an opinion which I have expressed many times during the last two decades.

The two other key issues mentioned by the President—inflation and crime control—certainly strike a responsive note in the minds of Americans. I am gratified that the President announced that he would present a balanced budget for fiscal 1971. He correctly blamed deficit federal spending which has occurred in many prior years as the cause of today's rising prices. In calling for a broad attack on crime, the President was emphasizing anew what most Americans have urged for some time. It should be remembered, how-

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## JESUS TEACHES GOD'S JUDGMENT

International Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 1

Memory Selection: "Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God: for true and righteous are His judgments."—Revelation 19:1-2.

Lesson Text: Matthew 13:1-51.

Those of us who make an earnest study of the Bible and the precepts of Christianity will be completely familiar with the parable; for it was one of Christ's favorite methods of teaching. A story within a story, it contained a moral precept by which a life was to be guided, to become acceptable to God.

Jesus preached to people from all walks of life—to the learned, to the unlettered; He had to reach them all, with no condescension. Some parables were easier to translate than others; but the ones that were hard presented a challenge, and were designed to stimulate thinking, for Christ wanted not a blind and sheeplike following, but a congregation of followers who thought things through, each in his own way, to arrive at complete understanding of God's ways.

Perhaps the most graphic example of this kind of teaching lies in the parable of the tares among the good wheat; the story of a man who planted his fields with good seed, to be harvested in due course; the story, also, of an enemy of that man sowing a corrupt and poisonous version of wheat amongst the good seed, and of the servants addressing their master, asking if they should gather up the tares from the wheat, and of the master replying: "Nay — lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them."

To those who questioned Jesus on the meaning of His story, Christ was saying—let not judgment be hasty; the time will come when evil will be weeded out from the good—when all the facts have been weighed.

So it is with man; his good deeds will be weighed with his bad actions. God will be the judge of whether he is predominately motivated by good or evil. Our impulses to help and love our fellow men are the "good seed"; those towards destroying our enemies are the "tares." Honesty, integrity, loyalty—all these are desirable in the spirit of man; dishonesty, weakness of conviction, disloyalty—these are tares in the makeup of mankind. Just as cruelty is the opposite of kindness, truth is the opposite of lying. In all these areas we shall be judged when the time for judgment comes.

A separation of good from evil will take place at the time and day of judgment. But what, say the temporates, if nothing is definitely black, or definitely white? Surely there are vexing shades of grey in between, where evil is out-and-out evil, and virtue is not out-and-out virtue. But rather a complexity of mankind—a sincere and earnest endeavour towards good, dictated by circumstances beyond the control of the average man. Most assuredly, will the innate prompting be the leavening agent of God's judgment.

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# Our line is always busy



Marilyn deserves an "A" in Communications. Unfortunately, that is not one of her courses.

Do you suppose when we were young we had less to talk about? Fewer opinions worth stating? Quieter friends? Anyway, home was never like this!

Still, apart from the inconvenience, I have no strong objections to Marilyn's monopoly of the wires. Indeed, it has served to remind me more than once of the tremendous need of this youthful generation for the right kind of friends and the right sense of values.

Fortunately, our church has been an important influence on Marilyn's life in both areas. Religious education has fostered moral and religious convictions which are shaping her character. Whether it's "girl-talk" or "boy-talk" that is keeping our line busy—it's just part of the normal, wholesome growing-up of a teen-ager.



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Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Luke • Luke	Luke • Ephesians	Numbers	Proverbs	Isaiah	Matthew	Matthew
18:9-14	19:1-10	4:25-32	6:22-27	3:13-26	26:1-9	8:23-34

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ever, that neither of these most pressing domestic problems has yet been responsive to simple rhetoric. Any relief in these areas will require the cooperative efforts of our entire governmental structure. Congress and the executive branch must work together to control federal spending and inflation. Both of these branches of the government sorely need the cooperation of the judicial branch to cope with crime.

The President laudably gave environmental pollution control a priority status in the administration's catalogue of programs. Unquestionably, there is much need to continue the major programs enacted by the Congress in this area in recent years. There was some friction between Congress and the administration at the last session when Congress raised the budget request for anti-pollution control. It remains to be seen just how the President will seek to implement existing federal efforts to purify the air we breathe and the water we drink.

While the President advocated new solutions for most of the nation's ills, and should be commended for so doing, his message shed no light on one of the most troublesome problems of this hour—the crisis of the public schools and what we should do to improve that situation. It would have been laudable if the President had urged that we take a realistic approach to this problem also. Indeed, it would be refreshing if the nation embarked upon a new policy which emphasized education as the prime function of the public schools.

### Boy Scout News

By GRIF BOND, Scribe  
Troop 164

On Sunday, January 25, at the First Presbyterian Church William Bindeman, III, was presented the God and Country Award in Boy Scouting by Robert Ray, scoutmaster, and Warren G. Nance, minister, during the services.

This award is awarded through different services and studies in the church. William is a Life Scout. He is active in his Scout activities. He is the troop librarian in our troop.

Next week I'll fill you in on the happenings at the camporee and give you a report on Boy Scout Week February 7-13.

**VISIT SILVER SPRINGS**

Recent visitors from Edenton at Florida's Silver Springs were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Outlaw.

**Vets Corner**

Editor's Note: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q. I have a loan on my GI insurance policy. For the past few years I have been paying the interest as it became due. I would now like to pay on the principal, but how do I proceed?

A. Send with your check the stub attached to the receipt for your interest payment. If you do not have the stub, enclose a note requesting that the payment be applied to your loan.

Q. I am enrolled in college under the GI bill. Will my monthly subsistence be reduced for the Christmas vacation and the period between semesters?

A. No. In institutions of higher learning the Christmas vacation and the period between semesters are considered part of the school year. Deductions will not be made for these periods.

Q. I am going to resume training late this fall at the same college that I attended in 1967. Do I have to get a new certificate of eligibility from the VA?

A. No, provided that you also plan to resume training in the same program, a new certificate of eligibility is not required. But make sure that you inform the proper official at the college that you wish to receive benefits from the VA. They will then send an enrollment certificate to the VA so that an award can be made to authorize training allowance for the current school year.

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