

# Senator Sam Ervin Says:

WASHINGTON — After a seven-week debate on U. S. Southeast Asia policies, the Senate has passed far-reaching amendments to the Foreign Military Sales Act. These amendments include the repeal of the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and the adoption of the Cooper-Church Amendment.

While the Senate actions on this bill are still subject to House approval, if that approval occurs it could present us with a constitutional quandary which is without precedent in our nation's history. I say this because it was a most surprising development that the President sought to defeat the Cooper - Church Amendment which merely undertakes to put limits upon his power to wage war in Cambodia and Laos, and then later appeared to sanction the proposal to repeal the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution which would not only take away his power to act in Cambodia and Laos, but also take away his power to act in South Vietnam.

For the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution gives the President the authority to act as Commander in Chief in Southeast Asia with the power to com-

mand American forces there. In my judgment, the United States has no power apart from the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution to be engaged in armed aggressive attacks in Southeast Asia. When the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was passed, it was, as I contended on the floor of the Senate some time ago, tantamount to a declaration of war.

That resolution expressly states that the President may use the Armed Forces of the United States to resist aggression from North Vietnam. It was under that power that the SEATO Treaty obligation was accepted by the United States. It was under that power that the United States undertook to wage war in Southeast Asia. It was the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution which gave the President the power as Commander in Chief to invade the sanctuaries in Cambodia.

I do not know what the position of our boys in Southeast Asia will be if we repeal the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, because the President of the United States has no power whatsoever to act as Commander in Chief in that part of the world with the exception of withdrawing the troops

if this repeal carries. I therefore opposed repeal of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution at this time because I believe such action would make obscure the powers of the President as Commander in Chief in Southeast Asia and his powers as such to protect the lives of our men in South Vietnam. I see no good in making these powers obscure.

Moreover, I voted against the Cooper - Church Amendment because I think it would be tragic for our boys in South Vietnam to be informed that it is the sense of the Senate that the enemy can occupy sanctuaries in Cambodia and issue forth from those sanctuaries into South Vietnam to kill and maim them, and that they cannot enter those sanctuaries even to save themselves from destruction unless Congress passes another law on the subject.

There can be no doubt of the fact that our involvement in Vietnam is one of the most tragic experiences that this country has ever had. But unfortunately, the Senate's efforts to repeal the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and its subsequent adoption of the Cooper - Church Amendment only gives assurance to our enemies that it is not necessary for them to attempt to negotiate a settlement because we will abandon the field to them very soon.

I have favored the President's program that we should try to negotiate a settlement at Paris, or on failure thereof that we should train the South Vietnamese so that they can defend their own land or have a reasonable hope of so doing while we gradually withdraw our forces from South Vietnam. But, in my judgment, Congressional adoption of the amendments mentioned above would cast a cloud of doubt about the authority of the President to take appropriate steps to secure an honorable end to our involvement in Southeast Asia.

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I wish to express my sincere thanks to my many friends who remembered me in prayer and for the flowers, cards and any other act of kindness shown me while I was a patient in the hospital and since my return home.

IRVIN C. LONG.

# Make Going To Church A Habit

## CREATION, GOD'S HANDWORK

International Sunday School Lesson for July 12

Memory Selection: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."—Psalm 24:1.

Lesson Text: Genesis 1-2; Isaiah 4:12, 21-28.

Just as our Memory Verse states, God created the world, and all that inhabits it. It, and we, are all a part of His eternal purpose. We have our roles to play, and how we play them will either add or subtract from that purpose.

For mankind is God's highest creation. We were created in His image; we were given a brain with which to reason, a Soul to guide us throughout our existence. We were given the gift of choice.

God's gifts to man are many. The gift of sight, with which to observe His handiwork, the beauties which He has wrought; the gift of sound, with which we can appreciate a bird's silver notes, the cadences of a dearly loved voice; the gift of touch, with which to appreciate the softness of a newly opened petal, the smoothness of a baby's trusting hand—so many gifts which we take, too often, for granted.

We cannot fail to be impressed—if we will but take a moment to pause from our headlong flight through day after day—by the orderly progress of the Universe. The passing of the seasons, the flow of the tides in the ocean, regulated and controlled by something beyond our ken—these are wonders in the midst of which God has chosen to place mankind.

And just as a tree unfolds, flowers and comes to fruition within its own particular cycle, so is man, within the framework of the universe, intended to come to his flowering.

Just as the trees did not grow, nor the herbs appear until the rains came and sparked the life that lay dormant within the seed, did man evolve to complete entity until the advent of God within him. Until the advent of Christ bought for him with the spilling of His blood forgiveness of sins and the promise of life everlasting.

For it is within our faith that we grow to fulfillment of the best that is in us. It is within our faith that we come to at least some understanding of that of which we are capable. It is through striving to walk in the footsteps of Christ that we learn the meaning of true patience and humility, of forgiveness of wrongs which are done unto us. Through Him we can attain a strength of which we never dreamed we were capable.

Just as God provided abundantly for man's physical needs, so He provided abundantly for his spiritual needs. The tree of life and the tree of knowledge are symbolic of man's moral and spiritual nature.

Every life needs a sense of direction. To the truly devout Christian, God is the direction in which man must travel. And that way is clearly defined within the pages of the Bible. It is not always an easy path to follow, for man is, by

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Huge gears turn ponderously — meshing with others which turn still others, and power is born, energy released.

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Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday  
Matthew  
2:19-23

Monday  
Luke  
1:5-25

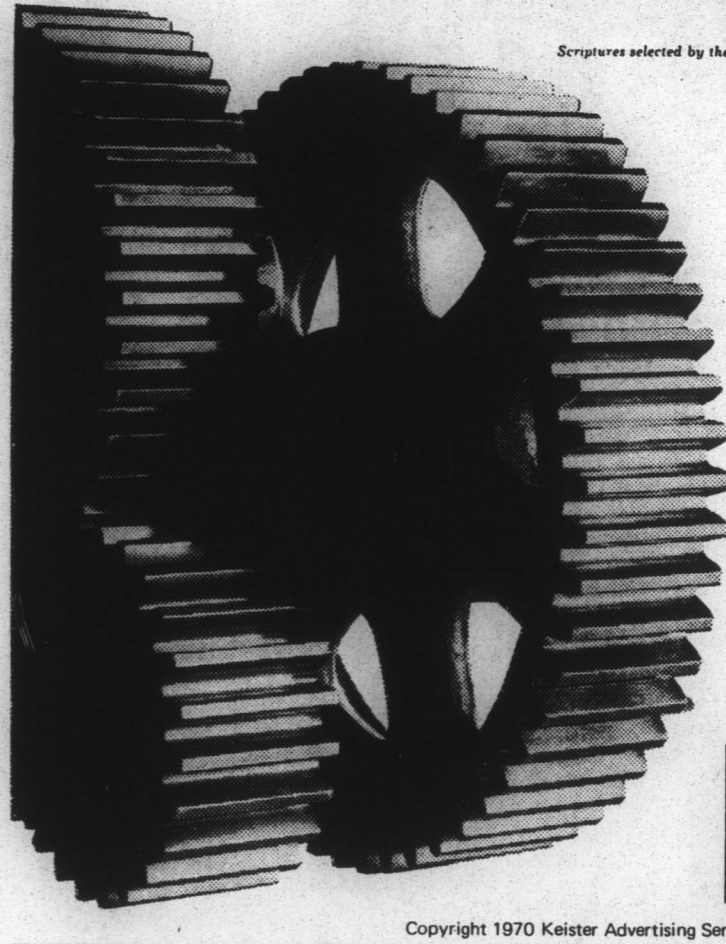
Tuesday  
Luke  
1:26-38

Wednesday  
Luke  
1:39-56

Thursday  
Luke  
1:57-80

Friday  
John  
3:1-15

Saturday  
John  
3:16-36



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