

# Senator Sam J. Ervin Says

WASHINGTON — National defense is always a matter of intense concern. Most Americans want a defense system that will protect us against all potential enemies. There is also much sentiment that defense costs must be reduced.

The Senate Armed Services Committee has been wrestling with this dual problem for the past five months. Recently it reported a military procurement bill which seeks to provide essential military weapons and set personnel strengths of each component of the armed forces at the lowest levels possible which will enable this country to protect itself in a perilous world. Admittedly, the Committee's efforts to achieve adequate defense at the lowest dollar cost will not please everybody. The Committee recommended a total authorization of \$20.4-billion for fiscal year 1974. This is a reduction of about 7 per cent of the amount requested by the Administration. The Defense Department request was for \$21.9-billion.

The bill provides \$12.4-billion for the procurement of aircraft, missiles, naval vessels, combat vehicles, torpedoes, and other weapons. This is \$1-billion below the Administration's \$13.4-billion request for these items of military hardware. But the bill authorizes monies for the planned Trident ballistic missile submarines, full funding for a nuclear attack carrier, funds for F-14 and F-15 aircraft, monies for the completion of the Safeguard

anti-ballistic missile installation in North Dakota, and substantial amounts to continue research and

## Shoreline Erosion Is Topic

Problems and treatment of shoreline erosion will be the main subject during a meeting of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association at Wrightsville Beach, in the Blockade Runner October 3-5. Speakers for the sessions on shoreline, coastal, and inlet management were announced by George E. Pickett of Raleigh, program chairman for this 21st annual meeting of the association. Col. Pickett retired recently as director of the North Carolina Office of Water and Air Resources.

Lim Vallianos of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Wilmington will give a case study of the Federal hurricane protection-erosion control project proposed for the Brunswick County beaches. W. R. Henderson, president of Carolina Cape Fear Corporation at Southport, will discuss "Development Aspects of Bald Head Island".

A case study of Drum Inlet on the Outer Banks in Carteret County will be presented by C. Don Carmen of the Army Engineers at Wilmington. The Corps in late 1971 blasted open a new inlet near the site of old Drum Inlet, which closed the year before.

Dr. Ernie Seneca of N. C. State University at Raleigh, will discuss the construction of new marsh from spoil, or dredged

development to modernize our weapons system.

One of the built-in factors in the defense budget today is the

material, at Drum Inlet. Brig. Gen. C. N. LeTallier of Atlanta, South Atlantic Division Engineer of the Army Engineers, will speak at a luncheon October 4 and Dean M. P. O'Brien of the University of Florida at Gainesville, association president and internationally known consultant on erosion problems, will speak at a luncheon October 5.

Other presentations will be made by Henry Von Oesen and Col. Paul Denison, both of Wilmington; Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Fusché of Duck; Bill Herron of Long Beach, Calif.; Ronald Buddecke, Army Engineers of Chicago, Ill.; Prof. John Isaacs, Scripps Institution of Oceanography of LaJolla, Calif.; Prof. Marc Hershman, Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge; Bruce Johnson, Coastal Coordinating Council of Tallahassee, Fla.; Turbit Slaughter, Maryland Geological Survey of Baltimore; Marshall Augustine, Maryland Dept. of Water Resources at Annapolis; and Prof. R. G. Deane, University of Florida at Gainesville.

ever increasing cost of military pay. When we talk about defense costs, it should be recognized that much of the defense budget now relates to manpower costs. During the last 20 years, 93 per cent of the total increase in defense expenditures went for pay and operating costs. Only 7 per cent of that increase went for capital outlays such as procurement of weapons, research and development of defense systems and military construction.

Since 1954, the defense budget has risen from \$43-billion to an anticipated \$79-billion for the current fiscal year. Manpower costs have been the main cause of larger outlays. In the last five years, since 1968, military base pay has more than doubled, and if we look to the future there is a reasonable expectation that this trend will continue. It is estimated that if the Armed Forces continue at their present strength levels and if annual cost-of-living increases of about 5 1/2 per cent are granted over the next six years, and other costs of the armed forces continue at about current levels, we could have a military budget of \$113-billion a year by 1980. This is the magnitude of the problem of adequate funding for defense.

The Committee and the country will be giving much attention to this economic situation in the years just ahead.

I am firmly convinced, however, that it would be a dangerous and foolhardy approach for the Committee and the Senate to fail to recognize that we must have a defense system and the manpower to insure the safety and survivorability of our country. SALT I agreements were based on the concept that our nation would take steps to insure that we maintained our aircraft, our naval forces, and our missile system at improved levels. If SALT II negotiations with the Soviets are to be successful, we must not impair our strategic forces.

Defense, like insurance, is only truly appreciated when we need it. When that moment arrives there is no time for bargaining.

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## Lyceum Series Set At College

Soprano Kathryn Bouleyn — soon to appear with the Metropolitan Opera — will perform at College of The Albemarle on October 5 at 8 P.M. in the auditorium. Her performance will be the first of the COA Lyceum Series for the school year.

Tickets for the general public may be purchased at the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce or at the COA Office of the Co-ordinator for Student Activities.

## Guard Reassignments Are Made

RALEIGH — Military and Veterans Affairs Secretary John J. Tolson, III, has announced the reassignment of two North Carolina National Guard officers.

Brig. Gen. Robert A. Hughes of Parkton has been reassigned as the assistant division commander of the 30th Infantry Division (Mechanized) with headquarters in Raleigh and Col. William E. Ingram of Elizabeth City has been reassigned as commander of Non-Division Troop Command, headquarters in Raleigh.

Gen. Hughes had been commander of Non-Division Troops while Col. Ingram had been assistant division commander. Col. Ingram was born in Richmond, Va. He graduated from Elizabeth City High School in 1939 and from The Citadel in Charleston, S. C., in 1943. He has attended various Army service schools including Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. in 1946.

Joining the U. S. Army following graduation from The Citadel, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in October, 1943, and one year later was sent to the European Theater of Operations for duty during World War II. He was released from active duty in August 1946 and became a member of the Officer Reserve Corps.

Ingram was appointed a

captain in the N. C. Army National Guard in April, 1947, and has served continuously with the guard since that time. He has held a number of assignments including Chief of Staff of the 30th Infantry Division (Mechanized), commander of the Division's First Brigade, and as assistant division commander.

Among his awards and decorations are the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star, and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon.

Ingram resides with his wife in Elizabeth City where he is president of an oil distributorship. He is the former mayor there. The Ingrams have two daughters and one son.

### JONES QUALIFIES

CHERRY POINT — Marine Gunnery Sgt. Ronald O. Jones, whose wife Alice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi A. Goodwin, East Queen Street, Edenton, qualified as sharpshooter with the pistol while serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Company at the Marine Corps Air Station here. A 1955 graduate of Eddystone High School, Eddystone, Pa., he joined the Marine Corps in September 1955.

### CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Hardin and the nurses for their tender care and thoughtfulness of me during my recent stay in Chowan Hospital. Also for the many cards, flowers, and every act of kindness shown me by Sunday School Classes, Circles and individuals.

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## Now In Session

If you're the crafty type (not to be confused with foxy), you may be interested to know that something wonderful along this line is taking place in Elizabeth City this week.

It's all happening at the National Guard Armory and lasts through Sunday. It's called the 15th Albemarle Craftsman's Fair.

One of the most interesting events of the entire year, area craftsmen will amaze you with the products of their skills. There'll be everything from egg shells to Oshibana, so don't miss it

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## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Centralized menus in cafeterias of Edenton-Chowan Schools for the next week include:

Friday: Country style steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, green limas, fruit cup, rolls, butter and milk.

Monday: Tuna salad, buttered corn, green peas, coconut cake, bread, crackers, butter and milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, cole slaw, cookie, bread, butter and milk.

Wednesday: Luncheon meat, mixed vegetables, potato salad, chocolate cake, buns and milk.

Thursday: Chicken pan pie, buttered greens, candied yams, gelatin, rolls, butter and milk.

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