

## We Are All Human

To persons, who have reached a ripe old age, and look back they are aware of deep changes in thought patterns and individual and social behavior. Sixty years ago we were without many of the material things which are, or seem to be, necessities for the present generation. But while material things have increased, we do not possess today the simplicities and the peace which folks of sixty or seventy years ago knew.

One of the striking changes is the status and behavior of women. They have attained the status of equality which they sought, but we are not sure that they have accepted the responsibility which goes with it. Extravagance and styles in dress have blasted all the old standards of morality and propriety, and lend themselves to exaggeration of sex devoid of the sacredness and dignity of womanhood. What

women in movies and Tv. programs have done to womanhood is the tragedy of the present era.

Scientific achievements have given us the highest productivity and plenteousness in any period of world history, but much of it has been enlisted in the implements of warfare, and thus education, welfare, and human improvement generally, have suffered.

As we come to political campaigns, each party notes failures of the other, and promises to correct them if elected, is the same old human nature, and their promises fall short. Changes, of course, sometimes do help in maintaining balances. But any party is going to find self-interest, self-importance, pride and prejudice bobbing up at every turn, and the state and national interest suffers; and, of course, the individual suffers, as he reaps the harvest of his self-interest sowings.

## Fillibusters

Again, the Congress refuses to place a ban on fillibustering. We, perhaps, are in the minority, but we have never been able to reconcile this undemocratic process with democracy. Every man should have the right to express himself, and this right every member of that body, but this right should have some reasonable limitations. A small group of men, or as often happens, one man, can tie up the whole Congress with idle talk, while the real business of the Congress is neglected. If we are to have a majority government let us have majority government.

This applies also the method of

electing a President. The Electoral College has never made sense to us. The Electoral College, or provisions for Congress of State legislatures to elect, can well override the majority. It happened in 1824 when the House elected John Quincy Adams, although Andrew Jackson received a majority of votes in the general election. Recently, these provisions led to the election of Maddox as Governor of Georgia, while his opponent got a majority of the votes. We are in agreement with the Commission on Electoral College reform in its recommendation for election reform. In a Democracy the majority should rule.

## Religion In The Here And Now

"THINK NOT THAT I AM COME TO SEND PEACE UPON THE EARTH: I CAME NOT TO SEND PEACE, BUT A SWORD." Math. 10-34.

This seems to be a strange statement to come from the lips of a man whose birth was heralded as the coming of one who should bring peace to the world, and who in the day of His ministry and teachings promised peace to those who "Left all and followed Him."

This saying follows what He has had to say about His claim to complete authority over those who follow Him. They must love him above all else—wealth, power, even above parents. He must be first. And this is the Gospel which the Apostles must preach, and in preaching it they will incur the wrath of many.

It would seem that in view of the pure life which Jesus lived, His teachings so full of truth, and a ministry of love which healed the sick, gave comfort to the sorrowing, and had such genuine concern for all men with forgiveness and help to the sinful, would be accepted by all who came into contact with Him. But it did not have that effect. Jesus knew what was in man, and He knew how many would react towards His demands for a life in complete surrender to Him. And the re-

action was as He said it would be. That is life as we know it from history and experience. Let a good man rise up, who in blameless living and demands for Truth in all of human relationships and affairs, and instead of meeting universal acceptance, he will meet opposition. Politicians know this and that is why they seek to avoid real commitment to high principles, and win office by preaching expediences. Abraham Lincoln is generally regarded as the greatest man of His generation. He has received world-wide recognition; yet he was bitterly assailed and persecuted, by north and south, and finally met death at the hands of a man whose heart was set on fire with hatred. Woodrow Wilson, completely dedicated to the principles of Democracy, was persecuted and, in effect, killed by those who fought against the idea of world brotherhood which lies at the heart of the Christian Gospel. Let a good man appear among men, and demand high thinking and high living, and that man will see hurt and tribulation -- a sword will be lifted against him.

You often hear people talk about the speed of sound and just how fast it is. What about how fast Christmas always comes.

Easy credit is one of the world's best intelligence tests.

Self-confidence is still one of the best brands on the market.

Sure sign of advancing age: when lunch is followed by an intense desire to take a brief nap

Weekends come and weekends go, but the wrecks continue to pile up.

The man, or woman, who learns to laugh, at himself or herself, even privately, is making some progress.

Many people wait throughout their whole lives for the chance to be good in their own fashion.—Friedrich Nietzsche.

The trouble with most reformers is that they cannot support any proposal except their own.

A patriot is a man who does not complain about the taxes he expects to pay on the profit he would like to make.

## WASHINGTON REPORT

by  
Congressman  
James T. Broyhill



### THE 90TH BEGINS

This is the first in the series of news columns reporting from Washington about the important issues the Congress will consider during the next two years. It is my hope that the columns will contribute to an understanding of how the people's business is being conducted in the Nation's Capital.

At the beginning of a Congress every two years, there are a number of administrative details and housekeeping decisions that must be made before the business of legislating can begin. Of course, the first act of a new Congress is the swearing into office of the 435 Congressmen who have been elected to office, including 72 who were elected for the first time. This event, which is usually a ceremonial one, had special significance this year. The most widely publicized event of the day involved the vote by the House of Representatives to ask New York representative Adam Clayton Powell to step aside pending an investigation by a special committee to investigate various charges against him. The special committee will report back late in February and the question of the seating Mr. Powell will be debated again. Earlier, the caucus of the Democratic members of the House had voted by secret ballot to deny Congressman Powell his position as Chairman of the powerful Education and Labor Committee which he had held for more than six years.

After a recess of several hours, President Johnson presented his State of the Union address to a joint session of the Congress. This message, seen and heard on radio and television by millions of Americans offered a brief glimpse of the legislative program the President will request. It contained a long list of proposals for changes in existing programs and for new programs that will require the approval of the Congress. On the whole, the President often seemed to be apologetic about both the conception and the administration of many of

his "Great Society" programs that the Congress enacted during the past two years.

With all the additional spending for increased military costs in Viet Nam and for vast new programs at home, a much larger budget could be expected. That was confirmed last week as spending plans of \$169 billion were submitted to the Congress. Much of the debate in the Congress during the coming months will concern the increase in spending of nearly \$14 billion and the more than \$8 billion of additional deficit that is being predicted for the national debt by July of '68. Even these figures include the President's new 6 per cent tax increase which the President has asked the Congress to approve.

During the last ten days, the House of Representatives has been busily engaged in naming members to its legislative committees. It is the committee system in the Congress that is the heart of the law-making process and until the committees are organized and can begin to function, the flow of legislation cannot begin. It probably will not be until the middle of February before the large debates on major issues can start. At that time, we will see what the composition of the new Congress means in terms of philosophy and the type of laws that will be written during the next two years.

It is already clear enough that with the defeat of the so-called "twenty-one day rule" we already have a strong indication that the 90th Congress will be much more independent-minded than the 89th Congress was. This means that the closer balance of the two political parties in the Congress will assure more careful consideration of new legislative programs and of the spending bills which the Congress will pass. It is predicted that the White

This Week's  
**60 SECOND SERMON**  
By  
Fred Dodge

TEXT: "Ambition can creep as well as soar."—Burke.

An ambitious garage owner worked many schemes to become successful. At the age of 43, he died suddenly. At the Pearly Gates, he gave his age. St. Peter, remarking it was unusual to call one so young, checked his files and turned to the garage man.

"I'm afraid you're wrong about your age. You're much older. According to the working hours you charged your customers, you're at least 127."

It is well to be ambitious, yet "ambition can creep as well as soar." Even those with soaring ambition may fall and destroy themselves if they employ inferior methods. A historical example is that of Aaron Burr. He was brilliant, a college graduate at seventeen, Revolutionary Colonel at twenty-one, a United States Senator and Vice President at forty-four. When Alexander Hamilton criticized his power ambitions, Burr killed him in a duel. Finished politically, Burr plotted to form an empire in the Southwest. He was tried for treason, acquitted, but died broken and unloved. Ambition consumed all his restraint all honor, all virtue.

We cannot always attain our ambitions, yet we come closer by keeping our aims high and maintaining honorable standards in the methods we use. We'll sleep better, too.

House will exercise considerably less influence than it has enjoyed on Capitol Hill since January 1965. We will surely see a test being made of the President's "guns and butter policy." The Congress did not decide last year whether it felt that there should be belt-tightening at home to support the war effort in Viet Nam. This decision is overdue and it is likely that the issue more squarely than has been the case on Capitol Hill in the past.

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