

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



WASHINGTON, Sept. 28. . . . September will find my schedule of speaking engagements almost full. To mention a few places on the schedule, I will be in Durham, Kinston, Asheville, Charlotte, Reidsville, Mount Holly, Clayton and Aberdeen.

"THE HILL" . . . I am certain that you have heard the word, "The Hill", used when talking about Washington. These buildings are the Capitol, the Senate Office Building, and the New and Old House Office Buildings.

CAPITOL . . . The Capitol is built of light - gray sandstone and matching marble. The building is 751 feet 4 inches long, 350 feet wide, and measures 287 feet 5 1/2 inches in height from the base line on the east front to the top of the Statue of Freedom. One of the interesting features of the Capitol is the unbroken corridor on the first floor which extends 750 feet. There are other corridors longer in Washington - the Department of Agriculture has one that is 88 feet, Commerce, 991 feet, and the Pentagon, 906 feet. The Capitol covers 3 1/2 acres of ground, contains a floor area of 14 acres, and has 435 rooms. The Capitol and the three buildings previously mentioned which comprise "The Hill" are located in a park of 131 acres.

SENATE-HOUSE OFFICES . . . The Senate Office Building is Northeast of the Capitol. It is connected by an underground tunnel. The subway cars make the trip, operating at top speed, in about 45 seconds, covering the distance of 700 feet. When the bells ring for a roll call vote, Senators can get to the floor in time to vote, but the scramble at times reminds me of the dash to catch a bus that is ready to depart. Representatives have their offices in two buildings, the Old and New House Office Buildings, located Southeast of the Capitol. When called upon to be in the House for a vote, they have an underground tunnel, but are not provided with a subway

car. Capitol Hill slows down considerably after the end of a Session of the Congress, but the work of representing the Nation goes on as the legislative duties slacken for a few weeks. In January, this place will again be an ant hill of activity with the convening of Congress.

PRESS CARD . . . Speaking of Capitol Hill, it now has a newspaper, ROLL CALL. Published fortnightly, it is a journal of local news, much like our non-daily N. C. newspapers. I was flattered to find in the mail recently a press card, giving me credentials to report for the publication. I think every other member of Congress got one, too. Anyway, it probably is the only newspaper with all Congressmen accredited reporters.

Public Works Conference Set September 8-9

The second annual Public Works Conference, sponsored jointly by the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the North Carolina State College Civil Engineering Department, will be held in Raleigh September 8 and 9.

Approximately 50 representatives of North Carolina towns and cities are expected to gather in the auditorium of Riddick Engineering Laboratories during the two-day meeting.

After a welcoming address by Dr. R. E. Fadum, head of the Civil Engineering Department, the conference will devote its first day to an analysis of storm drainage systems. Design, construction and maintenance problems will be probed, and financial and legal problems of such systems will be discussed. Prof. Charles Smallwood of the Civil Engineering Department will preside over this session.

During the remaining day of the conference, delegates will first turn their attention to the design of bituminous pavements and the maintenance of unpaved surfaces of bituminous materials. The leader for this subject will be R. K. Williams, Jr., of Richmond, Va., who will represent the Asphalt Institute, a nationwide engineering and research organization devoted to the development and use of asphaltic materials.

Intersection problems and the general subject of traffic engineering will occupy the closing session

News In The World Of Religion

By W. W. REID

What is being considered a "warning" to the labor movement in the United States that "it has an obligation to be truly democratic" and that it must "weigh its every act in the light of its effect upon the general welfare" is contained in the "Labor Day Message," issued by the National Council of Churches and requested to be read in all Protestant churches in September. Adds the Council in part:

"This obligation, of course is not an obligation of labor alone. Such an obligation lies upon every organization - as upon every individual - in direct proportion to its power. That obligation is not discharged, for any of us, unless there is a maximum practical degree of employment and opportunity for employment and creative expression is equally available to all men and women regardless of creed, race, social status, or national origin. It is not discharged until justice has been done to every child by the provision of good educational opportunity and by the elimination of the slum as a breeding place of suffering and delinquency.

"Nor can our obligations be limited by the borders of our own country. One of the greatest of all new movements of our century may well be what we call 'technical assistance' - a sharing by those who have with those who have not of the knowledge and the methods whereby a better and more abundant life for the peoples of the world can in time be created by their own effort and through their own institutions. Where stark need exists - anywhere in the world - our obligation is to share goods also, to share generously and

without thought of return. There are no surpluses, in God's sight, while there exists a single hungry person anywhere on earth. The National Council of Churches commends American organized labor for its effective support of international programs directed toward these ends.

"Our generation lives and does its work under the very shadow of possible universal catastrophe. Man's rapid development of weapons of total destruction has not yet been matched by corresponding progress in the development of institutions and relationships which can and will control such weapons and spare mankind from death by his own hand."

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