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## SENATOR SAM ERVIN \*\* SAYS \*\*



WASHINGTON - - A review of the 91st Congress--which is now a part of history--reveals some significant trends in the state of our nation.

In spite of many weeks of debate in the Senate about our involvement in Vietnam and Cambodia and how to extricate ourselves from that tragic situation, the Administration won support of its foreign policy in several major votes. The support was given, however, on the condition that our government make major efforts to accomplish a transition from war to peace in Southeast Asia, and this appears to be the correstone of the new American foreign policy.

At the same time that this foreign policy debate has been underway, Congress has made major reductions in defense spending to the lowest levels in years. Thus, the expected Vietnam "peace dividend" of lowered defense expenditures has already been largely used up if we are to retain our present defense commitments. This could be a matter of major significance in the up and coming battles over the budget in the 92nd Congress.

In the area of domestic concerns, Congress has wrestled with most of the nation's dissatisfactions about the budget, taxes, inflation, welfare, crime, the Post Office, environmental pollution, women's rights, electoral college reform, individual privacy and consumer protection.

In the end, Congress compiled an impressive list of major legislative enactments: a postal reorganization act, which established a government-owned postal corporation to deliver the mail, a new railroad passenger corporation act to overhaul our rail passenger system, a new omnibus farm bill, two major anti-crime programs, a Congressional reform act to revise committee and floor procedures, and a new air pollution control act.

Much of my attention during the 91st Congress was focused on efforts to preserve individual privacy and constitutional rights. These efforts related to governmental and private surveillance of citizens and the collection, storage and use of information about their personal lives. As Chairman cithe Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, I have sought to call attention to the seriousness of this growing problem and to take appropriate committee actions to deal with these invasions of individual freedom.

In the sphere of proposed constitutional amendments, I took an active role in the debates which the Senate engaged in over electoral college reform and women's rights. In each of these debates, I sought to make it clear that while I did not oppose reform in these areas of our law, I did oppose both the direct election amendment, which would have abolished the electoral college, and the House-passed equal rights amendment. Each of these proposed constitutional amendments, which, incidentally, did not pass during the 91st Congress, seem to me to have serious defects and I, therefore, offered my own amendments for the reform of the electoral college and for the protection of women's rights.

Another battle of the 91st Congress was over the Federal requirement that public school children be bused from their neighborhoods to a distant school to achieve racial balance. I sought with all the energy at my command to prevent this busing requirement by legislation. Moreover, on September 21, 1970, I submitted an amicus curiae brief to the Supreme Court in opposition to lower Federal Court rulings requiring the busing of Charlotte public school children. The case has yet to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

There were some of the cross currents that worked in the 91st Congress.

Pushing For A Place At The Table



Comments from the Capital -

## UNDERCURRENTS AND OVERTONES IN TODAY'S NEWS

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by Vant Neff



Insignificant case on a minor court calendar. Two teen age youths mug woman. Steal handbag. One boy escapes. The other is arrested and haled before the judge. Victim is present, noticeably tense and distraught. Judge speaks: "Madam, he hasn't hurt you, only stolen your money. Why not let him go?"

I cannot help but believe that it is this permissive attitude, prevalent in our higher-ups, that breeds lawlessness in our young people.

The left-leaning New York Times gave major editorial space to an article by Rennie Davis, a defendant in the Chicago conspiracy trial. His article was pro-Communist and pro-North Vietnam, while it castigated and condemned the Administration and the Pentagon. In my opinion, it was replete with lies and deception. Mr. Davis terminated his diatribe by warning that if the U.S. government does not conclude a peace with the North Viet Namese according to his terms, then he and his small group of revolutionaries will settle a truce with Hanoi directly. The New York Times may defend the printing and glamorizing of radical views as a presentation of "the other side" of the news, but isn't it peculiar that the conservative and middleof-the-road viewpoints are both conspicuous by their absence?

Further evidence of the deliberately shaded news reporting in our nation has come to my attention: If you had been on the scene during the California grape strike, you, too, would have quickly realized that the grape harvesters who are some of the highest paid agricultural workers anywhere, were not clamoring for a union. They were satisfied. But Cesar Chavez, the union organizer who muscled in on their act, had other ideas. He dictated the terms of their employment. Nobody could be hired unless he joined the union first! The grape growers surrendered and between them and Mr. Chavez, a union contract was drawn up which usurped the free will of the workers, and a union shop—or field—became mandatory. The 30,000 workers had no choice! Meanwhile it is alleged that back at AFL-CIO headquarters some unseen and unidentified hand has shelled out a small fortune to support Mr. Chavez' unionizing efforts. As happens so often, the minute the "plight of the poor workers" hit the press, public

sympathy went out to the union—and don't think Mr. Chavez wasn't fully aware of precisely the reaction he could incite. To my mind, this is just another example of the excessive power of organized labor, foisting itself on the "little man", who, once under domination of the union, will now have to shell out a good bite of his pay for union dues. To the grape harvesters, who weren't even consulted, it is a dirty trick. To you and me, it means higher prices—instantly.

If Chile and Bolivia, now equipped with new Red leaders, decide to pursue Castro-ite policies and nationalize foreign property, it may well prove catastrophic to American interests, American influence and American investments in those lands. Next time you see a tempting advertisement soliciting investment in an "under-developed" country, think twice. Or if you, or your company, or a company in which



you own a share of stock, are asked to invest in a supposedly lucrative foreign deal—be careful. Recent history has proved, to the regret of many American investors, that "underprivileged and overproblemed" nations plead for our dollars one minute—and the next, seize them. Americans, take heed.

Memo to union members: Next time you are instructed by your union leader to think this way or that way, according to his ideas-remember that, according to national surveys, more than one-half of our country's labor leaders only went as far as high school. Of that number, onehalf didn't even finish. On union political matters, they may reign supreme. But when it comes to other matters, isn't it up to each and every one of you as free individuals to decide for yourselves how you want to vote, or where you want to buy or how

sympathy went out to the union you want to live your lives?
—and don't think Mr. Chavez Think about it, and make up your wasn't fully aware of precisely own minds!

If we don't nip radicalism in the bud, it will blossom into a full-grown revolution.

Some of our publicity-seeking politicians make me laugh. They are conveniently photographed shaking hands with a bus driver -having just arrived at the scene in their official, chaufferdriven limousines. They promote the public schools—yet their own children are enrolled in posh private schools. They ostentatiously greet a person of another race, creed or color on the street -but they'd run like banshees if he moved next door. The only point I wish to make here is one of honesty. Beware the politico who caters to the people when he wants their votes, and goes his own sweet way forever after. A man like this can't do us any good, nor does he want to. His own self interest is his only concern. We, the general public, are used for the moment, so that he can achieve his own selfish objectives. And the pity of it is that this isn't an isolated case. This hypocritical kind of creature can be found masquerading as a concerned, elected official in towns and cities all over America. The behavior is the same. Only the names and faces are different. Now that elections are over, let's see how few politicians make good on their promises!

Hanoi made short shrift of Nixon's peace offer. Is anyone surprised? That has been the attitude of the North Vietnamese ever since the Paris Peace Talks began. It should be apparent to any thinking person that the Communists are determined to prolong the war, at all costs. What are they doing in South Vietnam, in the first place? In Laos and Cambodia? All you armchair strategists who sneered at the "Domino theory", please take note: The Reds are still going ahead full speed with their blueprint for world domination!

Here's an important news item which might be lost in the churning tide of daily affairs: Yugoslavia suggests a ban on all chemical and biological warfare. Question: Could this be prompted by the fact that although the Communist world may have parity in nuclear warheads and missiles, they are behind in chemical and biological capabilities?