



**SIOUX CITY SIOUX**—These Sioux warriors, whooping it up in Chicago, illustrate a war dance they have been doing for years. Folks now call it by a new name, the twist.

**SENATOR  
SAM ERVIN  
★ SAYS ★**



In the brief interlude between Christmas and the New Year, we have a national pastime of reflecting on events of the year, which I shall pursue in this column.

The 87th Congress opened January 3 - 17 days prior to the inauguration of the 35th President. Its principal activity during that time was to pave the way for the incoming administration.

In my judgement, the two events which had the greatest influence on the 87th Congress were the inauguration of President Kennedy on January 20 and the Berlin Crisis, which reached its peak in July.

The passage of a good many of the President's key legislative proposals demonstrated a good working relationship between the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government during the past session.

At the same time, there was a long and vigorous fight over foreign aid authorization and appropriation bills, which characterized the fundamental independence of the two branches of Government.

Moreover, there were a number of controversial measures proposed to Congress which were shelved for the session. These included the aid programs for education and medical care, which may be considered anew during the forthcoming session. Although the Reorganization Act of 1946 stated that Congress should adjourn on or before July 31 or each year, again this year Congress was in an extra-long session which brought adjournment on September 27.

One of my individual senatorial problems this year come over patronage due to the change in administrations. Patronage nominations caused long hours of work in my office during most of the year.

**Adjournment Activity**

Following adjournment, I traveled extensively throughout North

Carolina, I visited 34 of our counties traveling some 8,500 miles to attend various meetings and functions. On days that I was not engaged in this activity, my office duties in Morganton required my attention to a large volume of mail.

In spare hours and evenings, I endeavored to keep abreast of pending measures that may come up at the next session of Congress. During the entire year, my office staff in Washington and in Morganton handle a wide range of requests from constituents.

**Loss of Rayburn**

No commentary for this year and this Congress would be complete without recalling the service and the tragic death of House Speaker Sam Rayburn. Mr. Sam, as he was affectionately known, had an attitude towards Government which coincided with my own philosophy. As I expressed it in paying final tribute to him, "He knew the value of clinging to the tried and true landmarks of the past, but at the same time, he was not afraid to test the soundness of new ideas."

I should like to express to the readers of this column my good wishes for the New Year.

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Pine Seedlings**

To encourage the growing of trees as a crop, the Weyerhaeuser Company, North Carolina Division at Plymouth is offering to pay half the cost of pine seedlings for FFA and 4-H students during the 1961-62 planting season.

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K. Pitman, Conservation Forester for Weyerhaeuser.

By providing seedlings to FFA and 4-H boys at a reduction in cost, the Weyerhaeuser Company hopes to encourage the planting of Idle and Lazy acres, and at the same time, impress upon the boys the importance of managing all timber in an economical manner, he said.

Pitman stated that during the 1960-61 planting season over six hundred boys obtained 701,000 seedlings from Weyerhaeuser Company.

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