

Other Editors Say

WRAL-TV VIEWPOINT

Goodby, Good Riddance, George

As a general thing, the United Nations is hard-pressed when called upon to catalog any achievement, improvement, or even any substantial change. For the most part, it is an organization which muddles along, year after year, wasting money, time and effort — deluding countless millions of people who assume in varying degrees, the accuracy of frequent declarations that the U. N. is making some sort of contribution to "peace in the world."

But last week, the United Nations had, in fact, shown an improvement. It had said farewell to a hapless fellow named George W. Ball, who turned in his resignation as U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Mr. Ball was a typical Lyndon Johnson appointee; he had been named to the U. N. post by the President five months ago. The United States Senate, obviously having considerable doubt about the appointment, finally confirmed it only 24 hours before Mr. Ball resigned from it.

A measurement of Mr. Ball's stability — or lack of it — can be found in his graceless performance in quitting. He was resigning, he said, in order that he might campaign for Hubert Humphrey. And then, in his resignation statement, he unleashed an attack on Presidential candidate Richard Nixon — and Mr. Nixon's running mate, Spiro Agnew — that clogged the political gutters with debris. Mr. Ball's language was 24-carat garbage all the way. He called Nixon "Tricky Dick," and Mr. Agnew — to hear George Ball tell it — is "a fourth-rate

hack politician."

That's the way George W. Ball began, and he went on from there. He warned that Nixon might "escalate" the war in Vietnam, a charge that contained for the rest of us a hopeful suggestion that a Richard Nixon in the White House might possibly do whatever is necessary to get the war over with. In any case, Mr. Ball — being a part of an administration that has been content with a stalemate, stand-still war — seems horrified at the thought that a man may soon become President who will make a determined effort to put an end to the war.

So George W. Ball spoke, and much of the nation chuckled at such a boorish fellow. It is interesting, by the way, that Mr. Ball's middle name — it really is — is Wildman. Last week, he was living up to his name.

If the current polls prove to be accurate in November, there is a fair chance that Mr. Ball will not soon — if ever — return to federal service. Mr. Ball is aware that in the event of the defeat of Hubert Humphrey he will surely be out of a job. Nixon wouldn't keep him, and certainly George Wallace would not retain him in the State Department, or at the United Nations, or anywhere else, a man who has so consistently used his influence in State Department to hamstring the possibility of a U. S. victory in Vietnam. Mr. Ball prefers to fight wars with powderpuffs, and he reviles anyone old-fashioned enough to believe that in war there is no substitute for victory. Thus his

wild attack last week on Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew. His middle name — Wildman — is as much truth as poetic justice.

One must note that Mr. Ball has been more explicit about Mr. Nixon's real position on Vietnam than has Mr. Nixon. There is room for hope that Mr. Ball is correct about Mr. Nixon's plans for ending that depressing, long-drawn-out affair on the other side of the world. While Ball predicts an escalation in the battle against communism — if Nixon is elected — Mr. Nixon has steadfastly declined any specific comment about what he plans to do. On the other hand, Hubert Humphrey — whom George Ball is supporting — immediately announced, following Mr. Ball's resignation, that if elected he — Hubert Humphrey — would stop bombing of the communist installations in North Vietnam.

And what cheerful news that surely proved to be for the communists! In the past, every bombing halt has provided the communists an opportunity to regroup, to move in more men and supplies and weapons, and thus to prepare for the killing of more American men.

So George Wildman Ball may have drawn the clearest dividing line yet in the most crucial issue of the campaign. His resignation as this nation's Ambassador to the United Nations has served a number of useful purposes. It is interesting that Mr. Ball never performed so well in government service as on the occasion of his departing from it. Now, if some other federal officials will merely follow suit, there's no telling how much improvement may be wrought. Hope does indeed spring eternal.

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DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Fall from Grace

If the nation's politicians have not understood yet, the Gallup poll has put it in black and white: 46 per cent of those interviewed felt that big government, rather than big labor or big business, was the greatest threat to the nation.

In 1959, the twilight of Eisenhower administration, big labor was considered the nation's chief threat. Government ranked behind business. But now after ample experimentation with unbridled government power filtering its way into the daily life of the American people, the concern

has shifted.

The change comes as no real surprise. For almost a decade government has been growing in size and influence, pandering to one special interest group after another. It was inevitable that it would eventually step on enough toes to fall from favor with the majority.

Big business, the favorite whipping boy of the nation's liberals, for 30 years, has become less of a threat in the public mind: Only 12 per cent of those interviewed consider it a major threat today, compared to 15 per cent nine years ago.

The American people apparently feel that the big brother form of government is no longer a solution of all problems. It is the major problem.

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man from the First Congressional District. Before you make your final decision about who you will vote for, you should take time to review the record

of the man we recommend to you for re-election to Congress so that he can continue the good job he is doing in Washington for all of us in the First District.



Walter B. Jones

QUALIFIED  
BY EXPERIENCE

- ★ Town Commissioner
- ★ Mayor
- ★ State Representative
- ★ State Senator
- ★ U. S. Congressman



A RECORD OF SERVICE

- \* Activey supported all legislation to create community colleges, including Lenoir County Community College.
- \* Introduced legislation to establish Alcoholic Rehabilitation Centers, including the Eastern North Carolina Center.
- \* Founder of Boys Home Bowl Football, annual benefit for Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw.
- \* Introduced legislation to create medical school at East Carolina University.
- \* Actively supported university status for ECU.
- \* Introduced legislation creating 4-Year School of Nursing at ECU.
- \* Has worked tirelessly to bring millions of dollars in cash benefits to the First Congressional District.
- \* Former trustee, University of North Carolina, Campbell College.
- \* Former Chairman, Board of Deacons, Baptist Church, also former Sunday School teacher.
- \* Graduate of N. C. State University (President of Senior Class)
- \* Mason — Elk — Moose — Rotarian

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