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Senator Sam Ervin Concerned with Increasing Crime; Recommends Reforms to Guarantee Speedier Trials

By Senator Sam Ervin

Much of our attention in recent days has been focused on events occurring on the moon, and on the problems of inflation and taxes here on earth. Even so, crime and how to control it is still very much with us.

Nationally, crime rose by 17 per cent in 1968, and increased again by 10 per cent in the first three months of 1969. Here in the District of Columbia, the seriousness of crime can be best understood by citing the statistics that from 1965 through 1968, robberies increased 300 percent, and in the first three months of 1969, they increased another 36 per cent. Only a few days ago, Senator Harrison Williams was robbed of \$38 as he stepped from his automobile here in the District of Columbia.

Shortly after he became President, Mr. Nixon urged adoption of a 12-point program to combat crime and improve the administration of justice in our Nation's Capital. Its principal features include the reorganization of the Courts of the District of Columbia, the expansion of the indigent defender system so that trials would not be delayed, the addition of one thousand police to the Metropolitan Police Department, and increased citizen efforts to control crime. On July 11, three

bills to implement this message were introduced into the Senate.

The first of these measures deals with the reorganization of the District of Columbia court structure whose functions have been impaired by a backlog of cases that often delay criminal trials for as much as 24 months. Under the terms of the court reorganization act, the dual system of Courts of General Session and Federal District Courts, which try criminal cases, would be improved. Federal Courts in the District, under the measure, would have only jurisdiction to try crimes which have been generally designated as Federal cases throughout the nation. All local criminal jurisdiction would be vested in new Superior Courts which would try cases analogous to those presently being tried in State Courts. Such a measure would expedite criminal trials here by eliminating much of the dual responsibility that has impaired the administration of justice in our Nation's Capital.

A second measure would convert the Local Aid Agency of the District of Columbia into a public defender service. Currently, under the decisions of the supreme court, such as the *Miranda* case, the Legal Aid Society here has been swamped by the demands for repre-

Child Badly Hurt

At about 7 Tuesday afternoon near the corner of Anne Drive and Greenbriar Road in Kinston Richard L. Howard of Deep Run route 1 started to pull away from the curb and could not see two year - old Gregory Wayne Cox on a tricycle in front of his car. The child suffered serious internal injuries. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cox of 1213 Anne Drive. He had a fairly restful night Tuesday and on Wednesday his condition was reported to be fair. The accident was classed unavoidable insofar as Howard was concerned.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Linda Kay Haddock, daughter of Mrs. Helen T. Haddock, and Mrs. Elizabeth Becton Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Becton of Trenton, are among students at Meredith College on the Dean's List for completion of second semester work with a high academic standing. Both girls are Juniors.

sensation in criminal cases by indigents. The Public Defender Act for the District seeks to provide adequate representation by experienced, efficient and dedicated criminal bar attorneys in behalf of indigents. This would in itself eliminate a major cause of delay in criminal trials.

I fully endorse the above measures. However, I have serious reservations about the third
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Two Jones Countians Die in Past Week From Accidents Involving Vehicles

Family Reunion

The late H. K. Scott family will have their annual family reunion the first Sunday in August, at the Moose Lodge Hall in Trenton, Route No. 58. All relatives and friends are invited.

Jones Arrests

Two arrests were reported during the past week in Jones County. Cleveland L. Hockaday of Benson was charged with being publicly drunk and Floyd C. Turner of Benson was charged with driving under the influence.

Civil Suits

Several civil suits were filed during the past week in Jones County. Edgar Miles filed suit against Harvey Morton over a refrigerator valued at \$50. A suit was filed against Austin Smith for \$418.03 by I. D. Hill. John Gooding, Jeweler, filed several cases against various citizens of Jones County over certain articles of jewelry. Ellis Roberts is being sued for one Bulova watch; Mrs. Martha E. Small for one set of diamond rings; James Farrow, Jr., for one Bulova watch and a set of white gold rings; and Linster Jerkins for one set of ladies rings.

SELDOM USED CHARGE

Kinston juvenile authorities Monday broke out a seldom used law and indicted Delores Witherspoon of 302-B Richard Greene Homes for not controlling her children. If that doesn't shake up a lot of permissive parents nothing will.

Two Jones Countians have been killed in the past week in accidents involving motor vehicles but one was not classed as a traffic accident since it did not take place on a public road.

This victim was 54 year-old Robert E. Lee Jones of Pink Hill route 1 who died Thursday afternoon in a Kinston hospital from injuries he suffered Wednesday night at Hargett Crossroads.

Jones suffered fatal internal injuries when a truck driven by Woodrow Miller also of Pink Hill route 1 backed over his body. For some never-to-be-explained reason Jones had laid down back of the truck and Miller, who was not aware of it, got in his truck to go home and backed over Jones. It happened at about 9:15 Wednesday night in a parking lot at a Hargett Crossroads business.

The traffic fatality was 48-year-old Eddie Lee Kornegay of Trenton who was killed instantly at Jarman Crossroads at about 11:20 Friday morning.

Kornegay was a passenger in a car driven by John Jones of Trenton that was involved in a collision with another vehicle driven by Charles W. Odom of St. Pauls.

Odom was critically injured in the accident and a passenger in his car, S. B. Murphy, and Jones escaped with minor injuries. Both cars were total losses.

Odom was driving north on the Trenton-Cove City road and failed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection.

Patrolman C. W. Oakley has not completed his investigation of this, the ninth traffic death of the year in Jones County, pending Odom's recovery.

WHAT DID THEY EXPECT FROM NIXON? MAYBE HIS HEAD ON A SILVER PLATTER?

By Jack Rider

Last week most of the Negro members of congress got together and issued a series of bellyaches about the poor treatment their race is being given by the Nixon Administration.

In view of the fact that it has been generally accepted that 99 per cent of the voting Negroes in the presidential election voted for Humpty Dumpty Hubert Horatio Humphrey it may be pertinent to ask: Just what in the hell do they expect from Nixon?

The problem of course stems from the fact that during the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations Negroes were not given equal treatment but were smothered in preferential treatment.

Among the contributions of this kind to national unrest by Bobby Kennedy was the order to hire Negro girls who could type 20 words a minute and pay them the same salaries as white girls who had to type 40 words per minute . . . and this was just the tip of the preferential iceberg that now causes Negroes to criticize a president who merely wants to guarantee them equal rights.

These congressmen complain that there is no Negro in Nixon's cabinet. Find Nixon a qualified Negro who supported Nixon's candidacy before the election and he can just about pick his job. The truth of the matter is that the only such Negro was Edward Brooke, who turned down a cabinet job to keep a senator's seat from Massachusetts.

There is a lot of griping by these preferentially placed Ne-

groes in congress that Nixon is not only working against Negroes but against all "pore folks." This is too ridiculous for much comment, except to say that even a cursory glance at the federal budget more than proves this to be a lie out of the whole cloth.

They complained of contracts being awarded to Southern firms. What they in substance ask Nixon to do is to replace discrimination against Negroes with discrimination against all Southerners — white and colored.

Most unusual of these colored congressional bellyaches was over Nixon firing one colored man, Clifford Alexander, and replacing him with another colored man, William H. Brown, as chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. There's been no substantiation that Nixon had promised to keep any person appointed by President Johnson, whether he was white or colored, so this complaint has an extremely hollow ring.

There was also a wounded whine about Nixon's recommendation on the infamous voting rights bill of 1965, under which seven Southern States and 29 counties in North Carolina were ordered to register illiterates for voting.

Nixon has turned this shaft back in the rump of the bleeding hearts and has, in effect, said, "What's good for the goose is good for the gander." but these colored whiners think it fair, honest and just that illiterates should vote in one part of the nation and be denied that sacred right in the rest of the

nation. Of course, nobody on either side of the fence has yet explained how an illiterate is going to vote, when he cannot read the ballot.

There was also a complaint about Nixon closing up 59 of the 109 so-called Job Corps Centers, and doing other harsh and unmentionable things to the "War on Poverty."

One of these dissident colored congressmen issued this gripe: "It's all downhill in the nation's capital — priorities are sadly confused while the President acts on his obvious decision to accommodate conservatives and Southerners!"

Well ain't that too bad? Does Congressman William Clay of Missouri expect Nixon to accommodate liberals and colored voters? Does he expect or believe that some new law of nature has been revealed which says that the sun will shine up the same hog's smout all the time?

For a long time now the "accommodation" by the Federal government has been a one-way street, and Nixon promised to see equity not preference and so far his record is unblemished in that category.

Michigan Colored Congressman John Conyers dropped in his bitter two-cent's worth by adding: "As for myself, any hope of reporting to black America that the federal government will move with more commitment or more speed to overcoming the inequality in this country is rapidly fading."

But the last thing in the world Conyers wants is equality. He merely wants inequality reversed, and even the most masoch-

istic white man ought not to be expected to spend his brief tenure in the White House prostrate, dressed in sack-cloth and ashes in perpetual apology for the unhappy fact that the races differ in America in their relative positions, as they do in every other nation in the world where a mixed racial society exists to any measurable degree.

The most militant, as might be expected, was a female colored member of congress, Mrs. Shirley Chisholm, who comes from the great liberal, equal center of the universe, New York City. Her shot in the Nixon direction was:

"The time is not far away when black people, Indians, Mexican-Americans and other Spanish speaking Americans, young white people, poor white people and old white people will force the political robber barons of this country up against the wall!"

Mrs. Chisholm may not have known it, but Nixon doesn't operate too well with his back to the wall or under threats of any kind of blackmail, whitemail or Indianmail.

In its final simple analysis what Nixon on the surface, at least, is trying to do is to be a president to all the people. The welfare budget and the brand new welfare program he is about to unveil are proof that he is doing anything but ignoring the plight of the needy, of every color.

than other citizens of the nation, whose needs and patriotism and fundamental humanitarianism are at least equal to those of even the most sainted Negro soothsayers.

SATURDAY ACCIDENT

At 6:15 Saturday afternoon cars driven by Galt Braxton of 607 West Washington Street and Clarence Hunt of 313 West Blount Street collided at the corner of Rhem Street and Rhodes Avenue. Mrs. Braxton and Hunt suffered minor injuries in the crash, Braxton was charged with failing to yield the right of way and damage was estimated at \$2000.

Local Students

Attend Music Camp

More than 200 junior and senior high school students from throughout North Carolina and the Atlantic Seaboard Friday completed activities in the 16th Annual Summer Music Camp at East Carolina University.

Sponsored by the ECU School of Music, the camp hosted a staff of ECU administrators, music faculty, students, and many leading high school band directors and fine arts teachers. For 12 days the enrollees participated in major activities in band, piano and choir; and minor activities in stage bands, ensembles and art. They also received instruction in arranging, conducting, composition theory and music styles.

Attending from Kinston were Gardner Huie and Eric Neale. Lawson.