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Sam Ervin Says

WASHINGTON--The American people are rightly demanding that Congress take new action to end forced busing of public schoolchildren.

Last week, in a Senate Judiciary hearing on this issue, I urged the Committee to support S. J. Res. 28, a resolution which Senator Allen of Alabama and I introduced on January 23, 1973. The resolution, which would have to be approved by two-thirds of the House and Senate and ratified by three-fourths of the States, seeks to end busing to achieve "racial balance" and prevent Federal Courts and bureaucrats from practicing tyranny on helpless children.

I have been reluctant to advocate alterations to the Constitution of the United States. History has proven it to be one of the most wisely drafted documents of all time. The framework of government it established and the protection of individual liberty it incorporates have served our people well. It is only because of the perversion of its fundamental principles with respect to the public schools that I feel compelled to advocate this amendment.

What has happened is that Federal Courts, including the Supreme Court, and Federal agencies have given an unjustified interpretation to the "equal protection clause" of the 14th Amendment. As a consequence, the adoption of a constitutional amendment may now be a prerequisite for restoring freedom to American's schoolchildren and for eliminating judicial tyranny with respect to our public schools.

REPORT FROM U.S. Senator
JESSE HELMS

WASHINGTON--On Thursday morning of last week, I drove out to Walter Reed Hospital to visit with my fine friend, Senator John Stennis of Mississippi. You will recall that Senator Stennis was shot by two young hold-up men one evening in February. They accosted the Senator as he got out of his car in front of his home. They robbed him--and then shot him for no reason at all.

The Senator was near death for about a month. After several weeks, his alleged assailants were finally found, and arrested and jailed. The Senator's watch was recovered at the home of one of them. But the two men were released almost immediately on bond!

I visited with the Senator for about 90 minutes. He is immensely grateful for the prayers of millions of Americans who have been so concerned about him.

I have known the Senator for more than 20 years, since the early 1950's when I was here as administrative assistant to Senators Willis Smith and Alton Lennon. Senator Stennis is one of the really great lawmakers of our time. He is a deeply religious man, and was one of the founders of the weekly Senate Prayer Breakfast, which meets each Wednesday morning.

He had written me a note earlier in the week, suggesting that I visit him "if I had the time." His note arrived Wednesday afternoon, and I was there at the hospital as early as possible the next morning. He looked exceptionally well. We walked up and down the corridor so that he could get some exercise. This past Saturday he made a one-day trip to Mississippi. So he's getting along fine, and hopes to return to the Senate in a couple of months.

TAXES--The income tax filing deadline having just passed, it is interesting to do a little homework on what the Congress really intended early in this century just before the federal income tax was imposed on the people.

For example, I have been studying the debate on the floor of the House of Representatives in 1909. On May 3 (according to the Congressional Record, beginning on Page 1692), it was made clear that nobody earning less than \$5,000 would pay any income tax at all. And you must remember that \$5,000 was a very healthy annual salary back in those days! And a man earning \$10,000 would pay only \$150!

There were many pledges between 1909 and 1913 that the federal income tax rate would never, never exceed two per cent--and the very mention of the possibility that one day a worker's income might be taxed at ten per cent--well, this was laughed down as being absurd. One Congressman told his apprehensive colleague not to worry. "I assure my distinguished colleague," he said, "that such excessive taxation will never happen in America."

Well, you know the situation in 1973. On top of spending every penny of the tax money coming in, the federal government is now \$450 billion in the red. The interest alone on this debt is costing you, the taxpayer, \$40,000 a minute.

That's why I am voting, every time I can, to reduce federal waste and extravagance. If we don't reduce federal spending, our children and grandchildren simply won't have a chance. Every baby born in America today owes a per capita debt of more than \$11,000 as his or her share of the federal debt. That's a rather cruel heritage, I think.

Washington Report

By STANFORD WHITE
HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE

A public hearing was held this week in connection with the Coastal Management bill. After the hearing, there was a conference between Senator "Monk" Harrington, Senator Phil Godwin, Representative Vernon James and myself in reference to this bill. It is our feeling that there should be no further action taken during this session. Between now and January, 1974, we would like for at least five public hearings to be held and we would want these hearings to be held somewhere in the coastal area from Manteo to the South Carolina line. These meetings would be held for the purpose of having local people express their new bill that will be drawn. This would give everyone who lives in the coastal area an opportunity to be heard such as farmers, fishermen, etc. It is my feeling that with a bill of this magnitude and as far reaching as it is in certain areas, the people to be affected should have a great deal to say in the wording and meaning. It is my definite feeling that nothing further will be done during this session.

It appears at this writing that the \$300 million school bond referendum will be the priority method for raising additional funds for local school units. This method was chosen in committee to take preference over the \$100 million grant fund that had been proposed also.

The minimum wage to \$1.80, effective July 1, passed the House this week. It places North Carolina ahead of the Federal minimum wage. An amendment was proposed to delay the effective date to allow for the Federal minimum wage to be enacted first. However, it was defeated.

A bill to provide for absentee voting in primaries is proposed and appears to be headed for passage. If it is enacted, it is a simple and yet safe method to provide for this.

An interesting proposal before the General Assembly is the Uniform Probate code. Several states have enacted such an act. It provides for a simple and much less expensive method to probate estates. Many of the prolonged and expensive legal problems of estate settlement are simplified under the terms of this proposed bill.

Congressman Walter B. Jones

According to the public opinion polls, one of the most serious problems confronting the American people is high prices and the overall cost of living. On Monday of last week, the House had an excellent opportunity to combat this serious problem by amending the present Economic Stabilization Act. The legislation before the House would have imposed a freeze on all goods and services at a price level which existed on March 16. I have consistently felt that this all-encompassing action would be the only thing that could cool inflation and restore some stability to the overall economy. Unfortunately, the majority of the Members of

A Look Backward From The House

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By VIRGINIA WHITE
TRANSEAU

EPISCOPALIANS HOLD MEETING IN HERTFORD: Mrs. Fred Outland, of Washington, N.C., president of the Woman's Auxiliary of

the Diocese of East Carolina, was the principal speaker at the annual get-together District meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Wednesday, Mrs. G. F. Hill, of Elizabeth City,

Ervin And Discipline

By SAM ERVIN
U. S. SENATOR
WASHINGTON -- The President in his Budget Message of January 29th urged Congress to "develop a systematic procedure for maintaining fiscal discipline."

While I have frequently been cast in the role of the President's adversary, and lately this seems to be happening with remarkable regularity, I am in whole-hearted agreement with him in respect to the need for congressional fiscal responsibility. Congressional procedures relating to the spending of the taxpayer's dollar are, to say the least, in dire need of a major overhaul, and have been for some time. Since 1960,

Demos Getting Party Together

The Democratic Party in North Carolina is setting up machinery to get their Party back in the winners column, according to Democratic State Chairman James R. Sugg.

Sugg announced today that he had mailed a memorandum to county Democratic chairmen urging them to hold a rally during the month of May, calling it "Party Organizational Rally Month." "Some counties in the state have good organizations now," Sugg said, "but many others have never felt the need for any real grass roots organization. But with the opposition Party occupying the State House and one of the U.S. Senate seats, we must organize from the precincts up statewide."

The Party memo states that Party leaders such as Sen. San Ervin, Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt, Atty. Gen. Robert Morgan, "Skipper" Bowles, Pat Taylor, Bob Scott, Nick Galifianakis, Everett Jordan and others have approved the idea.

State Democratic Headquarters staff will aid in the rallies by providing bumper stickers, speakers, and any help leaders at the county level request. In addition, Sugg told county chairmen that field personnel will be available to help in planning rallies and meetings.

State Headquarters states that several counties have already made plans to hold a rally during May, and are hopeful many more will plan Party meetings.

Tarheels Head For Sunshine Fla. State

When North Carolinians travel by car, apparently most of them head for Florida.

According to statistics compiled by the N.C. State Motor Club, the Sunshine State was by far the most popular destination for Tarheels who sought information and travel routings in 1972.

"Florida won in a breeze," said Mrs. Dorothy Gilleland, who supervises the routing section. Second place went to Georgia. North Carolina was right on Georgia's heels proving that many natives still like to vacation in their own state.

More than four thousand requests were received during the year, an increase of four per cent over 1971. There has been a 114 percent increase since 1969.

Other states in the top ten were: 4--Virginia; 5--Tie, Texas and California; 6--New York; 7--Tie, Pennsylvania and Canada; 8--Louisiana; 9--South Carolina; 10--Ohio.

Top surprises were the high rankings of Texas and California, and the decline of South Carolina, always a leader in the past. South Dakota and Idaho brought up the rear.

president, presided. Rev. E. T. Jillean, rector of Holy Trinity, conducted the devotional exercises, followed by the address of welcome by Mrs. W. E. White. Mrs. C. W. Melick, of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Sidney McMullan, of Edenton, and Mrs. Thomas Nixon, of Hertford, were appointed on the nominating committee to select officers for the coming year. Mrs. W. E. White, was elected president, with the privilege of appointing the secretary, and Mrs. John Stevenson, of Elizabeth City, was elected vice-president.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE FROM LOCAL OFFICE: Better mail service for the rural patrons of the Hertford post office is announced by Postmaster J. E. Morris as a result of a recommendation made by the postmaster. A new schedule, which went into effect on April 19, enables those living on the rural routes served by this post office to receive on the same day the mail which reaches Hertford on the mail truck at 8 o'clock in the morning. The R.F.D. carriers now leave the Hertford post office at 8:30, instead of 8 o'clock. The new schedule will, of course, delay the mail carriers half an hour.

W. H. NIXON DIES SUDDENLY OF HEART ATTACK: The sudden death of Wilson Hollowell Nixon, prominent Perquimans farmer, which occurred at 5:30 o'clock Thursday morning, shocked the entire community. Mr. Nixon, who was in his 45th year, was a native of Perquimans and has spent his entire life in the county. He was the son of the late Thomas J. Nixon, Sr., and Mrs. Alice Cox Nixon. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eula Newbold Nixon, two daughters, Mrs. T. B. Smith, of Edenton; and Miss Eula Newbold Nixon, of Hertford; and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Hardcastle.

MRS. DARDEN TO ATTEND P.T.A. MEET IN FLORIDA: Mrs. V. N. Darden will leave Saturday for a trip to Miami, Fla., Mrs. Darden, who is President of the Parent-Teacher Association of the North Eastern District, will attend the National P.T.A. Convention which will be in session from Sunday thru Wednesday in Miami.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY MARSHMALLOW ROAST: The girls of the Girls' Aux., of Hertford Baptist Church and the boys of the Royal Ambassadors were given a most delightful hike, ending in a weiner roast and a marshmallow toast, by their leaders, Mrs. T. W. Perry and Mrs. Josiah Elliott, on Friday afternoon. The young people participating in the fun included: Julia Broughton, Eugenia Gregory, Mabel Spivey, Jean White, Marie Lane, Reba Spivey, Jeannette Perry, Sarah Ward, Margaret Mayes, Shirley Elliott, Dorothy Strange, Catherine Campen, Cleveland Buck, Fred Campen, Eldon Winslow, David Broughton, Zack Harris, James Divers and Milton Dail.

UNDERGOES OPERATION: Miss Blanche Everett underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Protestant Hospital, Norfolk Va., on Thursday afternoon of last week. Miss Everett's condition is reported as satisfactory.

STALLINGS-PERRY: Miss Doris Perry, of Bethel, daughter of Mrs. R. A. Perry and Walter Stallings, of Cutaway, Md., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stallings, of Camden County, were quietly married on Saturday, April 30, at South Mills. The couple will make their home in Maryland.

MORGAN'S 21st ANNIVERSARY SALE IS NOW ON: Big Contest on with \$150.00 worth of High Grade Furniture given away to contest winners. On Thursday morning, May 23 after the great sale, Mr. Morgan will place 50 pounds of ice upon the sidewalk in front of his store, and the person guessing the nearest to how long it will take for the cake of ice to melt will be the winners in the \$150.00 worth of merchandise to be given away.

A SALE AT THE J.C. BLANCHARD & CO. was advertising lawn mowers with 16 in. blade for just \$67.50. Ice cream freezers all sizes just \$39.

As of April 12, approximately 1880 bills have been introduced, and 250 have been ratified, making them law.

A bill was introduced in the House which would provide an economic development program to aid fishermen of North Carolina. It would authorize the Division of Commercial and Sports Fisheries of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources to provide services to promote the efficiency and economic well-being of fishermen. Services to include promotion of business management practices, and counseling in meeting environmental, health and safety standards, improvement of waterways and harbors. It would also authorize the Secretary of Natural and Economic Resources to employ personnel to carry out the program.

Introduction of House Bill 1037 would prohibit the sale of meat and meat products in containers other than metallic containers which do not allow the purchaser to see both sides of the product. This bill has been sent to the Agriculture Committee. If passed, it would go into effect July 1, 1974.

The Story Of 'Catfish' Hunter

So folks that's how Jimmy got his nickname "Catfish" Hunter. They told Mr. Charles O. Finnley that whole story about Jimmy catching that little catfish when he was only seven years old. Mr. Charles Finnley sure enjoyed hearing about it.

And that same year the Korean War ending and peace again the boys came home from the war to their loved ones and there in September school started again. By now Jimmy was getting use to going to school like any other boy would at his age. He was getting to be a big boy by now, and he was beginning to take notice of what you said and done. From now on until he was ten years old there wasn't much that you could say about him that you couldn't take any other boy his age. His daddy and brothers would take him to a movie on a Saturday afternoon or to a fair in the fall in our two neighboring towns. They would take him also to most of the High School games and take him to town to the drug store every Saturday so from seven years old until ten years old he was just like most any boy. He would get a little stinging with a whip if he disobeyed but most of the time Jimmy was really a good boy. He didn't get many whippings. Mr. & Mrs. Hunter said in fact didn't none of our children get too many whippings. They were all good children so you see the next three years went by just like any other boy he was just another boy. He studied his school books and passed his grade every year and would get good marks on his work, and even at his age he would play baseball with other boys his age in there little country community known as Beech-Spring where Jimmy was raised. They always had a little baseball team that would side up and play each other every Saturday and Sunday. I guess you would call that the pee-wee sandlot baseball.

There wasn't any little league back there like there is now so that was the only baseball then was just what they played among themselves. But high up in grammar school which was the sixth and seventh grades the boys of Hertford School would play the boys of Winfall School which was only two miles away. So when the year 1957 came Jimmy was eleven years old, and in the sixth grade he was getting to be a big boy then and that Spring he was Hertford's main pitcher. But in 1956 when Jimmy was ten years old the school on Grubb St. that Jimmy went too caught afire on the 17th of February and burnt down. Mrs. Hunter said to Mr. Hunter, "Albert I see a big black smoke over in the area of Hertford wonder what is it?"

Mr. Hunter said, "I do too!" Mrs. Hunter said, "Call someone in Hertford and find out because it looks like a big fire."

It was a very very dark dreary cold morning. The children had all got in school and the classes were in session. It was about 9:30 O'Clock, over two hundred children enrolled in that school the other Hunter children were over in the Perquimans High School about one mile away.

By this time Mrs. Hunter had called in she then put the receiver down and call "Albert come here quick." Mr. Hunter was out in the yard cutting some wood for the house. Mr. Hunter came running to the house and said "what is the matter?"

Mrs. Hunter said "the school house in Hertford is burning down go to Hertford at once and see about Jimmy Oh my God I hope and pray that none of the children are injured in that fire."

Mr. Hunter said "Oh Honey! Hold yourself together it might not be as bad as we think. I'm sure that all of them have got out of it."

"Oh! Lord, I hope so," said Mrs. Hunter "Get the car and go and see if Jimmy is alright."

Which he did, his prayers was surely answered. When he got to the schoolhouse it was about finished the old brick walls were falling in. The teachers had been giving the children instructions of what to do in time of a fire. She had been giving them fire drills, so when the fire was discovered the teachers which numbered about fifteen or more held their nerve and approached the children in a calm way so they wouldn't get excited and go pannaick. The teachers told them to get their books and march out quick and don't get excited no one was going to get hurt. The orders were I want you all to come out just the same old way that we have been teaching you to do everyday if you see fire or smoke just stay close together and get out as quick as you can. Listen to me and don't get excited this time it is a real fire the children done just like the teachers had told them. Yes, a very brave bunch of children. It could have been fatal to all of them, but thanks to God and them brave teachers because none of them children suffered any injury. There was a Mr. James that had a little boy in there. Mr. James got so excited about it that he went into a heart attack and died the next day. So that was the end of the Old Grubb St. School which many many years was known as the old Grubb St. Academy. So the remains of this old School was turned down the yard was cleared up good and was made into a recreation center and a beautiful play ground which is being used today. The next year a new school was built in another place across the railroad track called Pennsylvania Avenue but when Mr. Hunter drove up to the burning