

Oklahoma [Mr. BELCHER] has 15 minutes remaining.

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the Committee rose; and the Speaker having resumed the chair, Mr. NATCHER, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 17126) to amend the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, had come to no resolution thereon.

GENERAL LEAVE TO EXTEND

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to extend their remarks on the bill H.R. 17126.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FURTHER LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I take this time only to advise the Members of the House that I have been advised by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Brooks] that on tomorrow H.R. 18040, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, and S. 2060, to amend section 503(f) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 will be called up under a unanimous-consent request.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, would the distinguished majority leader yield for a question?

Mr. ALBERT. I shall be glad to yield to the distinguished gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. GROSS. Is it proposed to bring up the conference report which was filed this afternoon on the bill with respect to the Post Office Department? Would it be expected to call up that conference report tomorrow?

Mr. ALBERT. The conference report will probably be called up after we have finished the agriculture bill. This, as I understand it, is contemplated at this time.

A RACIST AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Mr. PODELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. PODELL. Mr. Speaker, the appointment by New York University of John F. Hatchett as director of the newly established Martin Luther King, Jr., Af-

ro-American Student Center is an affront to commonsense and decency and a desecration of the memory of the martyred Nobel Laureate.

John F. Hatchett is a notorious black racist and anti-Semite. He is the author of an article in the November-December 1967 issue of the African-American Teachers Forum in which he asserted that Negro children were being mentally poisoned by Jewish educators and black Anglo-Saxons. In violation of regulations of the New York City Board of Education, he escorted a class of schoolchildren to a memorial to Malcolm X where the eulogies consisted principally of exhortations to kill whitey. For that infraction, he was dismissed by the board of education from his teaching position.

The article which John F. Hatchett published in the African-American Teachers Forum was widely condemned last winter by the Protestant Council of New York City, by the Catholic Interracial Council and by the American Jewish Congress as black nazism. Under the circumstances, it is hard to believe Dr. Allan M. Cartter, chancellor of the university, or the university authorities were unaware of Mr. Hatchett's anti-Semitic views nor of his expressed hatred for the white community. Indeed, it is hard to believe that the university authorities were unaware of the fact that Mr. Hatchett's expressed public views and conduct were diametrically opposed to the views of Dr. Martin Luther King and his faith in the brotherhood of man. The appointment of John F. Hatchett as director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Afro-American Student Center makes just about as much sense as an appointment of Adolph Hitler as director of the New York University Deutsche Verein.

Equally incredible is the public support given to the appointment by the American Civil Liberties Union. A spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union asserted that "a man's right to employment must be based on his professional performance and not on his private thoughts, words, beliefs, and associations." There was in fact nothing private about Mr. Hatchett's escorting a class of pupils to the Malcolm X Memorial meeting in violation of board of education regulations. Nor was their anything private about Mr. Hatchett's publication of his anti-Semitic views.

Clearly, the views of the American Civil Liberties Union strips the concept of civil liberties naked of all meaning and relevance. A person who is a narcotics addict or a chronic alcoholic suffers a private affliction and is entitled to reasonable opportunity for employment. However, no imperative of civil liberties mandates the appointment of a person so afflicted to a police force. Nor is it likely that the American Civil Liberties Union will appoint George C. Wallace as the director of its Alabama chapter.

Dr. Allan M. Cartter, the chancellor of New York University, said that university officials would reexamine Mr. Hatchett's appointment in the light of additional information. The appointment of Mr. Hatchett should be promptly rescinded, lest his presence on the university campus pollute the atmosphere of academic freedom with the lethal poisons of racism.

VIETNAM

Mr. ROONEY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute, to revise and extend my remarks, and to include extraneous matter.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. ROONEY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, our involvement in Vietnam is, and has been for many months, a dominant issue in the politics of our Nation and in the hearts of every American. Many times, those who speak most vociferously on the war have the least understanding of its meaning in terms of personal commitment and personal sacrifice.

Today, I would like to share with you an article which appeared in the Morning Call, Allentown, Pa., which, I feel, represents an American family at its best and a father who truly understands the meaning of freedom. Reverend Ehrhart maintains a perfect balance of understanding in his mission to teach love and his realization that we sometimes are forced to accept a necessary involvement in war. This balance should act as an inspiration and a guideline for all of us.

The article referred to, follows:

MINISTER USES PULPIT AS FORUM TO AIR HIS VIEWS ON VIETNAM
(By Len Kucinaki)

The Rev. John H. Ehrhart of Perkastie considers himself neither a hawk nor a dove in his feelings on the war in Vietnam.

However, he has strongly expressed his support of the administration's policy on the controversial war. Recently, after much deliberation, he used his pulpit at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ to maintain his position and support of the war.

It had been difficult for him to discuss the issue of war as a clergyman. "For we are trained to teach love, not hate and kill." He and Mrs. Ehrhart have prayed the war would end, and he has never declared the war is right.

"The price of freedom is always high," he told his congregation. "If we pay with indifference, flagrant violations of law, we will cheat ourselves and our descendants of the heritage we have come to respect and love."

HAD TO SPEAK

Rev. Ehrhart does not believe the pulpit should be used as a sounding board for his personal opinion, but he felt he just had to speak. He was tired of being on the defensive.

Rev. Ehrhart apologized to his parishioners for discussing a personal matter at such great lengths and asked their prayers in forgiveness. An apology was not necessary, the congregation understood. Parishioners paused on the church steps to express their compliments over the sermon—more compliments than he had received over any single previous sermon.

They understood his feelings and his need to express them.

He was entitled to them and he and his wife had paid a great price for that right.

This week his son, Marine Corps Lt. John N. Ehrhart left for Vietnam where he will join Rev. and Mrs. Ehrhart's other two sons, Sgt. William D. Ehrhart, USMC, and Lt. Robert C. Ehrhart, USAF.

There are no immediate statistics available on how many families have three sons in Vietnam, but without a doubt the Ehrharts are among a comparative few.

Rev. Ehrhart said he had always made a