

Watergate Bible Lesson

Washington

Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., chairman of the Senate Watergate Committee, said he couldn't resist the temptation to philosophize.

As Frederick LaRue, a former Nixon re-election committee official, completed his testimony yesterday, Ervin said:

"The evidence thus far presented before this committee tends to show that men upon whom fortune has smiled with beneficence and who possessed great financial power, great political power and great governmental power, undertook to nullify the laws of man and the laws of God for the purpose of gaining what history will call a very temporary political advantage.

"The evidence also indicates . . . possibly the efforts to nullify the laws of man might have succeeded if it had not been for the courage of a Federal judge, Judge (John J.) Sirica and a very untiring set of investigative reporters.

"But I come from a state like the state of Mississippi (where LaRue is from) where they have great faith that the laws of God are imparted in the King James Version of the Bible.

"And I think that those who participated in this effort to nullify the laws of man and the laws of God overlooked one of the laws of God which is set forth in the 7th verse of the 6th chapter of the Galatians: 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'

The hearing room burst into applause.

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