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Work To Start On \$400,000 Spastic Hospital

Sen. O'Berry Gives Plans For Needed Institution

First Step In Meeting Problem

By NANCY BEAME DUMBELL
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Construction of the North Carolina's first hospital for spastic children between Chapel Hill and Durham at a cost of \$400,000 will begin within one month and the project is expected to be ready for operation early in 1949.

This announcement was made today by Sen. Thomas O'Berry of Goldsboro, chairman of the state's legislative committee in charge of this project.

The hospital will be built on a ten-acre tract of land, given by Duke University. It will be located one mile from the hospital toward Chapel Hill.

Funds for building the project were appropriated by the State Legislature during its 1947 session in the amount of \$250,000 for the construction and \$50,000 for furniture and equipment. A total of \$125,000 was received from Federal funds for the hospital, according to Sen. O'Berry.

A complete training and treatment program for spastic children has been planned for the hospital. In addition, the hospital will instruct other doctors and nurses in the treatment and training of spastics in order that these persons may serve other such centers as they are established in the state.

PATIENT BREAKDOWN
Approximately 130 spastic children are being treated in the state. Of these, 50 will be "institutional" living at the center. Another 50 will have beds in the hospital where they may receive treatment during the summer months. The remaining 30 will be "out-patients," coming to the hospital during the week for treatment and training.

"The hospital will not begin to meet the needs of all spastic children in the state," said Sen. O'Berry. "There are approximately 1,200 spastics here but the project is a big step in the right direction, not only for the state but for the nation."

"It will be the nation's first spastic hospital," said Sen. O'Berry. "It will be the nation's first spastic hospital of any kind," the Senator continued.

Sen. O'Berry said that the first step in the project was to select the site. He said that the training will be "those who have the brightest minds, will respond to the needs of the treatment, and can leave the hospital the quickest."

Sen. O'Berry pointed out that the hospital will be a "state hospital," and that the children will be in the hospital—these children can be brought back almost to normal.

It was at the last State Legislature that Sen. O'Berry introduced the bill providing for this spastic hospital. The Senator said that he had introduced the bill to the Legislature at its next session (1949) would appropriate money for continuing the operation of the hospital.

A Worn Out and Abandoned Farm Is Reclaimed
And the story of how it has been done, in a comparatively short time, is told in today's "A DATE WITH DANGER" serial.

Too, you'll be interested in Rufus Warren's winning speech on Soil Conservation.

For the latest, most interesting farm news turn to the farm pages in today's

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Next Step Photo by Tom Frazier Studio
PATIENT TARGETS for the largest gathering of spastic children in the North Carolina. They are being treated at the hospital, which is expected to be ready for operation early in 1949.

Pretty Good Judge
By TOM FEFERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Peggy Fox, the pretty pianist of Midwood, was back home on Belvedere Ave. today, polishing up a silver cup that had been handed to her at Wrightville Beach for taking third place in the Miss North Carolina contest.

Peggy was pretty happy about the big week-end. She'd received a lot of applause for her performance in playing "The Sea" by Palmgren and "The Eagle" by MacDowell, and she'd been asked to play for the guests at a Let's-Get-Acquainted party before the contest.

BEAUTY JUDGE, TOO
But she'd also convinced herself she was something of a beauty judge herself.

The official judges thought the same thing, bestowed the title of "Miss North Carolina" on Peggy Fox, an eighteen-year-old torch singer who almost argued Shelby Joyce out of selecting her as their representative.

Peggy, as "Miss Charlotte," flew to Wrightville with her mother, Mrs. Burke Fox, for the big contest.

JAYCEE ESCORTS
Jaycee who escorted her through the week-end program were Charlie Henderson, Art Jenkins and Clyde Clem. Peggy took part in the beauty parade through Wilmington Saturday afternoon, riding in a

112 Pounder
Baby Abandoned in Gaston Building Well

GASTONIA—(AP)—An abandoned pound and one-half baby girl, found yesterday in a paper bag, was reported found nicely dead at a Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Ethel Lingerfelt, mother of six children, made the discovery under her bedroom window shortly before dawn yesterday.

She told police she was awakened by what she thought was the meowing of a cat. Looking out of her window, she saw the infant, placed nude, head first

Congress To Get Message On Inflation

Truman Works On Measure

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman will hand the extra session opening next Monday an Administration bill to deal with rising living costs.

President Truman will consider the measure embracing virtually all of the ten-point anti-inflation program he recommended to Congress November 10.

"There will be a concrete bill on high prices," Ross told reporters. He said he does not know whether it will be submitted simultaneously with the President's special message to Congress, or whether it will follow that message.

The President, he said, has not decided whether to deliver his message in person, and the date for its submission will be worked out in consultation with the Republican leadership of the two houses. Under the circumstances, Ross said he does not know whether the message will go up Monday or Tuesday.

He said that he is "unable to say" whether the message will be delivered by the President or by a Vice President. He said that the President will include any foreign affairs recommendations in his message.

He conceded that there have been many queries along this line in view of what one reporter described as the increasing gravity of the situation.

Ross said that the President conferred for an hour and a half yesterday with Sen. Barkley (D-Ky.), his running mate on the Democratic ticket.

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Offensive Reported

Israel Charges Arabs Violating Truce Terms

CAIRO—(AP)—Israel charged today that Syrian and Iraqi troops are engaged in widespread offensive operations in Northern Palestine in defiance of the truce imposed by the United Nations.

A Haifa dispatch quoted an official Israeli report saying Syrian troops attacked the Jewish settlements of Elings, Susia and Shawa' Haglan south of the Sea of Galilee.

The Syrians employed heavy guns, the report said, and firing still was going on this morning. An Israeli spokesman at Haifa said the "Israeli Army will consider itself at liberty to attack the Syrian Army wherever it is located."

The Jews charged that the Syrians launched an attack last night only an hour after the truce began on a hill position taken by the Jews a few days earlier.

On the Jenin front, the report said, Iraqi troops opened heavy artillery fire on Jewish-held Zif 'In, six and a half miles north of Jenin.

In Western Galilee, Jewish forces captured four Arab villages before the Jewish position deadline. Then the Arab liberation army opened fire on the Jewish positions near Tabbukha near the Lebanese border.

Arab irregulars are firing, the report continued. The Syrians were reported to have attacked the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway today from Arab villages and near Zirkun, Yaskov, the report said.

The Israeli Government said it will be forced to take operations to insure the safety of main roads for Jewish traffic.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli spokesman said Syrian planes bombed Jewish positions in the struggle when in the Central Palestine coastal plain.

The Syrian Army's communications were reported to have been cut off by the Israeli Army.

The 22-man executive board approved a strike unanimously at the request of Ken Bannan, director of the UAW-GIO's Ford Department.

Bannan announced last yesterday that UAW-Ford locals had voted "overwhelmingly" to support their contract demands.

He said specific totals on the vote were not available. He said the UAW-Ford locals had voted 88 per cent in favor of a strike.

But even as the UAW went ahead with its required preliminaries to a strike, the president of the UAW expressed belief that a walkout could be averted.

Local mediators kept in close touch with the situation, as they went by radio to offer their services to prevent a possible strike.

Refugee List Grows

Czech Army Chief Flees Homeland

WASHINGTON (AP)—Czechoslovakia's top ranking army general was reported today to have fled to the American occupation zone of Germany.

General Antonin Bohumil Hasek, escaped from Czechoslovakia several weeks ago after the Communists took over the country.

Hasek's last post in Czechoslovakia was military aide and advisor to General Benes, who resigned as President last month and was succeeded by Clement Gottwald, Communist leader.

Officials said as Presidential adviser he outranked even the Minister of War. Earlier, Hasek was deputy chief of staff of the Czechoslovak Army.

Hasek was described by officials as the most prominent of the hundreds of Czechs who eluded guards and crossed the border into the American zone after the Communists seized control of the Government last February.

As one of the top Czech military men he was possessor of information of considerable importance to United States Intelligence officials.

Meanwhile whereabouts of the Minister of War, Gen. Ludwig Svoboda, remain a mystery.

Dispatches have reported, without confirmation, that he too may have crossed the border. The Czech news agency announced Friday he was on a month's leave of absence.

The disclosure that General Hasek had fled closely followed a report that a group of Czech military officials had been arrested and charged with plotting to murder high political and military leaders.

The group was headed by the Minister of War. The group included a number of high-ranking officers in the service of United States counter-intelligence corps, the Interior and National Defense Ministers asserted.

Officials here said they did not know whether there is any connection between Hasek's flight and the plot.

FRANKFURT, Germany—(AP)—A Czech Army spokesman said today he could not comment on reports that Gen. Antonin Bohumil Hasek, former Czech Minister of War, had fled to the American zone.

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Western Allies Ponder Next Step

While the Second Meeting with Secretary of Defense

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman reviewed the tense Berlin situation today with top military and diplomatic advisers at the White House.

The Russian blockade pushed the Western Allies toward grave new decisions.

He talked for half an hour with Secretary of State Marshall. Then Secretary of Defense Forrestal came in to join a group of high ranking Army and State Department experts.

This conference included William H. Draper Jr., Undersecretary of State, and other military and other explosive areas jammed against the Iron Curtain.

While the second meeting was under way, Marshall left the White House by a side door, missing reporters.

Draper accompanied Secretary of State Marshall and Undersecretary of State Llewellyn Harris to the conference.

"They gave the President a full-in on the Berlin situation," Eben T. Draper, White House press secretary, said.

He would only add that the President was kept constantly informed of developments.

Presumably the long conference with Marshall covered all aspects of the Berlin developments. The President sees Marshall every Monday on foreign policy.

The second conference lasted 35 minutes. The participants were top military and civilian officials.

The towering Soviet commitment to the blockade was the main topic.

"I can't tell you anything. You'd better ask some of the bigger boys," Draper followed close on his heels, shaking his head and repeating over and over, "no comment."

The three Western military governors met for four hours in blocked Berlin today discussing plans to break the Soviet blockade in Western Germany.

An American spokesman said the Russian blockade was not discussed.

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Admiral Says Atomic Bomb 'Disappeared'

During War

NEW YORK—(AP)—Rear Admiral Ellis Zacharias, retired former Navy intelligence officer, says the United States sent a nuclear bomb to the Pacific theater in the last weeks of the recent war but it "disappeared."

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other people offering advice on how to spend the money.

Ted Horn Injured

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued hot through Tuesday, widely scattered afternoon showers.

Temperature at 3:30 today: 94
at 7:30 today: 84
Sunrise today: 7:30
Sunset tomorrow: 8:25

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