

Senate Group Approves New Auto Inspection Plan

U. S. UNEMPLOYMENT HITS POSTWAR PEAK

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The number of jobless Americans shot up another 550,000 in February to 3,200,000, the highest unemployment since the war.

The Census Bureau, reporting the figure today, attributed the rise partly to bad weather in some parts of the country and partly to non-seasonal layoffs in the industry.

Angry Reds Surrender To Blockade

FRANKFURT, Germany — (AP) — Eight angry Russian soldiers ran down the Red flag over the Russian repairation mission headquarters today and raised of the Soviet star in a gesture of surrender to the blockade.

The 3,200,000 total of unemployed last month was fairly close to the figure of 2,600,000 that prevailed in December, 1941, when the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the U. S. into World War II.

The new February total was 600,000 higher than that in January, 1949.

Employment in February declined about 200,000 from January to a total of 57,148,000 last month.

But the number of people entering the labor force during February was 230,000 more than in January.

Unemployment increased more than employment fell because a number of people entered the labor force during February.

Many of these new arrivals and school youths who were neither holding nor hunting jobs the month before.

The Census Bureau, following the pattern of administration statements from the President on down, found some grounds for holding that the unemployment situation was not as bad as it appeared.

Contrasting the present situation with the pre-war period, it said: "The number of civilian workers in recent months, unemployment in February was still low relative to 1937."

"As late as 1941, for example, unemployment averaged 5,600,000, and about one out of every ten persons in the civilian labor force was unemployed for consecutive months."

Comparable proportion was only one out of twenty.

The Russian protest that the order to leave was a violation of the SOVIET on page 5-A

Rent Control Bill Approved

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Banking Committee today approved, 29 to 4, a compromise bill to extend rent control for 13 months through March 31.

The bill would extend the act, which expires on March 31, 1949, for 13 months to March 31, 1950.

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Committee Okays Patrol Inspections

Fountain Measure Is Turned Down

RALEIGH — (AP) — The Senate Roads Committee today favorably reported a measure providing for inspection of motor vehicles by the State Highway Patrol.

The measure is intended to replace the inspection law which was vetoed by the General Assembly this week.

The Senate Committee rejected a modified inspection program proposed by Senator L. H. Fountain of Edgecombe which would provide for annual inspection of all motor vehicles in every county, and a limited list of items to be inspected.

The Fountain measure was recommended by the majority of the Senate Roads Committee.

There would be no inspection laws under the bill approved by the Senate.

The State Highway Patrol would be authorized to make inspection checks of automobiles on the highway. The bill also would provide that all new cars and trucks to be inspected by the Patrol before they could be licensed.

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Three Other News Men Promoted

McKnight Named Editor Of The News

Appointment of C. A. (Pie) McKnight as editor of The Charlotte News, and promotion of three other news department executives were announced today by Thomas L. Robinson, publisher. The other promotions were:

Raymond B. Howe Jr., sports editor; to managing editor.

R. L. (Doc) Young Jr., acting city editor; to city editor.

Each of these men has been with The News for some time. Most of their experience having been gained here, and the promotion is in line with the long-established policy of the company in promoting members of the staff to executive position.

Mr. Robinson said: "Mr. McKnight, Mr. Howe, Mr. Young and Mr. Blaser have earned their new positions by their excellent work for The News and I am confident that they will continue to make large measure to the continued improvement of our paper. Each has made an outstanding record as a newspaperman and I am gratified that we have such capable men to assume executive positions."

Mr. Robinson added that Executive Editor B. S. Griffith would continue general supervision of the editorial and news departments of The News.

EDITOR MCKNIGHT, who has been managing editor of The News for the past year, has had broad experience in newspaper work here and abroad and has earned a fine reputation as a reporter and writer as well as an executive. A. A. (Tom) Blaser, who has been managing editor of The News for the past year, has had broad experience in newspaper work here and abroad and has earned a fine reputation as a reporter and writer as well as an executive.

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Measure Backed By 8 to 5 Vote

Showdown Forced By Democrats

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate Labor Committee today approved the Truman labor bill without change by a vote of eight to five.

The bill would repeal the Taft-Hartley Law and substitute the old Wagner Labor Relations Act with modification.

All the votes for the bill were cast by Democrats. All Republicans on the committee voted against it.

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Record British Arms Budget Set

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Once Over Lightly advertisement featuring a cartoon character and text about a new cigarette brand.

Advertisement for Tagliavini's Child's Father, featuring a photograph of a man and a child, and text describing the product.

Advertisement for French Shanghaied Sailor, He Says, featuring a photograph of a sailor and text describing the story.

Weather forecast section with text and a small graphic.