



Work To Require 15 Months BELK TO BUILD 5-STORY ADDITION



SEN. JOE MCCARTHY
Does He See Eye-To-Eye With Revenue Man? (AP Wirephoto)

Paper Says Joe Owes \$25,000 Tax

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Washington Evening Star said today Internal Revenue agents, after an 18-month investigation, have concluded that Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) owes additional income taxes and interest of about \$25,000. McCarthy, asked if he wished to comment on the newspaper's story told a reporter: "It's strictly untrue. There is strictly nothing to it."

The Internal Revenue Service declined comment. The newspaper said it had learned the revenue service will soon present the evidence it has gathered to McCarthy and give him a chance to explain data that the tax investigators do not understand.

The tax agents do not contend that Sen. McCarthy acted with fraudulent intent, the story said. Instead, they assert the Wisconsin legislator erroneously classified as nontaxable some of the money he received and on which he should have paid taxes. The case was described as covering the tax years 1946 through 1952. Saying there was no claim of intent to defraud, the newspaper added: "A taxpayer in these circumstances can clear himself by himself."

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and mostly cloudy with scattered showers tomorrow.
High temperature yesterday, 90 degrees.
High temperature expected today, 86 degrees.
High temperature expected tomorrow, 90 degrees.
Low temperature this morning, 63 degrees.
Low temperature expected tonight, 68 degrees.
Sunrise, 5:40 a.m.; sunset, 7:15 p.m.
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EVENING PRAYER

Our Father, we thank Thee for Thy Spirit that values open-mindedness. Lead us that we may grow in faith, in knowledge, in love for Thee, and in compassion for our fellowmen. We pray in the name of Thy Son who is the Truth, and the Way, and the Life. Amen.

Ike Claims U. S. Economic Decline Halted

Bright Business
Future Predicted

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower declared today that the overall performance of the American economy since his administration took over "has been better than during any earlier time."
"The paramount fact . . . is that the recent decline in economic activity has come to a halt," the President said at another point in a report on the state of the nation's economic health at mid-year.
And he listed signs which he said point out bright prospects for the future.

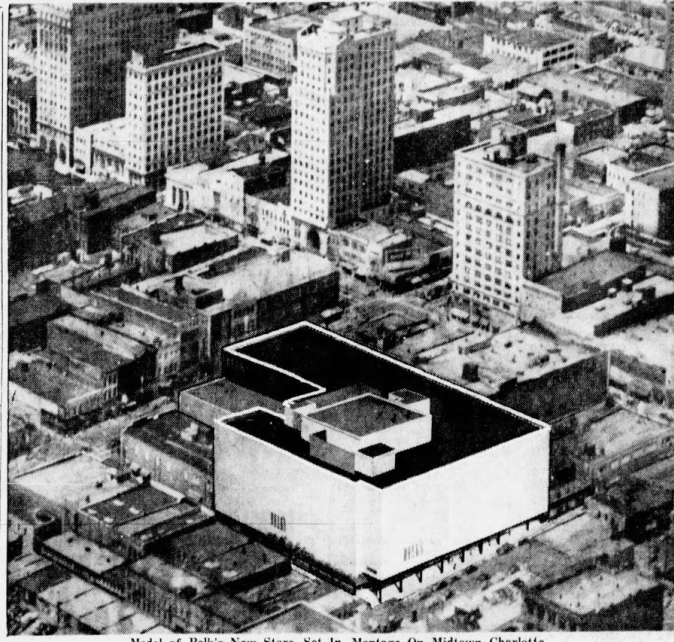
Eisenhower's survey in this congressional election year amounted to a reply to Democratic critics who have contended that the Republican administration is breeding unemployment and leading the nation into a depression.
"There appears no doubt that both sides will draw heavily on the report for ammunition in the upcoming vote battles."

DECLINE SLIGHT
Eisenhower noted the criticism in general terms and went on to say that "the recent economic decline, on an overall basis, has been very small."
He also declared:

1. Price increases during the first six months of this year were "tiny" and—if developments such as bargain sales are taken into account—"we can surely see, without the slightest fear of contradiction, that the value of the people's money has remained entirely intact."
2. "The increase in wages—which is one of the principal expressions of the progressiveness of the American economy—has continued."

JOB SITUATION
Unemployment is greater now than during the Korean War, but "in recent months has not been larger than during comparable months in 1949 and 1950." The President added that the rate of unemployment "has shown some tendency to diminish of late" and said "this is one of the numerous signs of economic improvement."

3. One reason for the criticism of the recent record is that "this rather minor decline has been reported for work and that it was 'business as usual' at the atomic plants."
The Taft-Hartley injunction was whipped on last night by U.S. District Judge Robert L. Taylor at nearby Knoxville to block the strike of 4,500 workers ordered for 8 a.m. today. The move came just hours after President Eisenhower said the government could not permit a work stoppage at the plants for reasons of national security.
Emerson Pownall, president of the local, promised last night that the workers would be back on the job today as another chapter was added to the four-month-old wage dispute.



Model of Belk's New Store, Set In Montage On Midtown Charlotte.

Work To Start Immediately On \$2 Million Job

Structure To Front
On College And 5th

By EMERY WISFEL
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Contract was awarded to the firm of McDevitt & Street Co. today for a five-story and basement addition to Belk Bros. Co. here.

George W. Dowdy, executive vice-president and general manager of the store, said the cost will "be in excess of 2 million dollars."
The addition will run 219 feet along N. College St. and with the present building will give Belk's a 200-foot frontage on E. 5th St.

The new building will contain 175,000 square feet and will be practically double the main store in size, Mr. Dowdy said.

C. P. Street, president of the contracting firm, said work of demolishing buildings on the site is well under way and that he expects to break ground for the

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new structure about Monday. He said construction time will be approximately 15 months.

The building will be of steel and brick construction with fronts of tile. The present front on 5th St. will be rebuilt to create the 200-foot front facing along this street.

Both 5th and College fronts will be of the same design, with entrances and display windows on the first floor, but no windows on upper levels.

A. G. Odell, one of the city's leading architects, designed the building. He said the interior will be of modern design, and that the styling of the present building will be "integrated" to conform with the new wing.

Mr. Dowdy said the addition will give the store much needed space and will make it possible to open "many new departments." Mr. Dowdy added the addition not only will provide a basement, but a sub-basement as well. He pointed out that the store will be open as usual during the period of construction, saying that "complete services will be maintained."

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Comics And Features Are In Section 'C'

The News' popular comic page and the feature page—where you'll find columnists Herbert Spang, Earl Wilson, George Crane and others—are in Section C of this edition.

Injunction Blocks Strike

Atomic Plant Work Normal

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP)—Officials reported "business as usual" today at strike-threatened atomic plants here and at Paducah, Ky. CIO production workers, who had threatened to strike today at the key atomic plants to enforce their demands for pay raises, backed down in the face of a federal court injunction issued last night. The plants produce all of a vital ingredient for atomic and hydrogen bombs in this country.
Spokesmen for both sides said there were no disturbances as the day shift reported for work and that it was "business as usual" at the 80-day cooling off period in which the workers continue on the job and management is barred from holding a lockout while negotiations continue.
Elwood Hain, regional representative of the union from Atlanta, Ga., accepted service of the injunction last night for both locals.
This was the second time the Taft-Hartley law has been invoked to stop a strike of the same workers. President Eisenhower ordered the injunction early last month, but the workers went back to their jobs voluntarily.
The Oak Ridge local of the CIO United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers, has asked a raise of 21 cents an hour from Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co. operator of both Paducah and Oak Ridge plants. Oak Ridge employs about 3,500 CIO production hands and Paducah about 1,000.
U.S. Asst. Atty. Gen. Warren F. Burger, flew in from Washington last night on the President's request and asked for the injunction after Oak Ridge workers broke off day-long negotiations and called the strike. Paducah workers had voted Tuesday night to strike today.
The plants produce this country's entire supply of uranium-235, necessary to the manufacture of hydrogen and atomic weapons.

Anti-Red Bill Move Defeated

(Earlier Story on Page 12-A)
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate today defeated a move to sidetrack one of the administration's anti-Communist bills—a measure with the avowed aim of ridding labor unions of Red influences.
It rejected 57-31 a proposal by Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) that instead a 12-member commission be set up to study the whole problem and report its findings by Jan. 2.
It was offered a substitute for a bill by Sen. Butler (R-Mo.) to deny collective bargaining rights to labor unions found by the Subversive Activities Control Board to be "Communist infiltrated."
Butler called Magnuson's proposal a "parliamentary device" to defeat the bill which he said was endorsed by Atty. Gen. Brownell. Magnuson argued he was proposing the only "practical" approach since the House Judiciary Committee already has shelved a similar Brownell-backed measure.

CROPS, WEATHER TAKE BACK SEAT

Barber Shop Boys Talking Lithium

(2nd Of Two Articles)
By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
BESSEMER CITY — You can get a shave, a haircut, a shower or a shampoo at the Lithium City Barber Shop these days. And "Lithium City" is Bessemer City, the new lithium capital of the world.
Here the talk is no longer just about crops and the weather. Here, and in the Lincoln County village of Indian Creek, where we visited yesterday, it is about lithium with its crude jokes on hydrogen bombs and radioactivity and secret weapons.
Except for those who remember

ed here on the high school chemistry class' element chart, lithium was practically unknown to people here 10 years ago. Now it is the main topic of conversation.
Although it is still too early to get accurate documentation of figures, the Bessemer City-Kings Mountain area is presently one of the world's most active ore-bearing sections of the world, has some of the richest deposits for long range potential and by next year this time may become the largest processing center anywhere.
A vein of lithium-bearing ore runs in a 15-mile swipe from

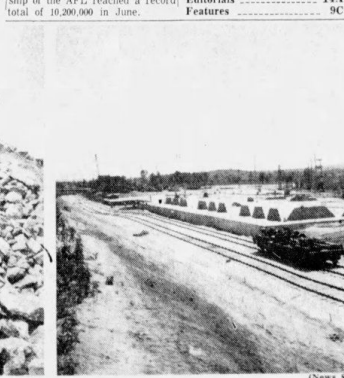
Newton on the north to the South Carolina line on the south. The belt passes through Gastonia, Cherryville, Lincolnton and Shelby. In this area mining operations are in full swing over several thousands of acres, one plant is doing some processing and another will start work after the first of the year.
The lithium-bearing ore in the area is known as spodumene and from it is extracted lithium in a process which includes primary crushing, screening, secondary crushing, firing at intense heat, cooling, fine grinding and chemical treatment. The finished product is a critical material in the

hydrogen bomb — and the plants are not far from the Savannah River H-bomb center.
Lithium also is used in air conditioning, greases, welding ceramics, enamels and even cold tablets.
The story of lithium here can best be traced by studying the operations of the Lithium Corp. of America. For the past ten years the firm has held mineral rights in the area. It has shipped many carloads of spodumene ore from here to its plant in Minnesota.
What they mine here looks like

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Another Load of Spodumene Ore Comes Out Of The Ground . . . Is Stockpiled . . . Until This Bessemer City Plant Is Completed Late This Year



(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hummel)

Crowds Swarm Into City For First Of Three Shop In Charlotte Days