

## State Board Asks 59 Per Cent Teacher Pay Raise

### CONGRESS SESSION UNDER GAIN

HEY, FELLOWS, HOW ABOUT SOME HAY?



This little fellow stopped for a while to rest on the stock of hay, and along came Marsha, the big Indian elephant, to nibble on the hay. The young man, Tony Armstrong, son of Dr. and Mrs. George R. Armstrong, 2116 Harris Road, just looked, turned to his mother nearby, and said, "Geel!" (News Photo by Jeep Hunter.)

## The Big Top's Up And All's Ready Kids Cheer: 'C-Day' Dawns Cold But Clear

By RAY STALLINGS  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

It's Circus Day. That great American institution, Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey, is in town.

And with it came the hurry and scurry of setting up the Big Show for today's two performances. The four trains pulled in from Greensboro at the 11th St. sidings before dawn, and the mass movement to the show-grounds at 24th and Hutchinson Aves. began.

Big trucks pulled heavy trailers of equipment, done up in the fancy Ringling red, to the trains to the grounds. Nine herds of elephants and hundreds of horses "migrated" to the show grounds.

ELPHANTS AT WORK

The lumbering elephants were among the first animals on the

ent-raising scene. They went to work at putting up the tents. Their handlers yelled and they tugged at massive ropes, raising the huge canvas of the Big Top itself.

People wandered about the "lot," watching the cages of polar bears, the Bengal tigers, the horses. They watched as crews aldehyde-hammered long stakes into the ground, and others snugged tent ropes tight.

A BEAUTIFUL DAY

It promised to be a beautiful circus day. The forecast was for mild weather, with tonight fair and "cool." The weatherman said that the light showers predicted for the western portion of the state were not expected to hit Charlotte.

Elephant steel arena, new grandstand innovation conceived by General Manager Art Con-

vo, was pulled into place after the Big Top was raised.

The work of putting up the tent was somewhat disorganized, hurried, but actually it went off like clockwork. The bustle of the hundreds of workers made the scene look confused, but they knew their jobs.

Dozens of Charlotte policemen worked traffic at the show-grounds, assisting in keeping the huge trucks moving.

Roland Butler, well-known press agent who is in charge of the five-man press department of the circus, said the show was scheduled to open at 1 P. M. for the 2:15 afternoon show, at 7 o'clock for the 8:15 performance.

PATENTS ENTERTAINED

And this afternoon, during the first performance, several shows were scheduled to hop over to

Memorial Hospital for a private trial of a new procedure in the polio convalescent ward.

The show was arranged by Mr. Butler and George Goodwin, who's hobby is providing entertainment for the polio-stricken children. He contacted Mr. Butler and the circus man told him he would be glad to arrange the private show.

The circus, after packing up tonight after the final show, will move on to Greenville, S. C., where it will show tomorrow. Mr. Butler said this morning, "Greenville is a rattling good circus town as a Charlotte."

The big top is on its swing to Winter quarters in Florida. There they will ready up for next year's "season," painting and sliding, practicing and training new acts and getting "brightened up."

## Authorities Map Budget For 2 Years

### Advisory Body Hears Request

RALEIGH—(AP)—Funds to give public school teachers pay increases averaging about 69 per cent were requested by the State Board of Education today.

Board officials appeared before the Advisory Budget Commission to ask for an appropriation of \$108,128,281 the first year of the 1949-51 biennium and \$111,734,578 the second year.

Also put forward was a request for \$26,000,000 be appropriated from the General Fund surplus to aid local units in the construction of school buildings.

Controller Paul Reid told the commission that the budget proposed spending \$20,270,000 the first year and \$20,215,000 the second year for instructional salaries.

This, he said, would provide a minimum salary of \$2,400 a year and a maximum of \$8,000 for teachers with a certificate and a minimum of \$3,000 for teachers with graduate certificates. He estimated the average teacher would receive \$1,087 the first year of the biennium and \$1,222 the second year, a total of \$2,309.

REID SAID

The proposed budget would provide a total of \$428,000,000 for 1948-49, a 50 per cent increase over the present average of \$285,000,000 compared with \$485,000,000.

Reid also said that the funds requested would enable the State Board of Education to reduce the average teacher load from 33 to 30 pupils. This would necessitate an increase in the number of teachers, and an increase in the payment of the total of 27,788 teachers and principals of the first year of the biennium and 28,822 the second year, a total of about 25,000 new employees.

Reid said the requests contemplated provide the type and quality of education for which the people claim they are willing to pay.

OTHER REQUESTS

Requests for education requests include \$2,826,100 for 118 attendance officers at \$3,000 each.

\$658,820 the first year and \$661,178 the second to provide clerical help for principals.

\$2,162,182 the first year and \$2,116,222 the second for vocational education.

\$1,432,788 the first year and \$1,615,190 the second for the purchase of free textbooks compared with \$919,998 the first year and \$739,348 the second.

\$3,440,000 the first year and \$3,190,000 the second for the purchase of school buses compared with \$2,109,500 the first year and \$1,740,000 the second.

\$650,000 each year for a school health program.

U. S. Bomber Overdue

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## Sen. Bridges Fears Ally Near Defeat

### Says Red Drive Moscow-Directed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Bridges urged President Truman to call an immediate special session of Congress to consider aid for China.

Bridges made the suggestion in a statement issued from his office here. Bridges himself was in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Republican Senator is chairman of the special committee on Congressional Committee on foreign aid. That group was set up to keep check of the multi-million dollar expenditures of the country for foreign aid both in Europe and the Far East.

Bridges said he fears that unless American aid is made effective immediately the Communist drive will take "over the whole of China, stock and land."

WANTS FACTS GIVEN

A special session of Congress, he would allow the Administration to place the real facts before Congress and the American public regarding the Chinese situation.

He said that Congress should be able to make a treaty action necessary on the basis of such facts. He said that the Communist forces now spreading over all of North China are no simple group of British patriots. They are controlled from the Kremlin in Moscow, and are part of the world wide Communist movement.

Unless effective American aid is made available, he said, the Communists may even sweep into control of Hankow and Shanghai. He said that the Chinese Communists now are "gnawing out the life of our friend and ally, China."

"Even the U. S. State Department," he said, "has been grossly contradictory and so difficult policy toward China now adversely has been approved for shipment very fast and there is grave probability of a breakdown of the United Nations."

At a Senate Department, Press Officer Michael J. McDermott told reporters the Department had not yet given "any" consideration to Bridges' proposals.

China was reported meanwhile to be urging a speed-up in the delivery of American arms which have been approved for shipment from the Army Department and State Department.

Ambassador Wellington Koo discussed the matter of shipments at a luncheon given yesterday with Undersecretary Robert A. Lovett at the State Department. Chinese sources said that the National Congress provided this year for military aid to the Nanking government.

Nationalists Reported Making Battle Gains

By HAROLD K. MILLS

NANKING—(AP)—Nationalist attack reportedly routed nine Red columns at the grand canal today in the mammoth Suchow battle.

The Communists, pro-Government forces, are reported to be suffering a series of setbacks in the Suchow area.

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## Probe Ordered Into Vet Benefit Delays

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(AP)—President Truman today directed Defense and Veterans Affairs to probe the reasons for the delay in the payment of veterans disability and death benefits.

He asked Secretary of Defense Forrestal and Veterans Administration Secretary Carl R. Gray to report specifically on the reasons for the delay in the payment of the benefits to a Paris plane crash last Jan. 6.

Eben Ayers, assistant Presidential press secretary, said Mr. Truman ordered them to recommend steps to prevent other such delays.

COLLEEN FROST'S INQUIRY

A column by Jerry Kuitus in the Washington (D.C.) Post prompted the inquiry ordered by the President.

Kuitus indicated that "red" propaganda was being paid to Mrs. John S. Power, widow of a young fellow civilian aviator killed in the Army in Berlin, who was killed in a Paris plane crash last Jan. 6.

Kuitus reported that: Mrs. Power, the mother of three children—the oldest age 10—received her husband's final pay check only last week and didn't get his retirement deductions from civil service until a few days ago.

The Army and Mrs. Power for official travel of her husband 14 months ago.

It took the Army weeks to give her a correct certificate of her husband's death on which to file his claims. Three insurance companies have been insured.

Mrs. Power's administration still hasn't paid her \$10,000 national life insurance policy held by her husband nor ruled on a petition filed for disability for losing the hearing of his right ear while in the Army.

Meanwhile, three members of the President's top Democratic committee

## N. C. Girl Is Missing In Germany

GREENVILLE, N. C.—(AP)—Lydia Briggs' parents learned today that she is missing in Germany.

Only yesterday they learned she was on a Christmas package.

Mrs. Briggs went to Germany in December 1947 and for some time was an instructor with the German Youth Administration. She taught German youth how to knit, sew and do other domestic chores. She joined the counter-intelligence corps last Sept. 1.

She was an honor student at East Carolina Teachers College in Youngstown, Ohio. She worked for doctors here and at Asheville and did X-ray work at Fort Bragg for about nine months.

Her father is a carpenter and Baptist minister.

## Greek Leader Resigns Post Talks Started In London On Western Defense Pact

ATHENS—(AP)—Premier Themistokles Sophoulis handed the resignation of his coalition Greek Government to King Paul today. The King accepted it.

Sophoulis said the king would summon Foreign Minister Constantin Tsaldaris, leader of the Populist Party, to the palace to discuss the Cabinet crisis before returning, but so far there has been no indication of when Tsaldaris would arrive.

Sophoulis' coalition Liberal-Populist Cabinet had been in power since Sept. 7, 1947.

Tsaldaris still is at the United Nations session in Paris. Sophoulis called him last night, asking him to return, but so far there has been no indication of when Tsaldaris would arrive.

By ROBERT HEWETT

LONDON—(AP)—The five nations of the Western European Union began talk in a highly secret meeting today on a proposed North Atlantic defense treaty with the United States and Canada.

A French foreign office spokesman in Paris said France is proposing a 30-year agreement binding the U. S. and Canada to the alliance. There was neither confirmation nor denial here. The nations in the Western alliance are Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Louis S. St. Laurent, who becomes Canadian prime minister Monday, said last night for a North Atlantic security treaty to include both economic and military cooperation. Top Western diplomats in Washington may try to decide next week whether to expand the proposed alliance to Italy, Portugal, Norway, Denmark, Iceland and Ire-

land, a Washington dispatch said. The United States is expected to be asked to pay for training the alliance.

An informed diplomatic source said the five members of the alliance will start a draft today of Western European views. All five are known to favor the plan in principle.

The representatives meeting here are members of the permanent committee of the alliance, which was formed at Brussels. The information said work on drafting concrete alliance proposals is being started.

Discussions about an Atlantic treaty started in Washington last Summer. Details have been observed by a secretary here than at any time since wartime operations. Plans for Washington and Ottawa reports said officials there expect a North Atlantic conference before Christmas.

## Red Offensive Called Failure

PARIS—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall declared today that the Communists are carrying on a "propaganda peace offensive" hoping to weaken the position of the United States.

Marshall told a news conference Russian propaganda in the United States is being carried on in true traditionalist in last despite a wrist-stand against during the third act of Carmen.

The four-page plan was operating from North Pole here in a search for traces of the missing since last Saturday on a flight from Okinawa to Guam and Puerto Rico.

The normal crew of B-29s is eleven men.

SECRETARY MARSHALL

## New England Workers Hit Hard Lay-Offs Mount In Industry

By The Associated Press

Lay-offs in northeastern industry are mounting as six manufacturing plants announce employment cutbacks.

The issuance of some 400 dismissal notices this week was announced by the U. S. Time Corp., Waterbury, Conn., along with the statement its working force would be cut from August's 3,200 to 1,000 by Jan. 1.

The declaration by company President Joseph Lehman that the union pressure for "ever-increasing wages" would "wreck our production" led the market "drew a union reply that:

"The amount of business done by the corporation this year hardly

substantiates your position that you are being priced out of the market."

Two unions represent the company's workers—the Waterbury Watch Workers Union (AFL) and the International Association of Machinists (IUM).

In White Plains, N. Y., officials of the General Electric Co. said production would be cut 30 per cent Nov. 27 because sales have been lagging behind the output. That was no estimate of the number of workers to be affected, the plant, which manufactures radio and television sets.

The Indian Motorcycle Co. at Springfield, Mass., laid off 250 of its 1,000 employees as of today

(Friday), thus reducing its force to one shift.

In Holyoke, Mass., it was estimated 20 per cent of the 1,000 workers at the Worthington Pump & Machinery Corp. would be laid off by a lay-off.

The Globe plant of the American Woolen Company at Utica, N. Y., announced a ten per cent reduction of its force of 900. The factory makes suit fabrics.

In Syracuse, N. Y., L. C. Smith and Corona Typewriter Co. ordered a reduction of the work week from five to four days for some 2,000 employees. Officials gave loosened demand for office typewriters as the reason and said they hoped the cutback would be only temporary.

## Carmen Really Gets Her Man Gladys Plays Role To Hilt

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—Metropolitan Opera Star Joan Sutherland carried on in true theatrical tradition last night despite a wrist-stand against during the third act of Carmen.

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Letter John went to a hospital

where five stitches were taken in his wrist.

He and Miss Swarthout had appeared as guest stars in the performance given by the Pittsburgh Opera Co.

Max Harrison, president of the opera company, said Miss Swarthout used a "real dagger" rather than the customary wooden prop after borrowing the weapon at Asheville and did X-ray work at Fort Bragg for about nine months.

Her father is a carpenter and Baptist minister.

MISS SWARTHOUT

## Weather

Increasing cloudiness and warmer with occasional light rain. Rain showers in the afternoon and mild with intermittent light rain. Cloudy and cooler late Saturday afternoon.

Temperature at 3 P. M. today—59 High and low last 24 hours... 59-35

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