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GOVERNOR SCOTT'S BUDGET MESSAGE

Editorial Correspondence
RALPH... Up until the time Governor Scott delivered his special budget message last night, most members of the General Assembly had kept their guard up.

(1) keeping teacher salaries on a contingency basis, (2) delaying further hospital construction until the international situation is calmer, and (3) requiring the Budget Bureau to curtail permanent improvement spending to avoid the deficiency.

In that case, little new revenue would be needed. But it is unlikely that the Governor will let these things go by default, without putting up a scrap for them.

The Governor quoted a study by the State Revenue Commissioner that showed a three per cent retail sales tax without increases would have yielded \$66 million in 1948-49, whereas the present exemption-rided levy yielded only \$39 million.

Mr. Scott also asked the General Assembly to restore the gross receipts tax on theaters that was eliminated during World War II, and to provide for better collection of state income taxes.

Still, the General Assembly is going to have to face up to a sizable revenue problem. The Advisory Budget Commission recommended total expenditures of \$459,500,017 in the 1951-53 biennium.

Establish on a permanent basis the \$2,200-\$3,100 salary scale for teachers, now on a temporary contingency basis. This, we estimated, would cost \$17 million for the two years.

Carry on the Medical Care Commission hospital building program, scheduled for completion this year, although the program will be left without financial facilities. The Governor estimated this cost at \$6,419,942.

Throughout the Governor's address, there were numerous reaffirmations of his faith in North Carolina. Two years ago, when many members of the General Assembly were fearful that a recession was in prospect, the Governor struck out strongly for big new investments in the State's future.

North Carolina attained its leadership by daring advances in public service. Every man who has paid his taxes here, we simply cannot afford to choke off progress now because the pattern of the future is uncertain.

'One Million One Million And One, One Million And Two—'

Yugoslavs Prepare for Red Threat Now Not in Future

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSO

WASHINGTON
ONE SIMPLE FACT is enough to give an air of vague unreality to the Yugoslav position.

After a dreadful famine, with insufficient American aid really to ease the hard lot of his people, Marshal Tito insisted on the need to ease the hard lot of his people.

SHOWDOWN DEFERRED
Tito talked as though he had a year or so to debate the issue of the Kremlin's withdrawal of troops from the Balkans.

THE REASON that the Yugoslav government is so actively preparing for an attack by the Soviet Army is that the Kremlin's withdrawal of troops from the Balkans is so imminent.

It was assumed "The principles of American policy would remain exactly the same," so the word went. But on that day in September, the one thing did change.

But the question is not whether there is a chance of a happier outcome. The question is, is there any chance of a national policy on a simple gamble on that chance.

Fortunately, there are other leaders in the government to press their case, and to speak out, all may yet be well.

People's Platform

Our Public Schools

Editor, The News:
THESE WORDS of this article had read with a great deal of interest the recent editorials having to do with the public schools.

no exception. So, instead of sniping in the dark at what the schools are doing or failing to do, let's visit the schools more and find out what actually is going on.

Another important change that has taken place in school districts is that the schools not only must assume responsibility for ALL the children but for the WHOLE child.

Be Cheerful
M-BEE S. G.
THESE YEAR'S resolution should be: "Be cheerful in all you do." For every tear drop there is a little laughter.

What a fundamental way? Have the changes in the schools been made to meet the need for additional fundamentals? If what is taught in the schools does not help the child in terms of service to his fellowmen—what then should be taught?

On Drunk Driving
CHARLOTTE
Editors, The News:
I WISH to thank you for carrying the article from "The Twin-City Sentinel" on "Jail Sentences for Drunk Drivers."

It is easy to criticize without offering a better idea. It is to criticize without offering a better idea that is the worst of all sins.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typed if possible, and on only one side of the paper.

NO APPEASEMENT

PRESIDENT TRUMAN spoke for the people of the United States yesterday when he told Congress that this country "will not engage in appeasement".

He pointed out that if Western Europe should fall to Russia and the Communists moved on to take over the free countries of Asia and Africa they would have such resources of men and material that they could step by step bring us to our isolation.

While there may be differences as to method there doubtless will be little major criticism of the broad objectives Mr. Truman outlined for the defense effort.

FAREWELL TO FRIVOLITY

WAR KILLS a lot of things. Men, of course, are the most tragic casualties of battle. But around the world other things die. The market for frivolity is usually dead and buried shortly after hostilities begin.

It is in order to meet this threat, to arm ourselves and our allies, he urged the nation's support in an all-out mobilization effort. In order to do this he called for revision and extension of the authority to expand production and to stabilize prices, wages and rents and for a revision and extension of the draft law.

While he was not specific about domestic issues there doubtless will be opposition to extension of social benefits at this time. And opposition too to the renewal of the proposal regarding Federal aid for schools.

The wisest preacher is the one who would not permit the Devil to claim all the fun as his own—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

Why do some women think they have bought a dress at a ridiculous price when they see the public of great quantities of money. There had to be things for the public to spend that money on: like \$500 dresses to be worn to big fancy parties, like \$50,000 trips to the South of France, like the expensive automobiles with gold-plated accessories and tiger-skin upholstery.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
DEMOCRATIC Senators came out of their first session last night with a record of 100-0 against the anti-communist campaign.

High Cost Of Politics

IN Pennsylvania, Governor also pointed out, an estimated \$2,000,000 had been spent in the Senatorial campaign.

With Or Without Padding, It's Still Modified Murder

legitimate fight for justice. When you wrap a fist with tape and surround it with lightly-padded leather, you are not in contact with sensitive tissue, eyes and skull, all you ask is eventual death by hand, or what the trade calls punchpunches.

It is certainly a negative recommendation. A knockout occurs from a sudden concussion, resulting from fist to face. This concussion means that the nerve centers of the brain have suddenly been drastically short-circuited.

Typings Bows Out

SENATOR TYDINGS himself finally took the floor at the end of the secret session. He finally said that he would not accept the offer of a seat on the Senate floor.

Connelly Next

WASHINGTON
TODAY it turns to the Connally of Texas and said: "You know, Senator Connally, the campaign is already on down in Texas to prove you are a Communist scoundrel."

Fake Photos May Be Used As Test Case

At this point, Connecticut's Sen. Brian McMahon waved a copy of Common Sense, a Fascist publication which had been used in the campaign against him.

Connelly Next

Turning to Sen. Dick Russell of Georgia, he remarked: "In the Maryland campaign, you were charged with the loss of American lives in Korea. In the future that sort of comment and criticism, no matter how unfair and unjust, should be made on the Senate floor."