

GOV. HODGES HAS PRAISE FOR REPORT

Commission's Findings On Higher Learning Institutions Praised

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges today voiced high praise for the report of a special commission which studied the state's institutions of higher education.

He tentatively threw his support behind the commission's proposal for creation of a state board of higher education which would eliminate duplication of effort and plan for the future of higher education in the state.

"It is one of the most important reports that has been released in the state," the governor said at his weekly news conference.

The governor told the newsmen in answer to a question he sees no need for the General Assembly to adopt a statement of policy on the school segregation issue at this time.

POLICY STATED

He said he thought the state already has expressed its policy in two ways—in its brief filed with the U. S. Supreme Court and in the report of a special segregation advisory committee.

In its Supreme Court brief, the state asked the court for the longest possible time in which to put desegregation into effect. It also asked that local school authorities and federal district courts be given broad authority to meet specific local situations.

The advisory committee proposed that local school boards be given complete control over the assignment and enrollment of students.

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INAUGURATING THE MOTHERS MARCH ON POLIO DRIVE, Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower poses with Mrs. F. Reid Wallace of Washington on the porch of the White House. During the campaign, in which an estimated 2,000,000 mothers will participate, calls for March of Dimes contributions will be made at all homes where lights are burning on front porches or doors. Mrs. Wallace is vice chairman of the local committee. (AP Wirephoto.)

Britain Asks Russia to Curb Red China

Easier Divorce, Higher Speed Limit Urged

Bills Introduced In N. C. Assembly

RALEIGH (AP)—Bills which would make it easier to seek a divorce, increase the 55-miles-per-hour speed limit, and take trial of certain motor violations out of the hands of justices of the peace were introduced in the Senate today.

A measure introduced by Sen. Edward L. Owens of Washington would reduce the period of separation before you could seek a divorce in North Carolina from two years to one.

"The time has come for us to get in line with other states," the senator said. "Getting a divorce for the wrong man is relatively easy. He can go to another state. The poor man can't."

You can't bring suit for divorce in this state until you have been separated from your spouse for two years. I've seen numerous assault and battery cases, and even murder, which are caused by the long separation required," declared Owens.

FOUR BILLS

Sen. E. Avery Hightower of Anson introduced four bills.

He was joined by Sen. J. Max Thomas in introducing a bill permitting cars, regular passengers carrying vehicles and small trucks to travel 65 miles per hour on highways where such speed is "reasonable and safe." The high speed law would have to be approved by the Motor Vehicle Department and adequately marked by the Highway Commission.

Hightower said he had not contemplated either agency prior to introducing the bill. "I don't know how many we can't drive over 55 miles per hour in North Carolina."

Other hightower measures would make misdemeanors the passing of a vehicle on a hill or curve, to not properly yielding the right of way. These violations are now tried by J.P.s, said Hightower, and fines are limited to maximums of \$50 or 30 days.

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They Crowded The License Plate Sales Office Today, Near The Deadline.

Just Two Days Of Grace

Get Those Auto Tags, Buddy

Unless a lot of people are willing to stand idly in line tomorrow and Monday, a lot of license plate windows will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Sales of city tags, for vehicles based within the city limits, are running about one thousand ahead of last year. Already 32,500 tags have been sold, and there were just 38,700 sold for the entire year 1952.

Beginning midnight Monday, State Highway Patrolmen will hit the road with instructions to stop all drivers whose vehicles bear 1954 plates.

"We haven't heard a thing to change our instructions," said a patrolman here today. "We'll just have to start picking them up."

Actually, the law requires citizens to have new plates on their vehicles by Jan. 1 every year. But the Legislature always allows motorists 31 days of grace. There are just three days of grace left.

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General War Is Feared Over Formosa

Ambassador Talks With Molotov

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
MOSCOW (AP)—Britain asked the Soviet Union today to try to restrain the government of Communist China and bring about a cease-fire over Formosa lest that dispute break into general war.

Sir William Hayter, the British ambassador, talked at the Kremlin for 30 minutes with V. M. Molotov, the Soviet foreign minister. The British Embassy said Hayter acted with the advance knowledge of the U. S. State Department.

The British ambassador sought to enlist Soviet support for a New Zealand move, backed by Britain, in the United Nations Security Council. This proposal aims to bring about a cease-fire, and is understood to include a proposal to invite the Chinese Communists to attend a Security Council meeting to discuss a Formosan peace.

ASKS COOPERATION

The British Embassy said the ambassador had told Molotov Britain hopes to have the cooperation of the Soviet government in the Security Council when such an intervention is made.

The embassy said this invitation to the Chinese Communists was expected to be extended as a result of New Zealand's proposal in the U. N. for a Formosan cease-fire.

The spokesman said Britain's intervention in Moscow coincided with action by the British charge d'affaires in Peking, Hayter, to tell Molotov he was giving Molotov the same message as the British charge was delivering to the Chinese Foreign government.

The spokesman said Britain's action in Moscow was intended "to take off the steam of the guns" and to ask the Kremlin to cooperate by restraining the Peking government.

TO GIVE RED VERSION

After Hayter left the Kremlin, Molotov's secretary telephoned the British Embassy to inform it that the Soviet government intends to "publish its version" of the Hayter-Molotov interview in tomorrow's Soviet press.

The British spokesman refused to hazard a guess whether this would indicate a favorable reaction on the Soviet side.

The embassy said Hayter's main point to Molotov was "the lessening of tension in Formosa. It is possible only if everybody is willing to work for it on the basis of the actual situation."

Britain expressed hope that the Soviet government will use its best offices and fullest capabilities to urge a cease-fire on the Chinese Communists.

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APPROVAL SEEN
That the Senate will also approve was conceded by almost everyone.

The only question was when. Sen. Clements (D-Ky.), acting majority leader, said he would hold the Senate in session tonight or order a Saturday session if that would bring a final vote.

Knowland and Chairman Russ were taken as the lead by the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee.

George told the Senate it should immediately pass the resolution on the psychological impact of the resolution, which would give advance authorization to give a preventive war strike at the China mainland. Morse said he wants to discuss the issues further.

'PURELY DEFENSIVE'

The statement said Eisenhower, at a conference with military officials, had made it clear that U. S. forces in the area of China, Kai-shek's Formosa "were defensive purely for defensive purposes."

CHOOSEY BURGLAR

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP)—A burglar broke into the home of Mrs. Evelyn P. Soule and stole two door knobs and the insides of an old radio.

TAR HEEL CONVICTED OF SLAYING WOMAN

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—A circuit court jury today convicted Joseph L. Ezell, 40-year-old former Graham, N. C. insurance man, of first degree murder in the slaying of Mrs. Margaret L. Baynard, 40, Jacksonville housewife, last September.

The verdict carries the death penalty.

The panel, which received its report to Circuit Judge Claude Ogilvie shortly before noon.

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BULLETIN

RALEIGH (AP)—House Speaker Larry Moore denied today that he had stacked the Committee on Senatorial Districts in favor of the smaller counties opposed to redistricting.

Obviously referring to a story in this morning's Raleigh News and Observer which states the committee Moore named yesterday was "topheavy with legislators from the smaller eastern and western counties," Moore told the House:

"If I'm going to frame a committee, I'm going to do it. I was interrupted by applause."

More said, "I've got more important things. I'm not taking part in this fight. I didn't try to stack the committee."

Charlotte Is Leader Of Right-To-Work Unit

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Organization of the National Right to Work Committee was formally announced in Washington, D. C. today at a press conference by E. S. Dillard of Charlotte, chairman of the 12-member district.

Mr. Dillard, president of Old Dominion Box Co., introduced Fred A. Hartley of New Jersey, co-author of the Taft-Hartley Act, as president of the new national organization.

Chairman Dillard, in his announcement, said the committee's "keynote belief is that unionism by compulsion is utterly wrong and morally a rising menace to the future of the United States."

Mr. Hartley, formerly a leader in the Lower House of the Congress, said when announcing his acceptance of the committee's presidency:

"From my years of experience, I have come to the conclusion that compulsion is the cancer of the labor movement. If it is allowed to continue and grow, it will have disastrous consequences for organized labor and for the entire country."

Former Rep. Hartley also said "it is wrong, economically and morally, to force a worker to join a labor union in order to get a job or hold a job."

Mr. Dillard, as committee chairman, announced that the organization will vigorously promote an educational program aimed at eliminating "compulsory unionism." This activity at the same

East Engulfed By Cold Weather

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A late January cold wave engulfed wide areas in the eastern half of the nation today and there was no indication of immediate relief.

Snow, subzero temperatures and strong winds were in prospect for the Midwest, hardest hit by the cold, and the weather of the winter season.

The cold also swept into Eastern Southern areas and temperatures dropped as the field air moved southeastward from the snow-covered mid-Continent.

Temperatures in the Midwest were not as low today as yesterday morning, when they tumbled to -38 in northern Minnesota. But they were far below zero in most of the northern sections of the north central region. There also were subzero readings in parts of New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

TEMPERATURES PLUMMET

Temperatures dipped 10 to 34 degrees since yesterday morning from east Texas northeastward across the Gulf States and along the Atlantic Coast. It was 22 in Birmingham, Ala., and 19 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Snow tapered off during the night over most of the Midwest and parts of the plains, bringing a measure of relief from yesterday's biting cold.

It was 17 degrees below zero in International Falls, Minn., early today, about 19 degrees warmer than yesterday's 38.

But strong, northerly winds spread more cold air from Canada southeastward across the Northern Plains and the icy blasts were predicted for the Midwest by tonight.

There was only light precipitation in the East, with flurries in the eastern Great Lakes region and in New England.

Coldest spots in the East included an unofficial -18 in Forestport, in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. It was -12 at Van, Pa., near Oil City, while Elkins, W. Va., reported 8.

EVENING PRAYER

O Lord God, we bless Thee for Thy unmitigated righteousness. Forbid that any should live as paupers or perish with hunger while Thy table is so laden with spiritual riches. Help us to come to Thee this day and receive the bounties Thou hast for us. Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Have Share Prices Reached Top?

Stock Market Future Tied To U. S. Economy

now catching up with the true values of many stocks and bonds.

But the figures reflect more than that.

They represent a massive churning of confidence in at least the immediate future—and to some, the long-term outlook—for the whole American economy.

They mean that a great many people believe their stocks will increase in value and pay out dividends because the companies that issued the shares are going to go on growing and earning.

Are they guessing right? Since nobody can read the fu-

O'Herron Heads Roads Group

RALEIGH (AP)—Mecklenburg County Rep. Ed M. O'Herron Jr. was named chairman of the important Roads, Bridges and Highway Safety Committee.

By 1975, U. S. Census Bureau estimates, it will climb to 200 million. How many more pairs of shoes will the factories have to turn out then? How many more textiles, refrigerators, automobiles? How much more food?

Take the question of housing. Herbert Abraham, chairman of the Ruberud Co., recently wrote:

"Since the current rate of family formation is about 700,000 a year, it is apparent that about 200,000 new units must be added annually, if our housing standards are to remain at present levels."

"And about 300,000 houses 'wear out' and are demolished annually, bringing the total basic need to about one million units per year."

MUST KEEP RUNNING

In other words, the housing industry has to run pretty fast just to keep from losing ground in the race with population. How fast will it have to run in 1965 or 1975?

How fast will the steel industry have to run, and all the others that are associated with construction? How many more million kilowatts of electricity will be needed for heating and lighting the added millions of homes?

Or will we be using atomic energy by that time?

The gross national product for 1954 is estimated at 239 billion dollars. GNP means the total value of all goods and services produced. In his economic message, President Eisenhower called for a GNP of 500 billion by 1965. The National Assn. of

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OUR WEATHER

By RELMAN MORIN
(Fifth and Last in Series)

NEW YORK (AP)—When you read about "the greatest blizzard in history," you are looking at a story that goes beyond Wall Street.

The high averages and zooming prices reflect many factors. Sure, some people are simply gambling. The number of those who are probably increasing.

You have "institutional buying," the purchase of stocks by big organizations as a counterforce to inflation.

And there is the argument that the market today is only

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