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## Pay To Boost Jobs Public Hearing Precedes Action

RALEIGH (AP)—A bill which would have increased unemployment compensation benefits was killed by the House Employment Security Committee following a public hearing today.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Oscar Barker of Durham and others, would have set a scale of payments ranging from \$13 to \$36 a week for 39 weeks. Under present law the payments range from \$12 to \$30 per week for 26 weeks.

J. R. Graham, representing the state CIO, asked the committee to act favorably on "this bill, pitifully small" as its benefits are. Also speaking on behalf of the measure were W. M. Barber of Durham, representing the AFL, and William Hobbs of Durham, representing the Central Labor Union.

**OPPOSITION SPEAKERS**  
Speaking in opposition to the bill, Hathaway Cross of Raleigh, representing the N. C. Industrial Union, declared that if the scale proposed in the bill had been in effect last year an additional \$17½ million in benefits would have been paid. He pointed out the fund is composed of contributions made solely by employers.

This brings to a total of 136 the number dismissed for charged misconduct in the Southern Bell area since the walkout started over two months ago, Bowen said.

**17 CABLES DAMAGED**  
Seventeen cables were cut or shot in two affecting 3,400 telephones.

The largest single instance was a 1,200-pair underground cable severed this morning in nearby Decatur. About 2,300 telephones were affected.

Company spokesmen said 377 instances of major damage have occurred in the Atlanta area since the strike started March 14.

Meanwhile, two federal mediators were expected back from Washington today to renew efforts to settle the nine-state dispute.

**50,000 JOBLESS**  
He said 187 million has been paid out and the fund now has \$17 million in hand. He said 37½ million was paid out last year when the state had more than 60,000 unemployed.

Rep. Shearon Harris of Stanley, after suggesting that perhaps there should be joint participation in contributing to the fund in the future, motioned that the bill be given an unfavorable report.

Before Harris' motion carried, Rep. Henry Wilson of Union tried to head the bill from certain death by offering a substitute motion that it be sent to a subcommittee, but was voted down.

Rep. Barker then offered a substitute motion that the bill be given a favorable report, but his motion was ruled out of order by Chairman Dwight Quinn of Cabarrus.

**BUILDING COLLAPSES**  
NAPLES, Italy—An apartment house being built on a hill overlooking Naples collapsed today, killing at least five workers. Two others were found severely injured in the rubble.

The bill, designed to raise \$5,768,000 a year in new revenue, will be returned to the House to see if the lower chamber approves the Senate amendments.

The bill, which completed its course through the House last Friday, was amended by the Senate on recommendation of its Finance Committee. Major changes made by the Senate included elimination of a 25 cent cent cross-the-board boost in business privilege license taxes and elimination of a 3 percent levy on newspaper sales.

In place of these, the Senate substituted a 2-cent-per-bottle boost in the tax on beer.

**Evening Prayer**  
Gracious Lord and God, we thank Thee that Christ is available to all who will seek Him; we rejoice that He is so perfectly adequate for all who have need, and that He is at Thy right hand, even this moment, to make intercession for us. Thanks be unto Thee, gracious Lord, for Thy care to wash our well-being in Christ, our blessed Redeemer. Amen.

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### Dulles Report Is Awaited By Country

George Has Hopes  
For Good Meeting

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. George (D-Ga.) said today Russian leaders appear ready to discuss relaxation of world tensions at a top-level conference without raising annoying "collateral" issues.

George's comment in an interview was similar to a cautious note of optimism voiced by Secretary of State Dulles, who reports to the nation tonight on his talks in Europe with free world and Soviet diplomats.

With President Eisenhower introducing him, Dulles will give a broadcast report which the White House said will be "as informal as we can make it."

The half-hour program will be carried live (7 p.m. EDT) by the ABC, CBS, Du Mont and NBC television networks. There will be delayed rebroadcasts by radio (ABC 8 p.m., MBS 9:30 p.m., CBS and NBC 10 p.m.).

**'SOME PROMISE'**  
Arriving yesterday from Europe, Dulles told newsmen a prospective meeting among Eisenhower and the prime ministers of Russia, Britain and France was arranged "under conditions which will, I believe, hold some promise of constructive accomplishment."

"Dulles and Eisenhower have said several times that not too much should be expected from "Summit" but our talks today at much stress on what the foreign ministers, meeting before and after the top leaders get together, can accomplish.

George, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he has been told that an preliminary talks the Russians "seemed to have agreed to go along" on a genuine effort to ease East-West tensions.

"They seemed not to have raised any collateral issues but to be willing to concentrate on the big problem of reducing tensions as much as possible," he said.

He indicated he was basing part of his optimism on the signing of the Austrian Peace Treaty. Proclaiming the treaty satisfactory, he predicted it would be ratified as soon as it is submitted to the Senate.

**KNOWLAND BELIEF**  
Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.), who has raised questions about the results that could be expected from a top-level meeting, said, "I believe the Russians are going to proceed by plan to break up the Western European defense alliance if they can."

Knowland, the Senate Republican leader, said he expects the Russians to attempt to "neutralize" Yugoslavia, Germany, Norway and Denmark.

Contending the Russians haven't changed their objectives, he said, "They now are not just big but their long-term strategic concept of the destruction of human freedom remains the same."



Secretary Of State Dulles (Left) With Sen. George. (AP)

### Congress Sympathetic Approval Seen For Vaccine Fund

By ROWLAND EVANS JR.  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Hill (D-Ala.) said today there is "absolutely no question" but that Congress would quickly approve President Eisenhower's request for 28 million dollars to pay for antipolio vaccine for children whose parents can't afford the shots.

Hill, chairman of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, said in an interview he expects Eisenhower's companion request for two million dollars for more inspectors to police vaccine output to go through as soon as Congress can get around to considering the matter.

Otherwise, Hill voiced reservations about the administration's new 11-point program for voluntary allocations and controls over distribution of the Salk polio vaccine. Secretary of Welfare Hobbs outlined that program to the committee yesterday after it had been approved by the President.

Hill said the program "very clearly" was not "detailed or defined."

**FAR FROM SOLD**  
Committee Democrats indicated by their questions and comments at yesterday's hearing that they are far from sold on the administration's plan to make sure, by voluntary methods, that supplies of the sufficient vaccine get to the most susceptible age groups in still-scarce quantities and that distribution is carried out equitably, wherever it is needed.

There were some new Democratic charges of "bunching."

But Republican members of the committee defended the administration's handling of the problem and congratulated Mrs. Hobbs for the job she has done.

Although the administration is opposed to compulsory control over vaccine distribution and price, Sen. Ives (R-NY) indicated he was inclined toward supporting proposals for standby controls.

**WANTS STANDING POWER**  
Ives rather have federal controls so the power would be there if needed.

Ives said he would not quarrel with repeated statements by Mrs. Hobbs. But, he said, there is no necessity now for special federal power to channel the vaccine to the 1-19 age groups which the federal government has decided need it most.

But, Ives said, that's because no real commercial distribution is being made of the vaccine today. All available is going to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis which is giving it free to first and second grade children.

It will be August, Ives said, before any major distribution problems might arise. And in August, he added, Congress is likely to adjourn for the year. If special control powers were found necessary at that time, he said, Congress wouldn't be around to vote them.

While under questioning yesterday, Mrs. Hobbs declined to agree with some committee members.

**HUGE INCREASE**  
The Chamber of Commerce publication points out that the great gains were spearheaded by the huge increase in wholesale and retail sales. Last year the wholesale total reached \$1,396,000,000, topped such cities as Jacksonville, Richmond, Birmingham and the entire states of South Carolina, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Last year's wholesale sales alone were up 66 million over 1953. The four-year increase amounts to \$43 million.

Last year the city gained 22 new industries, branch offices and distributors. The investment totaled 20 million dollars. Buildings occupied totaled 1,575,000 square feet, with 2,200 persons given employment.

### Declaration Study Plan Wins Round

RALEIGH (AP)—The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence bill now, another step towards becoming law today when it was approved by the Senate Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

The measure may come up for final action on the Senate floor tomorrow. It raised a flurry of historical debate before it was approved by the House last week, but the Senate committee approved it after only a brief explanation.

The bill, backed strongly by the Mecklenburg delegation, would set up a committee to gather materials on the controversial document supposedly signed by Mecklenburg colonists in May 20, 1775, and claimed as the first colonial document to declare independence of Britain.

**BEARD PROTESTS**  
The House Committee on Conservation and Development listened to protests from officials of the Department of Archives and History and eliminated a section of the bill which would have required the department to display the materials gathered by the special study group.

The House committee also changed the original bill, which stated the declaration "was signed, to read "is believed to have been signed. However, the House itself reversed the committee and put on the legislative record that the declaration is genuine.

**Bomb Exploded  
Under Water**  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department announced today that a bomb has exploded in a small device under water off the West Coast of the United States.

The terse announcement said nothing about when or exactly where in the Pacific Ocean the world's second underwater nuclear explosion took place.

But the Pentagon said that from early indications, the test involved no hazard to the American mainland, any island peoples or any consumers of fish.

The announced purpose of the test was to further develop new antismatter weapons.

The test was conducted by a small task group under the direction of Rear Adm. Charles E. Momen, commander of Joint Task Force 7, responsible for all nuclear tests in the Pacific area.

**STRAUSS COMING HOME**  
MADRID—Adm. Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, and his wife left today for plans for Lisbon on their way home after a five-day visit in Spain.

**Our Weather**  
Partly cloudy today and tonight with mild temperatures. Tomorrow, mostly sunny and somewhat cooler.

High yesterday—74.  
High today—82.  
High tomorrow—75.  
Low this morning—57.  
Low tonight—52.  
Sunrise 5:18 a.m.; sunset 7:21 p.m.

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**ASSEMBLY MAY SET  
RECORD FOR LENGTH**  
RALEIGH (AP)—The 1955 General Assembly today gained the record as the second longest within modern times. If it continues through May 25, the present Legislature will hold the title for length.

The record by the 1933 session, until now the second longest, was equaled last night and passed today. The 1933 Legislature met Jan. 4, a day earlier than this session, and adjourned May 15.

The 1933 session convened Jan. 7, two days later than this year, and finished its business on May 27. Thus, if the present session has not adjourned on Thursday of next week, it will go down as the longest within recent times.

Both the 1931 and 1933 sessions wrestled with problems created by the depression of those years. The 1955 Legislature also has been tied up with the time-consuming job of finding new tax money to balance the state's budget.

**Retired Justice  
Owen J. Roberts  
Dies At Age Of 80**  
PHOENIXVILLE, Pa. (AP)—Owen J. Roberts, retired former associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, died today at his home. He was 80 last May 2, and had retired from the bench in 1945.

Roberts suffered a heart attack and died at 10:25 p.m. His widow and an only child, Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, were at his bedside.

The justice, named to the nation's highest court by former President Herbert Hoover, had been ill for some time. Until last weekend he had been a patient in Philadelphia hospital.

Friends quoted him as saying that if he was to die he preferred to be at home, at his estate in nearby Chester Springs, 30 miles west of Philadelphia.

**HAD KEY VOTE**  
While a Supreme Court justice, Roberts held a decidedly unusual position and it was frequently his vote that decided a case between the evenly divided viewpoints of his eight colleagues.

When he was named an associate justice the court was divided, unopposedly by 1929 by former Justice Van Devanter, McReynolds, Substant and Butler—and later by Chief Justice Brandeis, Stone and Chief Justice Hughes.

Roberts' importance was spotlighted because the Supreme Court was called upon to decide the constitutionality of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal legislation in 27 instances.

He voted against all except two of the 13 New Deal measures which the court passed upon prior to October, 1938, but during Roosevelt's second term as President aligned himself with the liberals 14 times.

Roberts cast the deciding vote that ruled the Agriculture Adjustment Administration unconstitutional. And he also cast the deciding vote to uphold the constitutionality of the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the unemployment compensation provisions of the Social Security Act. Liberals called him a conservative; conservatives called him a liberal.

Roberts' friends insisted that the justice was merely interpreting the law as he knew it, but others claimed that Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes had effected the change in Roberts' views.

In his latter years on the bench he became known as the court's leading dissenter, showing increasing disagreement with the majority of the court which was dominated by liberals appointed by Roosevelt.

Roberts gained national prominence again immediately after the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 when Roosevelt named him chairman

of a five-man committee to fix responsibility for lack of American alertness on Honolulu.

The Pearl Harbor report resulted in congressional demands for a new court.

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**17,000 Join Payrolls In Four Years**  
By EMERY WESTER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Nearly 7,000 persons have been added to Charlotte payrolls in the past four years.

Figures which the chamber created by nearly 50 million.

The payrolls have been in dollars.

These figures were announced today by the Chamber of Commerce in the May issue of its monthly publication, "Charlotte."

Figures which the chamber obtained from the North Carolina Dept. of Labor show that 6,728 workers have been employed by new and existing firms since 1950.

This brings the number of employees covered by State Unemployment Insurance to 69,538. Some workers are not covered by the insurance and it is estimated that the total working force of the city totals 94,900.

The city's annual payroll totaled \$23,318,768 last year and is expected to be higher this year.

**\$3,000 EMPLOYED**  
Of the 95,000 persons employed here, over half are engaged in

businesses concerned with trade and manufacturing. Transportation and major employer, manufacturers are in second place, with construction services close behind.

The greatest gains have been in finance, real estate and insurance fields. In 1950, for instance, there were 3,044 persons engaged in these fields. In 1954, the number had increased to 4,517, a gain of 48.3 per cent.

Transportation and communications services added nearly 2,000 persons to payroll, the total increasing from 7,129 to 9,016, a 26.6 per cent gain.

Retail and wholesale trade also showed a healthy payroll gain, jumping from 12,350 to 20,473, a 14.4 per cent hike.

**WAGE GAINS**  
Wages earned through trade, industry and services in 1954 totaled \$18,201,222 annually. This gain was the greatest shown by any of the city's six major employer, manufacturing, trade transportation and communications, finance,

real estate and insurance and construction and miscellaneous services.

The total gain of nearly 7,000 persons represents a 10.7 per cent increase in the four-year period.

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**Siamese Twins**  
SIAMSE TWINS Napt (left) and Prissana Polinai are held by a nurse as they depart for their native Thailand following an operation in Chicago. They came to the U. S. two months ago joined at the abdomen and were separated March 29 at the University of Chicago Medical Center. (AP)

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