

Now For A State Minimum Wage

EVEN as Congress was putting final touches on a \$1-an-hour national minimum wage this week, Gov. Luther H. Hodges was speaking convincingly of the need for decent wage floors on the state level.

Significantly, the subject was reopened by the Tar Heel chief executive in an address before the Southern Garment Manufacturers Association in Memphis, Tenn. "We are very conservative in many of our southern legislatures in matters of labor and wages," he told assembled industrialists.

Hodges listed North Carolina's low per capita income as one of the "problems and obstacles" affecting the state's growth and development. The new \$1 national minimum wage will flatten the pay checks of quite a few Tar Heels. The limit needed raising. The only question is whether an increase of 25 cents all at once will be too much of a shock to the area's economy.

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Foreign Aid Should Be Continued

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OLD AGE, as staff writer Charles Kuralt has been trying to tell us all week, is a problem. Some people, like some clocks, run down before their time. Others tick merrily on for years and years and years.

2. If your stomach acts up. Tie down and pacify it with cool thoughts. 3. Avoid vices like carrying on in night clubs. 4. Don't run. 5. Don't look behind you—something might be gassing on you!

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Platform Low Wages Hurt State's Industrial Development

Editors, The News: YOUR editorial, "North Carolina Needs Locally Owned Small Industries for Healthy Growth," only partially covers the real need of our state.



Small locally owned industries can best flourish in a regional market area based on the consumer purchasing power. They can not compete with powerful national corporations in any other framework.

LOCAL CAPITAL Small industries also require capital. Abundant capital funds come from the accumulation of excess purchasing power.

INDUSTRIALISTS are looking for a place where the citizens value the added pay roll. The new \$1 national minimum wage will flatten the pay checks of quite a few Tar Heels.

But thousands of Tar Heel workers are not involved in interstate commerce and therefore will not be covered by the new federal law. Since North Carolina has no minimum wage law of its own, they are still without adequate protection.

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MOVE IT I was informed by a union official that I had better get off the lot that evening or there would not be enough of it left to me.

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drove by my house at all hours of the night and some threats were hollered from cars. I reported these calls to the Detective Bureau but two detectives came out and heard how the phone was ringing and even answered some of the calls.

These calls, using vile names and cursing, continued until a non-published number was connected to my house. Then taxis were sent out, usually late at night. I notified cab companies that any call to my address was to be disconnected. No more calls came.

SENT Cakes A cake weighing nine pounds with "Happy Birthday, Casper" was sent to me. I contacted the bakery and learned of more cakes that had been sent by the bakery the next day.

SHRIKE STARTED The day the strike started I parked in the parking lot across the street which is a public lot. My car sat there less than two hours when I saw the air was out of the tires on the far side of the telephone building.

While my car was stopped, a union leader made a statement, "I'll get you, yet, you dirty..." Another striker reached for the door handle at the same time and one had a break that is when I pulled the gun which was lying on the seat beside me.

When the union learned I had applied for a position on the Charlotte Police Force, they got busy and called me. I received a letter at any cost. They thought this would keep me off the Police Force, or leave a bad mark.

HE BELIEVE everything was planned and plotted that has happened to me since before the strike started. I truly believe I have been mistreated by the CWA-CIO union.

I HAVE sent the following telegram to our distinguished governor: "Your speech in Lenoir County Tuesday last was a masterpiece."

P. S. I have already made plans to run for governor, come 1956, but after hearing your great speech in Lenoir County, I have decided to run for Governor. I have been thinking about it for some time and I have decided to run for Governor.

They reviewed the history of Russian and French relations for the last 100 years, their mistakes and failures. At one point Khrushchev appeared to make an overture to snuff France away from the Western allies.

NOTE - In the old Russian argument serious concern over the French for President Faure's speech to Sen. Ellender and which is spiced with theories of an arbitrary control of armament and the other for European collective security supporting NATO. In the old Russian appeal - crude, monstrous and uneducated as it was supposed to be - was effective.

I knew nothing of the assault with a deadly weapon warrant at first, and when I learned Local President John Klutts and others had been arrested at the Police Station and posted bond, no arrest was made and I went to my wife.

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Casper Says He Was Mistreated

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Some Convinced No diplomat I have encountered in Geneva is willing to answer that question, but I have found several—some of whom lived in Russia—who are convinced of a real change in the Kremlin and that its leaders definitely do want to cooperate with the West.

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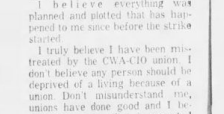
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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

GENEVA AFTER a week of sitting opposite each other at the conference table, drinking toasts to friendship, waving at crowds and posing for photographers, the delegates at the summit adjourned about the way everyone expected— with a hopeful communique and pleasant promises for the future.

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