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THE PEOPLE WILL TRUST THE PRESIDENT

The double objective of the pending \$4,880,000,000 relief bill was described by Senator James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina, in a national radio broadcast, as "first to return to the states the duty of caring for the disabled unemployed and second to put an end to the national system of direct relief or the dole." The senator drew the sharp distinction that the contemplated program is not primarily one of public works but of relief employment. Public works are involved, he said, because they furnish the desired employment.

"It is because of this distinction," the senator declared, "that the funds must not be earmarked for specific projects. Congressional agreement on such projects would be utterly impossible, and would serve only to delay inauguration of a program needed immediately."

Discussing the measure, which already has passed the House of Representatives and is now pending in the Senate, he said:

"There are 5,000,000 persons, most of whom are heads of families, on direct relief. Of this number, 1,500,000 are classed as unemployables. The duty of caring for these will be returned to the states. It is realized that many states cannot immediately provide the revenue to take care of all their unemployables. In order that no one will suffer during the change of policy, the bill provides that of the total authorized appropriation, the sum of \$880,000,000 will be used to continue direct Federal relief during the tapering off process.

"Those who have studied the problem are convinced that caring for the unemployables can be more intelligently and more economically handled by the states and local governments."

As against the average of \$24 per month now being paid families on direct relief, it is estimated that the average wage paid for work relief will be \$50 per month, or \$600 per year for the 3,500,000 able-bodied unemployed. "This," he said, "would represent \$2,100,000,000 for labor alone, a tremendous stimulus to business. The approximately \$1,300,000,000 to be spent for material and transportation would likewise be an enormous stimulant to industry of all kinds."

Referring to the effect of the program upon a wage scale, Senator Byrnes said:

"It must be remembered that between 80 and 90 per cent of organized labor is working in industries where the wage scale is fixed by code agreements. The administration has something to say in the determination of these wage scales and wage earners can rest assured that there will be no decrease."

Concerning the receipt of thousands of telegrams by members of Congress urging support of a provision in the act to require that work be done under contract, the senator said that so far as possible the services of contractors would be utilized. However, he declared that such contracts "should provide that contracts use the services of those who are on the relief rolls and qualified, to meet the primary purpose of the program."

"The President is willing to accept the responsibility for the administration of this act," he explained, in emphasizing that it was impractical to consider 'earmarking' types and locations of work projects. He confidently believes that with the enactment of this legislation he can hasten complete recovery. I believe that he can and I believe that the people are willing to trust him."

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HOT POLITICS OUT OF RALEIGH

CANDIDACY—Some members of the General Assembly don't think that Senator Harriss Newman, of New Hanover, and Representative Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, Chairman of Senate and House committees on finance, have helped their reported candidacies for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, also respectively, by the speed they have attempted to apply to committee consideration of the proposed revenue bill. These dissenters express private opinions that rushing consideration of the big money bill has angered more people than it has pleased.

FUTILE — Dr. John T. Burrus, Senator from Guilford, thinks the chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission of Revenue should be elected by the people instead of appointed by the Governor and has bills intended to make such a change. But the High Point Doctor isn't betting any big stakes that his proposals will become law. On the other hand he is inclined to be resigned to their defeat. Senator Burrus defeated Capus M. Waynick, present chairman of the Highway body, in the Democratic primaries last June.

PURPOSE — The bill by Senator Paul D. Grady, of Johnston, to amend the law establishing a State Board Cosmetologists, proposes to do many things but opponents avow its main purpose is to abolish the three members of the board of beauty shop inspectors appointed by Governor Ehringhaus. Failure of the Governor to reappoint Miss Emelle Pinesell, who served on the board one year, has created no little stir and proposals for a new set-up occasioned no little surprise in Raleigh political circles.

CAR TANKS — From this point it looks like everybody and his brother is trying to get his hand into the pocket of the automobile driver by diverting highway fund revenues. Motorists and truck owners have expressed in no uncertain terms the opinion that any surplus gasoline taxes should be applied to repairing roads or reducing the cost of license taxes. You will not be able to tell who wins until the General Assembly adjourns sine die.

TOLLS — This General Assembly came to Raleigh determined to make all bridges as free as the roads and it didn't take the members long to remove the tolls from bridges across the Chowan near Edenton and the Cape Fear at Wilmington. You won't lose much money, in the opinion of those supposed to know, if you wager that tolls will also be lifted from the Wright Memorial Bridge, gateway to Roanoke Island, as the result of legislation backed by the administration.

NOT TOO SOON — Guesses on the date for final adjournment of the Legislature are beginning to vary widely as the joint finance committees continue deliberations on the biennial revenue bill. Legislative prognosticators profess to foresee unanticipated delay on the revenue bill in House and

Senate. These unquoted wise-men sense unexpected storms as the result of rapid passage over many sections of the money bill in committee.

GOVERNOR — Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham isn't saying much for publication but you can make a note on your cuff that he hasn't withdrawn from the 1936 Gubernatorial race. Treading the even tenor of his way Mr. Graham is nevertheless laying the foundation for his campaign next year. Many persons supposedly versed in the gentle art of politics think he is doing pretty well with the second General Assembly to hear the sound of his gavel. It is generally admitted that he knows his way around in politics.

SNEEZES — Head and chest colds, just like those down on the farm, have been disturbing members of the General Assembly. Among those absent from the Senate on such an account are, Senator A. Hall Johnston, of Buncombe; Senator Carroll Weathers, of Wake; Senator White, of Robeson, and Senator Harriss Newman, of New Hanover. To date, none of these members of the upper branch of the Assembly have been in serious condition except Senator Johnston although hoarseness on the part of Senator Spence, of Moore, delayed consideration of the Automobile drivers' license bill for several days.

REORGANIZATION — Members of the present Legislature are in no mood for such a waste of time as was imposed on the 1933 session by Senator Larry Moore's committee on reorganization of the State government. Representative Laurie McEachern, of Hoke, introduced a bill to re-establish such a committee after it had been abolished by sub-committees of House and Senate but there is little chance that a public microphone will be installed in Senate chamber to hear the reading of a reorganization report as was the case two years ago.

BACK EYE — Members of the General Assembly often get in bad with the home-folks by published accounts of short session of the House and Senate. Newspapers fail to record the hours that these same members spend in committee meetings ironing out the knots in legislation in order to avoid lengthy debate in general session. Many legislators are members of half-dozen or more committees and spend long hours going over bills in order that time may be saved when general session convenes.

SALES TAX — The three per cent general retail tax isn't reenacted yet. Opposition apparently is greater than in the early days of the session and opponents have substitutes that appeal to many legislators. The administration is still confident of reenactment of the Sales tax but the revenue bill hasn't been ratified. It's a pretty safe guess that you'll have the privilege of paying the sales tax to keep the schools open another two years but not if Representative McDonald, of Forsyth, and Representative Lumpkin, of Franklin, can stop it. They have proposals they say will produce needed money

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but a lot of people doubt their estimates.

AUTO TAGS — If all goes well you will not have to pay as much for your auto license plates next year as you did this January. It's pretty well agreed that the Legislature will cut the cost of auto tags and it looks like the minimum will be about \$9.00. It now appears you will buy your next year's tag on a basis of 40 cents per hundred-weight instead of 55 cents as formerly.

LOBBYISTS — Published reports of increased corporation and business taxes as substitutes for the sales tax brought representatives of various commercial groups to town in a hurry. The boys are finding their way around hotel and legislative lobbies but general conditions are supposed to have subtracted from their power. You can't blame them for not wanting taxes upped on their businesses and that of their clients and after all every citizen who is to be taxed has a constitutional right to be heard.

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At Lawsonville Sat. Night, Feb. 23

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whom their infant daughter, Barbara Ann Lawson is staying this winter.

Mrs. Watt Deal visited Mr. Watt Deal and relatives at Statesville last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lassiter and children motored to Martinsville Sunday.

Miss Norma Boyles, Messrs. Percy Parker and Fred Stevens were dinner guests Sunday of Miss Mary Money at her home in Madison.

Mrs. Jenny Lind Crouch, Mr. and Mrs. Malphus Crouch and baby daughter, Elizabeth Anne Crouch and Miss Mattie Joyce, of Mayodan, were Sunday guests of Miss Lettie E. Crouch at residence of Mrs. P. H. Robertson in Lawsonville.

Miss Fanny Tucker is convalescent at her home after being a patient at the Mount Airy hospital.

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