

Legislature Facing Big Tasks In Coming Session

Teachers Pay, Health Program Among Major Problems of '47 Group

Gives Ultimatum



SEVERANCE of India from the British Empire is practically at hand, according to the statement of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (above) leading Minister of the Interim Government. At a reception in Benares, he said the Congress party would "solve its own problems." Since Nehru's party is opposed to Moslem plans for a separate state, a political crisis is near. (International)

some debate. It is very unlikely, though, that any changes will be made in current laws regulating liquor sales through ABC stores. State employees, noting Governor Cherry's public utterances that their salaries should be raised, are expecting increases approximating 20 per cent. They pay the cost of living has increased even more. They have almost unanimous support of legislators who, incidentally, cannot get more than \$10 a day for their services. A proposed constitutional amendment which would have allowed legislators an additional \$10 a day for 60 days for expenses was defeated by the people.

Governor Cherry, when inaugurated in 1945, asked that the SBI, the highway patrol and the bureau of identification be united. His efforts were fruitless in that legislative session but Cherry is dogmatic and tenacious. Sources close to him say that he will again seek that consolidation in 1947 if he does, the sheriffs of the state will oppose him, as they did two years ago.

Some sales tax opponents are likely to seek its abolition. The sales tax, however, in all likelihood will stay in North Carolina. There might be several minor changes as to its enforcement.

The proposed changes in solicitor districts, as recommended by a special commission appointed by Governor Cherry as directed by the 1945 assembly, would decrease the number from 21 to 19, increase the pay of solicitors from \$4,500 to \$6,000 a year and increase their travel allowance from \$500 to \$1,500 a year. Also, solicitors could not engage in the private practice of law.

As in every assembly, however, there will be some unexpected piece of legislation that may result in long and continued debate. Sources close to the scene here expect a session lasting well into March and perhaps into April.

BILBO ASSURED FIGHT
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Mississippi's Senator Bilbo was assured a fight when he attempts to take his seat in the Senate by the Republican steering committee. Bilbo has been the subject of investigations by congressional committees and the justice department for alleged war profiteering and intimidation of voters in his home state.

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