

# The National Outlook Unemployment Compensation

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It has been known for some time that a plan was in the works for doing something further with unemployment compensation. Those who have followed the record of the Kennedy Administration with care, and especially those who do not favor the New Frontier, have assumed that the change would be relatively drastic. But few if any were prepared for the plan which now has been proposed. This is a program for the federalization of unemployment compensation, although that term is not used in the recommendations.

It will be recalled that a few months ago the Congress passed an act extending the period for which the unemployed might receive payments to 39 weeks. There also had been such an extension during the Eisenhower Administration. The difference between the two measures was that in the former Administration the act merely created a fund from which states could borrow. This year the money is merely given to the states out of the United States Treasury, and ultimately presumably, will be repaid by the increased tax levied on employers.

Up to the present, each state has determined how long the unemployment payments would run, the rules of eligibility, and the amount of the weekly payment. In most instances the duration has been 26 weeks and the amount of the payment has been held to a level which, it was hoped, would not be an incentive to remain unemployed. In many states, too, there has been what is known as "experience rating," which means that the amount a particular employer had to pay to reach employee depended upon his stability of employment, or contribution to unemployment.

Under the new proposed program every state must accept the dictates of the federal government or else the experience rating will be eliminated. It also is proposed that the recently imposed temporary increase of taxes be made permanent and that the base per employee upon which the tax is calculated be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,800. In terms of dollars per employee, this means about 45 per cent more taxes.

Under the program, 39 weeks is to become the universal standard. In the case of those states which now provide less than 26 weeks, a worker who is unemployed would get compensation for the shorter period and then, at the end of 26 weeks, would pick up the additional 13 weeks.

At present the general rule is that an employer must have at least four employees to come

under unemployment compensation; and there are many lines of work, such as charity and educational, that are not covered. It is now proposed to bring an estimated 3 million of these under the act, and to eliminate the four-employee rule. This would lift the number of workers covered to about 48 million.

Further it is proposed to set federal standards for the minimum payment which a state may make. This is done by various steps but the aim is to bring the payment to two-thirds of the average state wage. That goal would be reached by January 1, 1968.

Those are the principal provisions of the new program; and there are innumerable minor ones.

If this program goes through, it will mean that the federal government determines the eligibility of the recipients, the amount and duration of the payments, and practically everything else about the system. And, with the penalty of losing experience-rating for non-compliance, it is evident that no state will abstain.

Of course the proposal has not yet passed and it is firmly believed that it will not pass this session of the Congress. That is because there is too much other pressing legislation for this to be considered. But the bill carries over until the next session, and it is none too early for everyone to make his views known to his Congressman.

## Mrs. Olie Hollowell Dies Tuesday Night

Mrs. Olie D. Hollowell, 63, died at her home on West Eden Street Tuesday night at 6:15 o'clock following a short illness. A native of Chowan County, she was a daughter of the late Robert Oliver and Sarah Harris Oliver.

She is survived by her husband, Cecil H. Hollowell, Sr.; three sons, Clyde Hollowell, Herbert Hollowell and Cecil Hollowell, Jr., all of Edenton; a daughter, Mrs. Fannie Taylor of Merry Hill; two brothers, John Oliver and Jim Oliver of Edenton; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Shilsky of Brooklyn, N. Y.; one grandchild and two great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Edenton Baptist Church, where funeral services will be held this (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. R. N. Carroll, will officiate and burial will be in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Palbearers will be Thomas Jackson, Walter Bond, Pruden Forehand, Lyn Perry, Percy Perty and O. B. Perry.



OLD AND THE NEW IN RUSSIA—A camel-borne peasant watches trucks roll past in a bleak section of the Kyzikum region of Soviet Russia. The truck carries pipe to be used on gas lines.

## 55 Out Of 100 Workers Now Earn Livelihood In Service Jobs

The structure of employment in the United States has undergone a fundamental shift over recent years, with a steadily widening majority of American workers earning their livelihood in providing the service needs of the population instead of in the production of goods.

Figures compiled by the U. S. Department of Labor show that nearly 7 million new jobs were created in the 1950-60 period in the service areas of the economy—a diverse group of businesses and occupations comprising Government (Federal, State and local); retail and wholesale trade; transportation and public utilities; finance, insurance, and real estate; and the service and miscellaneous classification covering occupations running from the neighborhood dry cleaner to the medical and other professions.

At the same time, there was a net decline in the period of more than a million jobs in the goods-producing section, to which the Labor Department has assigned all manufacturing, agriculture, construction, and the mining and extractive industries. The dominant factor here was a steep decline in farm employment, a manifestation of the impact of technological innovation which has also had an influence on other areas of goods production.

Employment in the services rose to a record high of more than 33 1/4 million as an annual average last year, over 6 million more than those at work in goods production and the equivalent of 55 out of every 100 employed wage and salary workers. Even at its peak in the early Fifties, employment in the goods-producing sector never reached 30 million in any year, but up to 1954 it consistently exceeded that in services.

The employment figures do not include the members of the Armed Forces, the nonagricultural self-employed, or domestic workers, who if counted would

### Shift in the Economy

Mirrored in the employment figures and their trends is a significant shift that has occurred in recent years in the composition of the nation's economic activity as between the contributions of goods and services to the growth of the economy. U. S. Department of Commerce figures show that expenditures in the goods-producing sector had a markedly lower rate of expansion in the Fifties than the economy as a whole, 53 per cent as against 69 per cent. Expenditures for services, on the other hand, increased by 96 per cent in the period, a rate of growth substantially ahead of that of any other economic grouping as well as of the economy as a whole.

The lag in the goods-producing sector as compared with the economy's overall performance was in both durable and non-durable goods, and reflected not only changing consumer tastes and preferences as between goods and services but also relative sluggishness in business and industrial investment outlays in the last few years. The latter is what the Administration is seeking to stimulate through tax incentives.

Agricultural production reached record levels in the last decade, but farm employment declined by more than 2 1/2 million, or close to a third, in the period. There also was a drop of almost 250,000 jobs in mining between 1950 and 1960. By contrast, the number of jobs in manufacturing, the nation's biggest single employer, increased nearly 1 1/2 million in the period, with expansion in nonproduction workers more than offsetting the impact of technology of jobs in construction rose, by almost a half million.

Rise in Service Jobs  
The public payroll set the pace for the rise in jobs in the service sector in the 1950-60 period. The number of Govern-

ment employees was 2 1/2 million higher last year than in 1950, with the increase taking place primarily at the State and local levels.

Retail and wholesale trade with a rise of more than 2 million employees was in second place, followed by an increase of more than 1 1/2 million jobs in the service and miscellaneous classification. An increase of nearly 700,000 jobs occurred in the grouping of finance, insurance and real estate. The only service classification that failed to participate in this trend was that of transportation and public utilities.

## New Books At Local Library

Among the new books recently received at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library are:

Leisure Time for Living and Retirement by Margaret E. Mulac.

The Three Worlds of Boris Pasternak by Robert Payne. Old Textbooks by John Nietz. A Victorian in Orbit by Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

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So Fair A House by Robert Neill.

The Doctor Makes A Choice by Elizabeth Seifert.

Unless what we do is useful, glory is vain. —Phaedrus.

## Birthday Points Up Major Influence Of U.S. Savings Bonds

### Sustained Effect on Pattern of Individual Savings

Adapting itself to changing conditions since it was launched in the wartime atmosphere before Pearl Harbor, the U. S. Government's Savings Bond program continues to exert a significant influence on the economy as it nears the end of the second decade of its operation this Spring.

Particularly noteworthy has been its sustained effect on personal thrift habits and on the pattern of individual savings. Though patriotic urge and wartime fervor have long since disappeared as motivational influences, annual purchases of Savings Bonds in recent years have run well over \$4 billions a year, and the rate has picked up since the first of this year.

Data on Ownership  
Including accrued interest, the people currently own around \$43 1/2 billions of these bonds, representing around \$1 out of every \$7 of the present total of accumulated long-term savings of individuals as compiled by the Home Loan Bank Board. An estimated 20 million persons own Savings Bonds, and over 8 million workers in some 45,000 companies are enrolled as only larger ones are the U. S. securities holdings of commercial banks and the issues held by Government investment accounts dominated by the Social Security trust fund. The pub-

lic's holdings of Savings Bonds thus represent an important element in the distribution and management of the public debt, purchasers under payroll savings plans.

The Savings Bond program likewise has a decided impact on the Federal Government's financial and fiscal operations. Current holdings represent more than a seventh of the \$290 billion public debt, making up the third biggest single block. The

From the beginning, the Savings Bond program has been dominated by the Series E bonds designed for persons of small or moderate means. The Series H bonds, also sold only to individuals, were added in 1952. Since their initial appearance, a total of \$105 1/2 billions of Series E and H bonds have been acquired by the public at their discounted issue price through February of this year. Nearly \$16 billions have accrued as interest. Redemptions for the period, including interest, add up to nearly \$78 billion.

Up to a few years ago, the Savings Bond program also included certain issues of bigger denominations, designed for the large investor an institution. A total of \$32 billions of these bonds were sold, of which over \$4 billions are still outstanding.

providing holders with purchasing power to buy homes, cars and other goods, and funds for education of children or to meet emergencies.

Uptrend in Interest Rate  
Series E bonds were first sold on a 10-year basis to yield 2 1/2 per cent if held to maturity. Twice subsequently the maturity term was shortened, which had the effect of increasing the interest rate, and the last change in 1959 brought the yield up to 3 1/2 per cent. Series E bonds carry an automatic extension privilege, and issues that have matured and are still held represent two-fifths of the people's current holdings of E and H bonds.

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