

FIVE FIREMEN DIE; DOZEN HURT

Medicare Now Appears Dead For This Session

WASHINGTON (UPI) — House-Senate conferees all but slammed the door Thursday on President Johnson's high-priority Social Security - Health care legislation.

The conference committee, hopelessly deadlocked, recessed without scheduling any further sessions. This followed a series of efforts to compromise House and Senate versions of bills to increase Social Security benefits.

The Senate version contained a section which would provide health care for the elderly under the Social Security system. The House made no such provisions.

Both House and Senate voted to boost Social Security payments, but by differing amounts.

Committee chairman Wilbur D. Mills, a major opponent of the administration - sponsored health care plan, announced after the meeting ended that no further sessions were scheduled.

However, the Arkansas Democrat said the committee could resume negotiations at any time if he decided to hold another session. Supporters of the "medicare" plan were not optimistic that any more meetings would be held.



PACKING 'EM IN—The throng in Hartford, Conn., packs the street as far as you can see as President Johnson reaches out in his familiar handshaking routine on his whirlwind campaign trip to New England.

Floors Crumble During Blaze At Warehouse

BOSTON (UPI) — Five firemen were killed and 12 persons were hospitalized early today when the top two floors of a flaming four-story building collapsed, burying them under bricks and fiery rubble.

The five - alarm blaze broke out in a brick warehouse in a congested tenement district on Trumbull Street. Firemen put five ladders on the rear wall and scrambled up them to spray water onto the flames.

Ladders Crumple

A section of the walls of the top two floors crumbled, hurling chunks of bricks and flaming pieces of wood on the firemen.

Their ladders crumbled. The men fell to the ground and were buried under the debris.

Other firemen risked their lives as they ran into the rubble and began digging desperately in an attempt to rescue their fellow workers.

Union Asks Five Per Cent As Share Of Cotton Windfall

Erwin Mills, Union Wage Talks Collapse



LOCAL GOP HEADQUARTERS — Harnett GOP Chairman Bill Godwin, left, and U. S. Commissioner Abe Elmore, right, are pictured in front of the brightly-decorated party headquarters in Dunn, which will remain open from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily. Formal opening of the headquarters will take place Tuesday at 1:30. A Dunn native, J. C. Clifford, Jr. of Winston-Salem candidate for State Insurance Commissioner, and Casper Tart, candidate for the county board, will be among those participating in opening rites. (Daily Record photo by Russell Bassford.)

Union Threatens To Withdraw Support Of Law

Wage negotiations between the Textile Workers Union of America (AFL-CIO) and Erwin Mills, Inc. broke down today when the company rejected the union's proposal for an increase of at least five per cent for all workers as their share of benefits from the new one-price cotton law.

Lloyd Byrd, business manager of Local No. 250, announcing that union and company negotiators had failed to reach an agreement, said they would meet again October 13 at 5:30 p. m. to resume the talks.

Erwin Mills is a division of Burlington Industries which has already granted wage increases to workers at some of its other plants.

Junius Fry of Greensboro, international representative of the P.W.U.A. was present for today's negotiations. Also representing the union with Byrd were Joseph Smith, president of Local 250, David Griffin, David Avery, Ellis Costa, Wm. R. Tendall and Clarence Bass. Representing Erwin Mills were R. H. Lewis, assistant vice president of personnel, R. H. Campbell and E. A. English.

Pointing out that mills across the nation now enjoying a profit boom as a result of the new cotton law, have already granted substantial increases to workers, Byrd said Erwin is one of the few mills that has not. The union is seeking a minimum increase of five per cent.

After today's meeting Mr. Byrd disclosed the mill's offer amounted to slightly over four per cent average increase for all.

"But instead of being willing to grant a minimum increase of five percent, the mills propose a rate of only five cents an hour to those craving the minimum of \$1.33 with slightly more to skilled workers."

"We go along with their proposal to give skilled workers a slightly higher increase, but we intend to hold out for no less than five per cent for everybody," said Byrd.

Pointing out that textile mills received a windfall of nine cents on every pound of cotton used, "which amounts to a staggering sum of money," Byrd declared:

"The mills could give every single employee a 25 per cent wage increase and still retain 55 per cent of the savings on cotton."

He cited figures to show that for just two months, April 11 - June 11, Erwin Mills received a rebate of \$304,000 in savings on its cost of cotton. He also pointed out that textile mills have reported (Continued on Page Six)

LBJ Expected To Get Injunction

Strike Paralyzes Shipping

NEW YORK (UPI) — An anti-automation strike by 60,000 longshoremen today paralyzed the multi-billion dollar maritime industry in ports from Maine to Texas.

The dockers jumped the gun on last midnight's strike deadline but President Johnson already had begun preparations to obtain a Taft-Hartley Act injunction that would suspend the walkout for 80 days.

Although a few ships, including three luxury liners here, managed to sail in pre-dawn high tides today, the strike was bound to halt all waterfront activity promptly in ports along more than 2,400 miles of Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

When down to the wire negotiations between the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and shippers failed Wednesday, President Johnson swiftly created a board of inquiry to determine whether the nation's economic health would be endangered.

Certification of this to the President would empower the Justice Department to seek a court-ordered 80-day "cooling off period."

NEW YORK (UPI) — A labor dispute left 87,000 children — some of them handicapped — without transportation to the city's public and parochial schools today.

TRADE WITH SOVIETS

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — The East African nation of Kenya will establish state agencies to trade with Soviet bloc nations, President Jomo Kenyatta said Tuesday.

In a speech to the Nairobi Chamber of Commerce, Kenyatta said he wants to increase trade while maintaining a neutral role in world policies.

News Roundup

WASHINGTON — President Johnson intends to keep on mingling with crowds and does not think that he is risking his safety to do so.

WASHINGTON — Under pressure of a possible Republican walkout, tired and angry lawmakers staggered today toward adjournment of the Democratic 88th Congress.

WASHINGTON — The White House is distributing a new children's book about a "typical American family" that lives in an apartment with 54 rooms and 16 baths. President Johnson is the head of the family.

DETROIT — A task-force of United Auto Workers union negotiators worked today to settle local demands and hasten the end of the union's seven-day strike against General Motors Corp.

NEW DELHI, India — Monsoon cloudbursts, floods and cyclones swept across the southern sectors of the Indian continent today, causing hundreds of deaths and wide-spread destruction.

IN INDIANA WITH GOLDWATER — Sen. Barry Goldwater renewing his "soft on communism" charges, today accused President Johnson of downgrading U. S. nuclear strength while Red China was preparing to set off a nuclear bomb that may well be heard around the world.

Poll Reports Dan Is Safe

GOLDSBORO (UPI) — A survey of the state's newspaper editors indicates North Carolina is safely in the Democratic column for the coming election, the Goldsboro News - Argus said today.

Editor Henry Belk reported he polled more than 120 editors from all parts of the state, asking them which candidates were ahead in their communities.

Belk said the poll showed Democratic gubernatorial nominee Dan Moore led Republican nominee Robert Gavin in 90 communities and Gavin led in 14.

In the presidential race, Belk said President Johnson led in 60 areas while Sen. Barry Goldwater led in 40.

Three Liquor Stills Seized

In a raid Stewart's Creek township, Harnett county Tuesday morning, Sheriff Wade Stewart's officers, Buck Griffin, Charles Wilson and Bernice Temple captured 3 vat-type stills, 60 gallons whisky 1200 gallons beer, 2 condensers, and a 1955 model Ford. Operators had fled the scene before the officers closed in.

Rocky's Wife Loses Custody

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (UPI) — A State Supreme Court justice awarded Dr. James Slator Murphy absolute custody today of the four minor children Mrs. Nelson A. (Happy) Rockefeller relinquished at the time of their divorce.

It was an unhappy day for Mrs. Rockefeller who had sought to retain a pre-divorce agreement which gave her visitation rights and custody of the children, reserving only visitation right for herself. The new ruling by Justice Joseph A. Gagliardi retained the visitation rights and gave Mrs. Rockefeller generous vacation rights with the children.

Gagliardi said he had met with the children alone on two occasions and took their wishes into consideration.

"The court finds that neither the health nor the welfare of the children is being adversely (Continued on Page Six)

Harnett Has 7 At Appalachian

Of the 3,030 students at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, seven are freshmen from Harnett County.

The Harnett County students are as follows: Michael R. Baker, Gloria Ann Davis, Joy Jackie Leonard, Walter Lee McLean, Ronald Lynn Mirielle, Linda Gray Stephens, Rudolph Sibley Tyson and Beverly Jean Vickery.

White House Tried To Pressure Him, But He Refused

Moore Didn't Invite LBJ

Democratic gubernatorial nominee Dan Moore, the State's top Democrat, definitely didn't invite President Johnson to come to North Carolina next Tuesday night.

The President's announcement that he's coming, anyway, despite the advice of North Carolina leaders, made Moore and other State party officials about as happy as a case of mad itch. Some members of the top com-

Heads For La. Coast

Hilda Building Up

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Hurricane Hilda built up to a "severe" blow with 125-mile-an-hour winds today and slowly headed for the low-lying Louisiana coast.

At noon EDT, the storm was centered about 350 miles south of New Orleans. It was moving northwestward at 6 miles an hour, less than half its 14-mile-an-hour forward speed Wednesday.

Forecasters said the storm would continue northwestward for 12 to 18 hours, before curving northward.

Local Funds Sought

Symphony Drive Kickoff Tonight

The Dunn Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Society will begin its annual membership drive, Thursday, October 1, with a kickoff meeting set for 8:00 p. m. at the Wayne Avenue School.

Chapter President Mrs. E. P. Davis and Membership Chairmen Mrs. Taylor Newton and Mrs. Bruce Brown stated that plans for the campaign are as complete as possible, but success will depend upon the active interest of the workers and the support of the entire community. Two concerts will be given here by the Little Symphony during its forthcoming Twentieth Annual Tour. There will be an evening performance for adults and one concert for school children from grades four through six of the Wayne Avenue School.

Though free to the children who attend, the educational matinee is supported through the sale of adult memberships. A Symphony Society membership is valid for adults (Continued On Page Six)

mand reportedly are actually fighting mad over the fact that the President is ignoring their wishes.

USED PRESSURE

Informed sources said today that the White House used all sorts of pressure to try to persuade Moore, the State's most popular candidate ever, to invite Johnson. But "The Mountain Man" stood firm.

He said the President could find better use of his time elsewhere. State leaders are convinced that the President may seriously hurt his own candidacy in North Carolina and the State ticket as well by coming.

DOES TERRY WANT JOB?

Gov. Terry Sanford is the man who clamored so hard to bring the President into the State. San- (Continued On Page Six)