

HIGH LIVING COSTS WORRY WASHINGTON

Congressmen Who Face Electorate Next Year Very Apprehensive

BY CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer Washington, March 9.—Increasing living costs are beginning to worry Democratic senators and representatives. Executive officialdom shows few, if any, signs of anxiety, but the legislative folk do.

Perhaps this difference, between the lawmakers, evidently uneasy frame of mind and the appointed element's apparently confident attitude, is explainable on the ground that elected office holders, generally speaking, are in decidedly closer touch with the country than appointed office holders.

CONSUMER ANGRY The consumer is the individual who the best-informed Democratic politicians are fearful (and maybe Republican politicians are hopeful), will be found to be in an exceedingly ugly temper when next election day rolls around.

And, believe me, 1936's election day doesn't look so far ahead to the far-seeing politician. Moreover, every one, of course, is a consumer. The consumer vote is terrific.

If the consumer's income increases in proportion to his increasing living costs, he is, it is true, no worse off. Nevertheless, crafty public men recognize the fact that he is likely to resent the fact, when he realizes it, that more pay buys no more for him than his lower pay did.

The situation is not even as satisfactory as that, however; scarcely any incomes are increasing, despite rising prices.

In short, in purchasing power industrial pay is dwindling. WORKERS' INCOME The administration claims various gains, indeed.

Labor department figures imply approximately a 10 per cent decrease in unemployment. A formerly jobless worker, who now has a job, is better off than he was, indisputably. But the worker who has had a job all the time has not been awarded a wage increase—though his living costs are advancing.

Nor is the reemployed worker as well paid today (in purchasing power) as before he lost his last job. Foodstuffs are selling for more than they did, and farmers produce foodstuffs, but Senator Lynn J. Frazier, pre-eminently agriculture's congressional spokesman, charges that processors and distributors are getting all the benefit of the advance—at the consumer's expense; not to the advantage of the yeomanry.

Reducing industrial hours, without reducing (but also without increasing) pay, is defined by the National Manufacturers' association as a camouflage "share-the-work" program—inevitably increasing production costs, and therefore boosting prices, without increasing the consumer's (that is to say, the wage earner's) capacity to meet the increase.

Week-End Meetings Expected To Bring Budget To Balance

(Continued from Page One.) dividends from corporation stocks and division of \$650,000 of highway funds the revenue bill will bring in approximately \$30,860,000. This is far short of the currently reported appropriations bill of \$32,245,000.

Adjustments, however, are said to be in the making that will iron out the differences. Week-end conferences are expected to result in a balanced budget to climax the 60 days of work by the major joint legislative committees.

Urping the spotlight the latter part of this week was the investigation by the joint committee on penal institutions into alleged "inhuman" treatment of two Negro prisoners in a Mecklenburg prison camp. Feet of the blacks were amputated in Raleigh when it was found that gangrene had set in and the legislative furor was climaxed Friday with the appointment of a sub-committee to study conditions at the Mecklenburg and other prison

Patman Pushes Bonus



Representative Wright Patman of Texas, author of the bonus legislation now before congress, is shown at the bonus hearing of the house ways and means committee in Washington. He predicted that congress would override a presidential veto on the measure.

Peter Preaches to Gentiles



For more than ten years after Jesus' ascension the early church was practically closed to Gentiles. An angel appeared to Cornelius, a devout Roman soldier at Caesarea, telling him to send to Joppa for Peter to come and preach to him and his household.

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Scripture—Acts 10:1-11; 15:6-11



God prepared Peter for this new relation to Gentiles by a vision like a sheet let down from heaven containing various clean and unclean animals which Peter was told to kill and eat. When he refused the voice said, "What God hath cleansed, make not thou common."



Peter's sermon to them was a summary of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and an appeal to believe in Him as Saviour. As they accepted it the Holy Spirit came upon them exactly as on the Jews on Pentecost and Peter baptized them into church fellowship.



When Peter's act was questioned he defended it claiming that God repeated on the Gentiles what he had done for Jews on Pentecost and the church approved and caught step with God in the forward march toward the brotherhood of man. (GOLDEN TEXT—Acts 10:34b, 35)

By the Rev. Alvin E. Bell And Alfred J. Buescher

The Word of God

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Psalm 119:105.

The Words of Jesus: All religious teaching, doctrine or creed, if they are to have any claim upon the love, loyalty and devotion of the people, must be in harmony with the teachings of Jesus the Christ whose words fit into every fold and crevice of the human heart, and of whom it was said in John 7:46, "NEVER MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS MAN."

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Section 9.—Mat they 5:43-48

THE WAY TO DEAL WITH ENEMIES 43. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. 44. But I say unto you. Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47. And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

What's Doing in the Churches

FIRST BAPTIST. Rev. Albert S. Hale, minister. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. J. C. Gardner, superintendent. Attendance last Sunday 432. Worship service at 11 o'clock. The topic of the minister's message: "Have you done your good turn today." The Girl Scouts will be guests at this service.

H. T. U. meets at 6:30 o'clock. Miss Loyce Blaylock, director. Attendance last Sunday 80. Worship service 7:30 p. m. Sermon subject "Do You Talk to Yourself." At the morning service, the choir will sing "Sweet The Moment," by Donizetti. At the opening service, the young people's choir will sing "O, How Kindly Thou Hast Led Me" by Nevin.

HOLY INNOCENTS EPISCOPAL. Rev. I. W. Hughes, rector. First Sunday in Lent. The early service will be omitted. 9:45 a. m. Church school. 10 a. m. Men's and women's Bible classes.

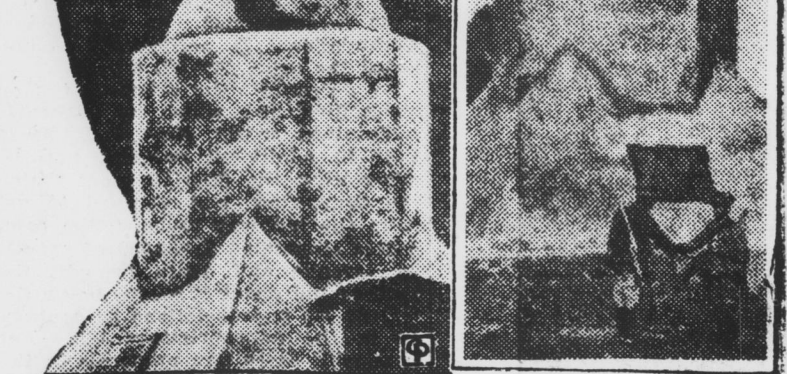
11 a. m. Holy communion. This is corporate communion for the entire parish. 7:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon. St. John's Mission, North Henderson 2 o'clock, church school.

THE SALVATION ARMY. Adjutant and Mrs. Joseph Willett in charge. Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday school. 11 a. m. Morning worship. 6:30 p. m. Young People's Legion. 7:30 p. m. Evening worship. Everybody welcome.

FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT. Rev. L. R. Medlin, pastor. Sunday school 9:45. E. O. Falkner, superintendent. Morning worship 11 o'clock, subject, "Duty in Spite of." Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock, subject, "The Sabbath."

At this service the young People's Choir, under the direction of Miss Alice Falkner, will provide the music. The choir will sing two special numbers, "Sweet Sabbath Eve," and "Bless the Lord." The public is invited to worship with us.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC. Rev. Eugene P. Carroll, pastor. Mass and sermon on Sunday 10:30 a. m. Mass daily at 8:15 a. m. Sunday evening services at 7:30. Public is cordially invited to all services.



Left, the bronze statue, Christ of the Andes; right, soldiers standing at the base of statue.

OUR YESTERDAYS When Two Countries Averted War And Erected Christ of the Andes BACK IN 1901, Chile and the Argentine republic were on the verge of war over a boundary dispute. Just as violence was being contemplated, however, the dispute was put to arbitration and settled amicably for both sides. To commemorate this event averting war, Senora de Costa, president of the Christian Mothers' association of Buenos Aires, proposed the erection of a statue on the boundary line between the two nations. The proposal met with popular approval and the women of Buenos Aires took it upon themselves to raise the necessary funds. The statue, known as Christ of the Andes, was erected and unveiled in 1904. Constructed partly of cannon acquired for war purposes by both armies, the statue is a figure of the Saviour, 26 feet high, standing on a gigantic column of stone and cement. It is situated at Cambré Pass on the lonely mountain frontier.

Rate of Tax On Sales Is Main Fight

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budget commission's estimate. Chief among the free-spenders are, of course, the proponents of increased school appropriations. A large amount of revenue will be required to meet appropriations. The answer to that requirement is, among other things, the sales tax revenue. (2) Many members of the free-spenders are also members of the anti-sales tax bloc. Among these is Dr. Ralph McDonald, co-introducer of the sales tax substitute, who is an ex-college professor and loud in his demands for increased appropriations for the schools. It is thus clear that the anti-sales bloc will experience trouble within its own ranks when it is shown that if the sales tax should be dropped that revenue would decline by \$9,000,000 or so. Where then, the spenders will demand, are we to get enough money for appropriations? The answer to that query is an involved matter. The McDonald-Lumpkin bloc, will, of course, offer on the floor of the House its substitute plans.

(3) The administration has set its seal of approval on the sales tax. That will go a long way toward securing final re-enactment of it. Again—the anti-sales have already abandoned their

occupational tax plan at the violent protest of the railroad brotherhoods and others. Dr. McDonald had estimated the yield of that tax to be \$1,700,000, although he later said that his estimate was too high. Also there is little likelihood of enactment of the chain theatre tax of 10 per cent on gross receipts. The theatres presented figures to the finance group which showed that their taxes have risen from \$11,000 in 1926 to \$170,000 in 1934.

It is the opinion of many observers here that some of the leaders of the anti-sales tax bloc are much more interested in increased school appropriations than in abolition of the sales tax. Thus, when the showdown comes, as it ultimately must come, the school will get at least \$20,000,000 for the first year of the next biennium, and nearer \$21,000,000 for the second. Rather than slice school appropriations the anti-sales will endorse the sales tax, although they will vigorously denounce it in the same breath.

The anti-sales, because of increased appropriations, will thus fight for a reduced levy rather than total abolition of the sales tax. If they junk the entire tax they must find more than \$9,000,000 (the estimated sales tax annual revenue) in new revenue over and above the more than \$3,000,000 already added by the finance committee, plus the difference now existing between the revenue and appropriations bills.

Merchants Up In Arms Over Levies

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Bek chain of stores in North Carolina. It is understood that the senate finance committee endorsing the retention of the sales tax. It is also understood that the Tarboro Merchants Association, has written to Senator W. G. Clark to the effect that the Board of directors and the Chamber of Commerce have gone on record endorsing the sales tax as it now stands and as opposed to the McDonald-Lumpkin substitute proposals for the sales tax. It is understood that many other letters are being received by finance committee members and by members of both houses from merchants in all sections of the state approving the retention of the sales tax. Because some merchants and merchant associations seem to have gotten the impression that the anti-sales taxers or the North Carolina Fair Tax Association were responsible for the chain store tax section being written on a floor space basis, John Paul Leonard, secretary of the Fair Tax Association today issued a statement in which he denied his organization had anything to do with the new chain store tax proposals.

"We have neither proposed nor supported any such change in the chain store tax," Leonard said. "Any one conversant with the facts knows this proposal came from the administration forces on the finance committee and some of us have very definite ideas as to why such a ridiculous method of measuring volume of business, profits or ability to pay taxes was suggested. There are those who are willing to resort to almost any means of diverting attention from our attack on the sales tax or to create weapons to use against those who are determined to free the merchants and their customers from this cursed tax."

There is no indication here that either the Fair Tax Association or any of the opponents of the sales tax suggested the new chain store tax section and that the floor space plan be included. Neither is there anything to indicate that the administration suggested the floor space tax plan as Leonard charges. The facts are that the attorney for one of the chain store systems under the present chain store tax law, suggested that a sub-committee be appointed to redraft the section, apparently in the hope of getting the tax reduced. This sub-committee was appointed, with Senator Carl L. Bailey of Washington county as chairman. This subcommittee brought in the new section with the floor space feature included in it and expanded the section to apply to chain filling stations as well as to chain stores.

The first plan brought in by the subcommittee was much more drastic than the one finally adopted, although the finance committees at first adopted it then later took it out of the revenue bill after hearing representatives of the chain stores and gasoline companies. It then reconsidered this action and instructed Senator Bailey and his subcommittee to continue their labors further and bring in a more moderate section. This they did, and brought in two separate sections, one applying to chain stores and one to chain filling stations. The chain store section is identical with the present chain store section in the present revenue law with the one exception that chain stores of \$15 for each 1,000 square feet or fraction thereof. According to the estimates prepared by Senator Bailey, this floor space feature will bring in only about \$4,400,000 more than the state is now getting from the present chain store tax. This tax only from \$116,328 a year to \$160,846 a year.

Rules and Regulations Adopted for Control of Dogs

Whereas, The rabies has assumed such an alarming proportion in Vance county it is hereby declared a menace to the public health. Therefore, Be it resolved by the County Board of Health:

1st: That all dogs in Vance County shall be confined and no dog or dogs shall be permitted to run at large, unless leashed to the owner or some responsible person as agent or representative of the owner, or unless wearing a muzzle, which shall comply with specifications of and be approved by the Health Officer of Vance County. Provided that the wearing a muzzle as above set forth does not apply to dogs while hunting with owner or responsible person as previously described.

2nd: Any dog found off the premises of the owner or person having the custody of such dog, unaccompanied and not leashed to the owner or some responsible person who shall have charge of the dog with the owner's consent and direction, or unmuzzled, as above provided, is hereby declared a nuisance and menace to public health and shall be immediately killed by any officer of Vance county or Township of said county or of the city of Henderson, including any officer or persons designated by the County Commissioners of Vance county as special officers for the enforcement of this act.

Provided that if any dog be found running at large unaccompanied and unmuzzled, but wearing a collar or tag to be provided by the County, showing that such dog has been duly licensed, then it shall be the duty of all officers of the law to seize and impound such dog, and any individual may seize and impound such dog, and the owner shall have the right to redeem from the pound within three days by paying all costs and an impounding fee of \$1.00. But the wearing of the license collar or tag herein before mentioned shall not exempt the owner of the dog from liability for violating these rules and regulations by allowing his dog to run at large unaccompanied or unmuzzled.

3rd: These rules and regulations shall be in force and in effect from and after publication.

S. M. WATKINS Chairman, County Board of Commissioners.