

**MOST FAMILIES CANNOT PAY FOR ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE IN U. S.**

**SENATOR PEPPER SAYS MOST FAMILIES CANNOT PAY FOR ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE**

The problem of establishing a national health insurance program is one of the major problems pending in Congress. Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), here set forth some compelling reasons on behalf of President Truman's health program.

Our health services and facilities are wholly inadequate. Forty per cent of our counties do not have even a full-time local public health officer. Hospitals are needed — areas of our country with an aggregate population of 15,000,000 people do not have a single recognized general hospital.

These deficiencies are understandable. Only a small part of our people are able to pay for comprehensive and adequate health care, because good medical care is expensive. Most American families cannot afford to pay for it out of current income or savings.

When sickness does hit, it strikes hard. Wage losses and medical costs arising out of sickness have very often wiped out a family's savings and driven it into debt. We cannot continue to regard complete health care as a luxury, or as a dole to be exchanged for self-respect. The need for national health insurance, financed by required contributions to a health insurance fund has now become clear. Furthermore, a vast new public-health program is a must.

We will provide, step by step, for the formation of a national health insurance program to bring hospital, medical, dental, nursing and clinical care within the reach of every American man, woman, and child upon the basis of the typical American principle of insurance, and not charity. We will provide and guarantee the free choice of doctors by patients. Doctors will be free to accept or reject patients who may apply to them.

**PRODUCTION DROP LOSES MOMENTUM**

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Normal cash discounts are coming back. Better quality and service are being offered. Oneway escalator clauses are out. Price-decline protection on contracts is becoming more general.

Except in the case of distress merchandise, no general sharp price reductions are looked for — rather a continuing downward drift.

Buying policy: "In line with the effort to reduce inventories, buying continues on short range and will remain on that basis until prices show a tendency to stabilize or supplies tighten."

Employment: "The trend of employment continues down in March, with a slight indication of leveling off. Fifty-one per cent reported lower pay rolls, compared with 59 per cent reporting this condition in February. Overtime and extra shifts are fast disappearing. Economy drives are reported to be reducing overhead personnel. Productivity is showing some increase."

**VIRGINIA AFL FEDERATION MAPS VOTE-GETTING DRIVE**

Richmond, Va. — The Virginia State Federation of Labor is mapping plans for the mobilization of the full voting strength of its 45,000 members in the coming state election.

At a conference here, 500 delegates from the federation's 136 locals throughout the state refrained from endorsing any of the five candidates seeking the office of governor but stressed the importance of getting out the vote of each and every union member and his dependents.

Jack S. Smith, president of the federation and chairman of the Virginia branch of Labor's League for Political Education, said that if the campaign was successful union members and their families would comprise a bloc of about 120,000 voters.

# Registration and Voting Data 1949 ELECTIONS

The following data will inform you as to the dates of registration for the coming City Elections in April and May:

April 2—First Registration Day, registrars on duty Sat'day at polling places from 9 a. m. to sunset 6:45 p. m.

April 4—Extra Registration Hours, registrars on Monday duty at their homes from 7 to 9 p. m.

April 5—Extra Registration Hours, registrars on Tuesday duty at their homes from 7 to 9 p. m.

April 6—Extra Registration Hours, registrars on Wed'day duty at their homes from 1 to 6 p. m.

April 9—Second Regular Registration Day, registrars Sat'day on duty at polling places from 9 a. m. to sunset 6:51 p. m.

April 13—Extra Registration Hours, registrars on Wed'day duty at their homes from 1 to 6 p. m.

April 14—Extra Registration Hours, registrars on Thursday duty at their homes from 7 to 9 p. m.

April 15—Extra Registration Hours, registrars on Friday duty at their homes from 7 to 9 p. m.

April 16—Third and Last Registration Day—Registrars on duty at polling places from 9 a. m. to sunset 6:56 p. m. No one can register after 6:56 p. m., unless he or she was in line at that time.

April 23—Challenge Day, registrars on duty at polling Sat'day places from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., no registering allowed, but information given.

April 25—City Primary—Polls open at 6:30 a. m. and Monday close 6:30 p. m.

April 15—Last Filing Date for Candidates.

May 3—City Election—Polls open at 6:30 a. m. and Tuesday close at 6:30 p. m.

**REGISTER ON ONE OF THE ABOVE DATES OR YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO VOTE**

Below will be found a list of the Voting Precincts, names of the registrars, their addresses and telephone numbers. Keep this data for future reference:

**PRECINCT 1**  
Voting Place, COURT HOUSE—Registrar, Mrs. J. A. Miller, 722 East Fourth St. Phone 5-9136.

**PRECINCT 2**  
Voting Place, SECOND WARD SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. S. Wells, 533 East Second St. Phone 3-1402.

**PRECINCT 3**  
Voting Place, FIRST WARD SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. C. C. Richards, 420 E. 11th St. Phone 7079.

**PRECINCT 4**  
Voting Place, OPTIMIST CLUB—Registrar, Mrs. S. C. McCall, 1614 North Davidson St. Phone 3-4318\*

**PRECINCT 5**  
Voting Place, BETHUNE SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. L. S. Boyd, 312 West Ninth St. Phone 3-4976.

**PRECINCT 6**  
Voting Place, HARDING HIGH SCHOOL—Registrar, Mr. J. C. Booker, 211 North Sycamore St. Phone 7248.

**PRECINCT 7**  
Voting Place, ZEB VANCE SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. L. F. Brown, 811 West Third St. Phone 2-1511.

**PRECINCT 8**  
Voting Place, VILLA HEIGHTS SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. R. W. Strickland, 1905 Pogram St. Phone 2-4719.

**PRECINCT 9**  
Voting Place, COMMUNITY HOUSE, Y. M. C. A., E 36th St.—Registrar, Mrs. A. M. Cadieu, 805 East Thirty-fifth St. Phone 3-2831\*

**PRECINCT 10**  
Voting Place, PLAZA ROAD SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. H. A. Bundy, 1916 Marguerite Ave. Phone 2-3780.

**PRECINCT 11**  
Voting Place, 1620 CLUB ROAD—Registrar, Mrs. A. H. Harper, 1620 Club Road. Phone 2-0758.

**PRECINCT 12**  
Voting Place, MIDWOOD SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. S. G. Cornwell, 2000 Winter St. Phone 2-6428.

**PRECINCT 13**  
Voting Place, CHARLOTTE TECH. HIGH—Registrar, Mrs. J. F. Gullidge, 1608 N. Allen St. Phone 4-9170.

**PRECINCT 14**  
Voting Place, PIEDMONT JR. HIGH SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. E. E. Peele, 819 Central Ave. Phone 3-5228.

**PRECINCT 15**  
Voting Place, 537 LAMAR AVE.—Registrar, Mrs. D. H. Wolfe, Jr., 541 Lamar Ave. Phone 8419.

**PRECINCT 16**  
Voting Place, 2539 WESTMORELAND AVE.—Registrar, Mrs. W. T. Hodge, 2539 Westmoreland. Phone 2-1952.

**PRECINCT 17**  
Voting Place, 1028 WATERMAN AVENUE—Registrar, Mrs. C. C. Pressley, 1028 Waterman Ave. Phone 3-0443.

**PRECINCT 18**  
Voting Place, FIREMAN'S HALL—Registrar, Mrs. R. J. Snell, 617 Vinewood Place. Phone 9820.

**PRECINCT 19**  
Voting Place, MINT MUSEUM, Eastover—Registrar, Mrs. Bernice Mizell, 110 Colville Rd. Phone 3-7206\*

**PRECINCT 20**  
Voting Place, EASTOVER SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. T. P. Moore, 425 Fenton Place. Phone 2-3662.

**PRECINCT 21**  
Voting Place, 111 BARNETT PLACE—Registrar, Mrs. Percy Stephens, 1807 Hedgewood Place. Phone 2-4882\*

**PRECINCT 22**  
Voting Place, 2108 VAIL AVE.—Registrar, Mrs. L. L. Clontz, 2108 Vail Ave. Phone 3-1024.

**PRECINCT 23**  
Voting Place, ELIZABETH SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. M. S. Ward, 1208 East Fifth St. Phone 2-1468.

**PRECINCT 24**  
Voting Place, MYERS PARK SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. J. A. Doar, 1055 Queens Rd., W. Phone 2-5719.

**PRECINCT 25**  
Voting Place, 1026 PROVIDENCE RD.—Registrar, Mrs. M. R. Kimbrell, 2517 Sherwood Ave. Phone 2-0225\*

**PRECINCT 26**  
Voting Place, MYERS PARK CLUB—Registrar, Mrs. Albert Dulin, Rockledge Apts. Phone 5-1153\*

**PRECINCT 27**  
Voting Place, AVONDALE COM. HOUSE—Registrar, Mrs. Orris Carpenter, 1132 Ordermore. Phone 2-8972.

**PRECINCT 28**  
Voting Place, 1612 KENILWORTH AVE.—Registrar, Mrs. C. W. Alexander, 1612 Kenilworth Ave. Phone 3-3281.

**PRECINCT 29**  
Voting Place, DILWORTH SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. W. W. Hollifield, 426 Lexington Ave. Phone 3-5491.

**PRECINCT 30**  
Voting Place, 1716 LYNDBURST AVE.—Registrar, Mrs. G. P. Jenkins, 1716 Lyndhurst. Phone 2-0479.

**PRECINCT 31**  
Voting Place, 1927 DILWORTH RD., W.—Registrar, Mrs. Ina Bullock, 1927 Dilworth Rd., West. Phone 2-2891.

**PRECINCT 32**  
Voting Place, 1004 POINDEXTER DR.—Registrar, Miss Mavis Koonce, 1004 Poindexter Drive. Phone 8019.

**PRECINCT 33**  
Voting Place, WILMORE SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. J. A. Daly, 1722 South Tryon St. Phone 2-2230.

**PRECINCT 34**  
Voting Place, ALEXANDER GRAHAM JR. HIGH SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. J. W. Latane, 1101 Winnifred Place. Phone 2-0850.

**PRECINCT 35**  
Voting Place, WESLEY HEIGHTS SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. R. O. Fortenbery, 633 Grandin Rd. Phone 2-2515.

**PRECINCT 36**  
Voting Place, SEVERSVILLE SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. R. B. Graham, 1607 Sumter Ave. Phone 3-5207.

**PRECINCT 37**  
Voting Place, GLENWOOD SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. W. B. Whitesides, 3115 Rush Ave. Phone 3-4730.

**PRECINCT 38**  
Voting Place, 2436 WILKINSON BLVD.—Registrar, Mrs. W. A. Shaw, 2436 Wilkinson Blvd. Phone 2-5219.

**PRECINCT 39**  
Voting Place, WEST CHARLOTTE HIGH—Registrar, Mrs. Coretha Lovell, 1407 Beattie's Ford Road. Phone 3-1262.

**PRECINCT 40**  
Voting Place, LIBRARY, or ASSEMBLY ROOM, FAIRVIEW HOMES—Registrar, Miss Abiah Miller, 1210 North Johnson St. Phone, none.

**PRECINCT 41**  
Voting Place, HUTCHISON SCHOOL—Registrar, Mrs. J. L. MILLER, 231 Sylvania Ave. Phone 3-2015.

**PRECINCT 42**  
1607 STATESVILLE AVE.—Registrar, Mrs. H. J. McConnell, 1607 Statesville Ave. Phone 5-4523.  
\*Registrar's home telephone. She cannot be reached over this telephone on registration or election days. If you wish to contact her call her at night.

## Legislative Program

The American Federation of Labor will concentrate its efforts in the current session of Congress on obtaining repeal of the obnoxious Taft-Hartley Act, but this should not obscure the fact that there are many other major planks in the Federation's legislative program which vitally affect the interests of American workers and for which we will fight unceasingly.

Therefore the Executive Council finds it advisable to make public at this time a summary of the outstanding measures included in the AFL's legislative objectives:

1. **TAFT-HARTLEY ACT**—We favor outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act with simultaneous reenactment of the National Labor Relations Act. We also urge Congress to repeal the Hobbs Act and the Lea Act.

2. **HOUSING**—We seek enactment of a comprehensive housing program. This includes rent control.

3. **FOREIGN POLICY**—We endorse the President's firm policy toward Russia as the only practical way to attain eventual world peace. We want Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to permit the ECA to carry on its work to a successful conclusion.

4. **INFLATION CONTROL**—We prefer voluntary methods to resumption of price controls, which should be employed only as a last resort. If taxes should be increased, the burden should be placed upon those best able to pay. Taxes in low-income groups, who were given the least measure of relief in the last tax law, should not be raised.

5. **SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM**—The Executive Council favors broad improvements in the social security system, a national health program, disability insurance, a nationalized unemployment compensation system, increase of the minimum wage to \$1 an hour with broader coverage of the Fair Labor Standards Act, an effective billion-dollar program of Federal aid to education and continuation of the school lunch program. Also we call upon Congress to adopt the President's Civil Rights program.

6. **NATIONAL DEFENSE**—The Executive Council pledges full support of a truly adequate national defense program for all branches of the armed services. We feel also that Congress should give attention to the need for an expanded merchant ship construction program and the safeguarding of a strong American merchant marine by subsidies. This ship construction program should be fairly distributed in the various areas of the country.

7. **NATURAL RESOURCES**—As part of our national defense program and as an essential step toward an expanding American economy, a constructive program for the development and protection of our natural resources should be adopted by Congress. This includes power development, soil conservation and reclamation, irrigation and flood control. We favor creation of river valley authorities, similar to the outstandingly successful TVA, to do this job. We also call upon Congress to encourage development of research for the harnessing of atomic energy to industrial productive uses.

8. **GOVERNMENT EMPLOYE LEGISLATION**—The AFL will support legislation to raise the standards and improve the conditions of government employees.

9. **LABOR DEPARTMENT**—We favor transfer to this department of the functions and agencies which properly belong to it, to the end that the Department of Labor may once more become an effective instrument for the protection of the wage earners of the Nation.

10. There are any number of additional measures and proposals in which the Federation takes an active interest for or against. For instance, we will urge liberalization of the Displaced Persons Act, support the establishment of a National Science Foundation, etc. Therefore, the omission of any particular measure from this summary of major legislative objectives, should not and does not imply any lack of interest on our part.

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