

## Congress Reconvenes; Tax Boos, Unlikely

### Byrnes Sees State Hospital, Segregation as Top Issues

#### \$5 Million Proposed for Institution as Assembly Meets

(By The Associated Press)

Improvements at the state mental hospital and constitutional change intended to preserve public school racial segregation are top legislative issues this year, Governor James F. Byrnes declared yesterday.

His annual message to the general assembly, delivered at a joint session on opening day, termed the hospital "problem No. 1."

He recommended appropriating \$5,000,000 this year for "emergency" items such as new buildings and repairs and buying equipment. Also, he declared the hospital and the state training school at Clinton for mentally deficient children need more money for employees, who are overworked and underpaid.

The constitutional change Byrnes recommended would knock out a section directing the assembly to provide free public schools "for all children between the ages of six and 21 years."

South Carolina's segregated school system is under attack in the federal courts. A district court has held that segregation may continue if facilities are equal. This decision has been appealed to the United States supreme court.

If the supreme court holds segregation unconstitutional, Byrnes explained, the section of the state constitution ordering schools for all children "should be repealed" so legislators could "determine by statute future policy of the state." (The proposed change would have to be submitted to voters in this year's general election.)

Governor Byrnes also renewed his endorsement of a pending resolution calling an election on a state constitutional convention. The resolution has been adopted by the house and is before the senate.

Here are other recommendations in Byrnes' message:

There should be no exemptions from the three per cent general sales tax that started last July 1. "If you grant one exemption, you will have to grant many."

The legal provisions for state industrial commissioners to represent employees, employes, and the public should be eliminated.

Records of the industrial commission, which administers the workmen's compensation law, and of the public welfare department should be open to public inspection.

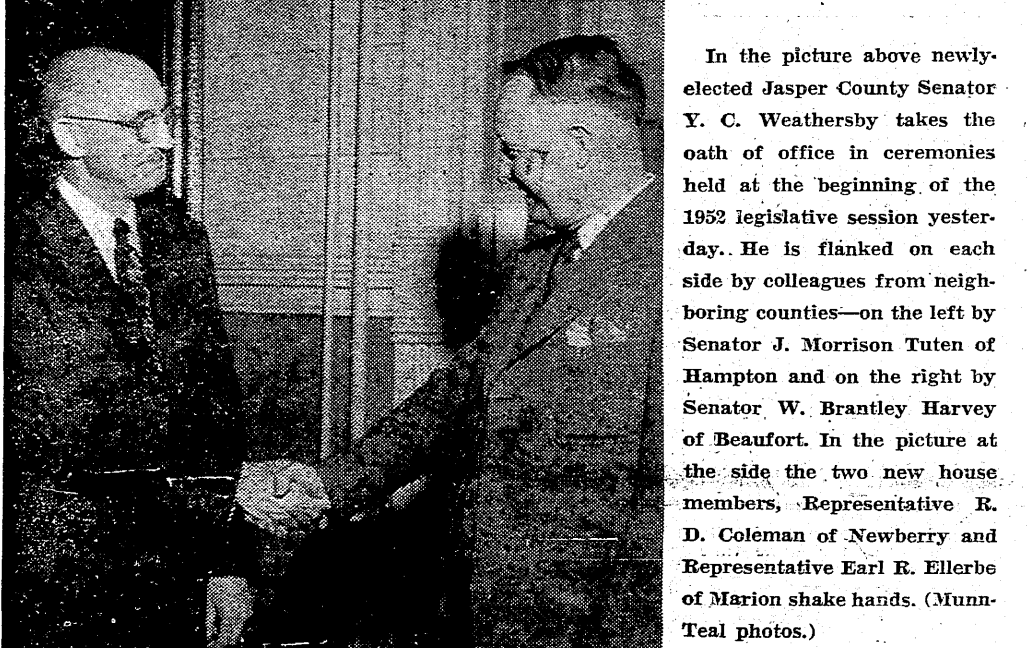
Property of persons receiving public assistance should be used, after their death, to repay the taxpayers. Also, the senate should pass two house bills to make relatives legally responsible for their dependent children and aged dependent parents.

Governor Byrnes reported that "the financial condition of our state government is sound." This, he predicted, will help bring still more new industry to South Carolina.

The budget submitted to the assembly by the state budget and control board calls for appropriating \$139,613,638 in state funds. He said this is \$209,192 higher than state appropriations for this year, not counting highway department funds, but still about \$9,000,000 less than budget requests.

The increase, the governor explained, are due chiefly to three items. These include automatic in-

#### New Legislators Enter General Assembly



#### Miss Watson Named Clerk Of the House

The house of representatives of South Carolina yesterday chose as its clerk, who is its chief parliamentary officer, a woman, Miss Inez Watson of Columbia. She has had years of experience on the desk in the hall of the house.

Miss Watson thus becomes one of the few if not the only woman in the nation who is clerk of the lower house of the legislature. She succeeds the veteran, James E. Hunter, Jr., who died last summer. The house yesterday adopted resolutions expressing its sorrow and sense of loss in the death of Mr. Hunter and expressed its sympathy for the family. The resolution was signed by the house membership.

About the same time a letter from Mr. Hunter's family was read in which thanks were expressed to the house for flowers sent on the occasion of his death.

After the new members, Representatives R. D. Coleman, Jr., of Newberry and Earl R. Ellerbe of Marion had been sworn in, Speaker Blatt announced that election of a clerk was in order, to fill out the term of the late Mr. Hunter.

Rep. M. V. Horne, Richland, who said that "The longer I live the greater pleasures I have but none" he said "is greater than that I have this morning in nominating a clerk."

He spoke of Miss Watson's service under the late J. Wilson Gibbs and the late James E. Hunter, Jr., of her unselfish service to the state and then nominated her for the office. There were numerous seconds, and she was elected by acclamation, there being no opposition.

Speaker Blatt said he would "appoint myself" to escort her to the desk, and the house arose as she took the oath of office. Then Speaker Blatt presented her as "Our old boss in a new job" as the house applauded.

Miss Watson said she accepted the post "with deep humility and gratitude. I hope to be able to carry on the work" she said "in the same capable manner in which it has been carried on in other years, and with your tolerance and cooperation it can be done."

She announced appointment of Muller Kreps as assistant clerk, the post she formerly held under Mr. Hunter.

Miss Watson at once entered into discharge of her enlarged duties.

#### Hope Practically Abandoned For Finding Saluda Boy Alive

Saluda, Jan. 8—Practically all hope of finding four-year-old William ("Junior") Matthews, who disappeared in the woods near here Sunday afternoon, alive had vanished tonight as searchers began dragging Clouds creek in an effort to locate some trace of the child.

William vanished in a pine thicket about a half mile from his home Sunday afternoon while his father, William R. Matthews was inspecting a grain field near the traffic circle. The father said he drove into the woods to look at the new grain field and left William and his three-year-old brother, Keith, at the automobile. He said he was away from the automobile only about five minutes and when he returned Keith said William had gone into the woods.

A large crowd quickly gathered at the scene following the boy's disappearance, but no trace has been found of him. The estimates of persons at the scene have run as high as 5,000. Included in the searchers have been Eighth division soldiers, National Guardsmen, continued on page 3-B, column 2

#### Tow Line Parts For Carlsen's Crippled Ship

London, Wednesday, Jan. 9—(AP)—The crippled Flying Enterprise broke loose from her towline in the rough Atlantic early today and was wallowing helplessly almost in sight of land.

Capt. Kurt Carlsen and a British tug officer were presumably still aboard but had not been heard from directly for hours.

The battered and listing American freighter lay heeled over at the mercy of heavy seas about 53 miles from Falmouth but only a few miles off the English coast.

The ship rode out a three-hour storm last night and appeared to be riding steadily behind the towing tug, Turmoil, when the 750-yard, five-inch steel line snapped.

The ominous turn followed a midnight position report from the Keith that the worst of the storm it had reported earlier was past and the Enterprise was being towed toward Falmouth at about three knots.

#### UN Committee OKs Collective Security Scheme

Paris, Jan. 8—(AP)—The United Nations political committee overrode Russian objections tonight and approved a collective security scheme to permit the U. N. to use regional armies, such as the North Atlantic pact forces.

The vote was 51 in favor and the Soviet bloc of five against. Argentina, India and Indonesia abstained.

The committee then adjourned until 3 p. m. (9 a. m. EST) tomorrow, just as it was about to vote on a Soviet proposal for a high-level meeting of the security council to consider a Korean armistice as its first order of business.

#### House Quickly Agrees to Study \$140 Million Spending Bill

Lawmakers Hear Governor on First Day

By The Associated Press

Governor Byrnes' legislative message keyed the general assembly's opening yesterday amid optimism for a short session.

The governor spoke soon after the 89th general assembly convened at noon for its second regular session.

Not in many years has the governor's annual message been heard before at least the second day. He let it be known, however, that he wanted to speak at the very start in order to expedite legislative business.

In line with his wish, a resolution inviting him to speak at 12:30 was rushed through after the opening ceremonies.

The house ways and means committee's introduction of the expected \$140,065,516 general appropriations bill for 1952-53 headed a number of new bills and resolutions.

The house quickly agreed to take up the money bill at 10:30 this morning and stay on it until it passes. This may take anywhere from one day to a week or more.

Although Byrnes asked that the new three per cent retail sales tax inaugurated last July 1 to support an expanded public school system continued on page 3-A, column 1

#### Churchill, Truman End Conference

(Early Story on Page 6-A)

Washington, Jan. 8—(AP)—President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill ended their four-day conference tonight with a reported pledge to give solid support to plans for an all-European army as a bulwark against possible Communist aggression.

Responsible officials said the President and Mr. Churchill both expressed the fervent desire to see the six-nation army plan succeed in the quickest possible time.

This reaffirmation of joint policy came as a climax to a 90-minute meeting at the White House—the seventh since the conference began Saturday.

A joint communique of about 1,200 words announcing the results of the meeting is due to be issued some time tomorrow afternoon, probably after the 77-year-old Churchill continued on page 3-A, column 5

#### Wildcat Strike at H-Bomb Plant Apparently Settled

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 8—(AP)—A wildcat strike which slowed work today on the Atomic Energy commission's huge H-bomb plant near here apparently was almost settled tonight.

It was the second such one-day dispute to afflict the billion dollar plant now under construction by the E. I. DuPont de Nemours company, Inc., just across the Savannah river in South Carolina.

The strike began with a walkout by members of the International Union of Operating Engineers and spread to members of the teamsters union. Both are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Just how many men were involved was a subject of dispute. H. E. Miller, Southeastern representative for the union with headquarters, said 3,000 engineers and 1,500 teamsters were off the job.

Gus Robinson, public information officer for the AEC, said the figures were 800 engineers and 1,500 teamsters.

After a day long conference with DuPont officials Miller said the operating engineers would go back to work tomorrow and he assumed the teamsters would do likewise.

#### State Legislators Thread Way Through State Hospital

By AUSTIN ADKINSON

Associated Press Staff Writer

State legislators yesterday threaded their way through their "problem No. 1"—the state mental hospital here.

Governor James F. Byrnes, who put this tag on the hospital in his annual message, invited the entire assembly to inspect the institution with him. About 100 made the trip.

A typical comment afterwards: "It's pretty grim. I had no idea..."

Governor Byrnes had told the legislators about overcrowded conditions—5,300 patients where the rated capacity is 3,584; only one doctor for 445 patients; one nurse for 290 patients; one attendant for 18 patients.

The visitors saw what this meant on their conducted tour.

They saw mattresses and blankets spread on concrete floors for physically sick patients and as sleeping facilities for others. They saw a 26-bed surgical ward—only one in the men's division—with a single room for any excitable patients needing surgery. They saw two beds and a mattress crammed into room after room hardly longer than one of the beds.

Governor Byrnes had told them the Taylor building was unsafe for occupancy. On the tour, they saw the widening cracks in outer walls of the old brick building, some running almost from the third story to the ground.

"A few years ago," an attendant noted, "you could stick a knife blade in the biggest crack. Now I can get my finger in it."

The building and grounds, however, were surprisingly clean and neat. This wasn't true, of course, in some wards where there simply aren't enough attendants to go around.

Some of the legislators remarked on the almost stifling odors and heat in some wards. A guide explained that there could be no more ventilation because it's impossible to keep clothes on some of the patients.

Some excitable patients in the Taylor building were isolated in rooms with heavy wooden doors, with an iron-barred air space near the ceiling.

From one of them a radio played "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles."

The guide said almost all the patients are allowed to have radios—if they can get them—but that most cannot be permitted to operate them.

One big disadvantage in the building housing the surgical ward is the lack of elevators. All continued on page 7-A, column 4

#### Taft Claims Pledges for Nomination

Washington, Jan. 8—(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) claimed enough pledges today to give him the Republican presidential nomination if all his backers can produce the convention voting strength he expects from them.

And at the same time John D. M. Hamilton, one of the senator's top campaign aides, said Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had "pulled the rug out from under" his supporters and left them without a candidate.

The statements from the Taft camp came in response to word from Eisenhower yesterday that the North Atlantic Treaty organization commander would obey a "clearcut call to political duty" but would not take any personal part in a nomination drive.

Eisenhower backers claimed that the Paris statement assures the general's nomination and election.

Eisenhower's statement was elicited by the announcement of plans to enter his name in the Republican primary in New Hampshire. In a follow-up move today the New Hampshire attorney general's office ruled that the general is a Republican. Some state house observers interpreted that finding as a bar to entering his name in the Democratic preference voting, a move which Democratic admirers continued on page 7-A, column 3

#### Court Accepts Clarendon's School Report

Charleston, Jan. 8—(AP)—Efforts of Clarendon county to equalize its schools for Negroes were approved today by two members of a three-judge federal court.

The county reported last month that it was attempting to equalize its schools in accordance with an order by the court last June 23. The court, in effect, today approved the report.

As in the original case, the vote to accept the report was divided, 2-1. Circuit Judge John J. Parker of Charlotte and District Judge George Bell Zimmerman of Columbia accepted it, while District Judge J. Waties Waring of Charleston did not concur.

The court upheld segregation of white and Negro public school students last June but it ordered the county to give Negroes equal facilities.

Negro plaintiffs in the suit, assisted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, appealed the case to the Supreme Court. A ruling on the appeal has not been given by the Supreme Court.

The order was the outgrowth of a suit against Clarendon county District 12 trustees by a Negro, Harry Briggs, in behalf of himself and others, in which he charged continued on page 3-A, column 3

#### Truman Gives State of Union Talk Today at Joint Session

Washington, Jan. 8—(AP)—The 82nd congress reconvened today with Democratic and Republican leaders apparently agreed on fighting any major boost in taxes but far apart on other issues in this critical presidential election year.

Tomorrow at 12:30 p. m., EST, President Truman will address a joint session of both houses in his annual "State of the Union" message outlining the administration's legislative program.

The President's speech, expected to run about 5,500 words, will mark the real kick-off of what many legislators forecast as one of the most politically turbulent sessions in history.

Amid all the jovial handshaking and backslapping, bitter political overtones were evident at the outset as both parties jockeyed for advantage. The slogans and war cries that will be heard across the land in the months to come began to erupt in both chambers.

Before the session was 30 minutes old, Senator Styles Bridges (R-N. H.), newly elected as GOP floor leader, set the tempo by issuing a statement denouncing what he called "the abject failure of the

#### NEW BUDGET

Washington, Jan. 8—(AP)—President Truman's new budget will send a sky-scraping spending program of about \$3 billion dollars to a skeptical congress, high officials said today.

They conceded the spending figure for the fiscal year beginning July 1 may be a little more than congress had expected, and may stir strenuous protests from law makers in this election season.

The administration, however, was said to be planning to take some steam out of the criticism by reduced requests for new appropriations. "Thus much of the spending program would be financed from a huge unspent backlog of funds already authorized by congress.

For the first time in years, new appropriation requests are expected to be less than actual spending.

Officials said military cash outlays in the new budget are expected to total roughly \$59,000,000,000, or about 69 per cent of the total. Other national security programs such as atomic energy and foreign economic aid are expected to push the portion of the budget earmarked for defense to 76 per cent.

#### Bridges also hit out at the "creeping socialism" which he said "attacks our nation from within."

The veteran New Hampshire senator was chosen by his colleagues continued on page 7-A, column 4

#### DEATHS

- William M. Aiken, Pickens county
- Charlie Dougal Tucker, Chesterfield.
- Mrs. Sara Elizabeth Todd, Union and Conway.
- Henry H. Crossland, Bennettsville.
- Mrs. Willie Plunkett Rodgers, Aiken.
- Benny Otha Cottingham, Dillon county.
- Mrs. Mamie Galphin, Ninety-Six.
- Mrs. Mattie Bell Allen, Darlington.
- Augustus Carroll Jones, Cameron.
- R. S. Nunery, Fort Lawn.
- John Steele, near Pamlico.
- Mrs. Frank Bradford, Dillon, at Durham, N. C.
- Samuel D. Laner, Bishopville.
- Mrs. Lou Lanford Poole, Woodruff.
- Ezekiel Lovett, Columbia.
- John Johnson Hoke, Chester, formerly of Leeslie community.
- Miss Hummie Billups, Summerton.
- McClure Weldon Vice, Lane Star.

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#### WEATHER

FORECAST FOR SOUTH CAROLINA—Fairly cloudy at warm today and Thursday.

Extended forecast through Sunday: Temperatures will average two to four degrees above normal during period or slightly warmer than beginning of week, cooler Wednesday night or Thursday, slowly rising temperature Friday and Saturday, cooler in North Carolina Sunday. Precipitation one-fourth to one-half inch in mountain sections and one fourth or less elsewhere in the state Wednesday.

For 24 hours ending 4:30 p. m., yesterday: max., temp., 56 at 2:10 p. m.; min., 38 at 4:30 a. m.; precip., 0.00 inches. Sun rises today, 7:20 a. m.; sets, 5:32 p. m.; moon rises, 3:22 p. m.; sets, 5:36 a. m.



### 3 Ex-Governors In Audience at Byrnes Speech

Three former Governors were in the audience, as Gov. James F. Byrnes addressed a joint session of the general assembly yesterday.

They were J. Strom Thurmond, whom Byrnes succeeded last year; Ransome J. Williams and Senator R. M. Jeffries of Colleton.

As usual, many state department heads and other officials were present. These included Arthur B. Rivers of the welfare department; State Supt. of Education Jesse T. Anderson; Chief Highway Commissioner Claude R. McMillan; Insurance Commissioner D. D. (Pat) Murphy; Chairman Henry Walker of the industrial commission; State Forester Charles H. Flory; Labor Commissioner W. Fred Ponder; Also, Chairman Charles N. Plowden of the research, planning and development board; Comptroller General E. C. Rhodes; Treasurer Jeff B. Bates; Attorney General T. C. Callison; and former House Speaker Thomas H. Pope.

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### Armistice for Indo-China Should Follow Korean Truce

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of Korea. But ideal solutions, even good solutions, cannot be had and must not be expected while the conflict among the great powers is so irreconcilable. All the good solutions, such as the unity and independence of Korea, the unity and independence of Viet Nam, depend upon conditions which do not exist and cannot now be created.

"The good solutions to which we are publicly committed" require conditions which are obviously impossible once we state them. Theoretically—but only theoretically—these countries could have their unity and independence if Russia and China had both been defeated and made to surrender unconditionally. Theoretically also—but what theorizing it requires—these countries could have their unity and independence if China and Russia ceased not only to be Communist but ceased also, as the history shows plainly, to be Chinese and Russian as well.

In the terrible struggle in which we are engaged the margins of security are as yet too thin for much that is not necessary, prudence and cool calculation.

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## Text of Governor Byrnes' Talk to General Assembly

The following is the complete text of the address to the General Assembly yesterday afternoon by Gov. James F. Byrnes shortly after the opening of the session:

After the adjournment of your last session, in a radio report to the people I paid tribute to the intelligence, efficiency and courage of the members of this General Assembly. That tribute was sincere. It was deserved.

There were several matters I suggested for your consideration upon which final action was not taken at the last session. I again urge your approval of those proposals.

#### CONSTITUTION

The proposal to let the people vote on the holding of a constitutional convention passed the House and is pending in the Senate. I submit that the people who were intelligent enough to elect us to office are intelligent enough to determine whether they want a constitutional convention held. I think the court will sustain the decision of Judges Parker and Timmerman. However, no man can predict with certainty the decision of any court. Should the court hold laws requiring segregation unconstitutional, the provision of our constitution which I have referred to should be repealed so that members of the Legislature who have sworn to uphold the state constitution would be free to determine by statute the future policy of the state as to the maintenance of a public school system.

If a resolution repealing the provision is not submitted at this session, the question of repeal could not be acted upon by the people until the General Election in 1954. If submitted now and approved by the electors, it could be ratified by the Legislature next January.

#### FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

The financial condition of our state government is sound. Our school bonds were sold at an interest rate of a little less than 1 1/2 per cent annually. That gives striking proof of the confidence of the investing public in the fiscal soundness of the state government.

#### INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

The statute which created the Industrial Commission provided that two members of the commission shall represent employers, two shall represent employees and one shall represent the public. To pass upon claims we should have persons who serve justly. I recommend that the language requiring commissioners to represent employers and employees be eliminated from the statute.

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#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

I recommend legislation opening for inspection the list of persons receiving assistance through the Welfare department. Some few worthy persons may be embarrassed, but they will willingly suffer a little embarrassment when they realize inspection will expose unworthy recipients. The taxpayers have a right to know who is receiving the money they pay into the public treasury.

The statute should make it a misdemeanor for anyone to use for either commercial or political purposes, the list of persons receiving assistance. Persons receive public assistance who are property owners. They cannot eat their property. They may need assistance. If they do, they should receive it. But upon the death of such a person, the taxpayers should be repaid out of any property owned by the deceased welfare recipient rather than have the property go to some relative who was unwilling to care for the needy person.

Therefore, I recommend that you re-enact the Act of 1937 which provided that upon the death of a recipient of public assistance the total amount of assistance received by that person be a lien against the public. Such a lien should not be enforced during the life of a surviving spouse occupying the home of the deceased.

#### BUDGET

The over-all expenditure proposed for 1952-53, including grants from the Federal government, appropriations by the Legislature, and revenues of state institutions is approximately six million dollars less than the over-all expenditures for the current year.

The budget submitted by the Budget and Control Board calls for the appropriation of \$139,613,628.02 out of state funds. That is approximately nine million dollars less than the amount requested. It is, however, \$3,209,192 higher than state appropriations for the current year, excluding the expenditures of the Highway Department.

That increase is due chiefly to three items. The automatic increase in teachers' salaries and the employment of 600 additional teachers accounts for \$2,990,000. Additional teachers must be employed because of the increase in the number of children of school age. In many cities it is necessary to have classes for one group of children in the morning and another group in the afternoon.

When the \$11,697,500 collected for local government is deducted from the total appropriation, it shows the amount requested for the state government, including the Highway Department, to be \$127,916,128.02.

The state revenue estimates our total revenue will be \$828,754.13 in excess of the appropriations recommended by the Budget and Control Board. In arriving at this estimate we rely on an increase from the sales tax of \$7,500,000 above the amount estimated before the law was enacted.

Last year in an effort to relieve the low income taxpayers, you increased the exemptions. Some persons who formerly paid a state income tax will now pay no tax. All persons who pay state income taxes will be benefited. The auditor estimates the increased exemptions will reduce the revenue from the industrial income tax approximately one and a half million dollars.

He also estimates a reduction in the corporation income tax because of the expected reduced profits of the textile industry. The extent of this reduction will not be known for some months.

In 1950 a recession in the textile industry resulted in the income and corporation tax yielding seven million dollars less than had been estimated by the auditor. The Legislature remained in session until the middle of June trying to find additional revenue. The Free Conference committee proposed a sales tax which was approved by the Senate but defeated by a small margin in the House. Then emergency taxes were levied.

This year I do not look for such a serious reduction in the income tax, but I accept the judgment of the State Auditor that there will be some reduction.

A statement of the facts and figures shows conclusively that the Legislature cannot afford to grant any exemptions from the sales tax. If you grant one exemption, you will have to grant many. I know of no tax you could well levy to take the place of the revenues you would lose by exemptions.

We should give the sales tax a fair trial. My earnest hope is that no exemptions will be granted and no material changes made in the law at the present time.

#### STATE HOSPITAL

As I survey the needs of the state, I conclude that the State hospital is Problem No. 1 for this legislative session. A committee composed of three members of the Senate, three members of the House, and three persons appointed by me, has filed a comprehensive report of our mental health facilities and laws. The committee has conferred with me several times during the past six months. I have given careful consideration of that report.

At the hospital there are 5,300 patients. There is only one doctor for every 445 patients; one nurse for 29 patients; one attendant for 18 patients. In order to meet the accepted standards for such hospitals, we ought to have three times as many doctors, three times as many attendants, and ten times as many nurses as we now have.

A hospital requires day and night service. Some of the staff have been working 60 to 72 hours per week. The day has passed when men and women should work such hours in the home where the compensation is greater and conditions are not so depressing.

The hospital is rated as the most overcrowded mental hospital in the United States with the exception of a hospital for Negroes in Alabama. Our committee has advised us that on the night of November 23, 1951, 280 patients had to sleep on mattresses on the floor. Such hardships do not exist in our State penitentiary. They should not exist in our State hospital.

While it is not possible to carry out the entire program recommended by the committee in any one year, there are some emergency problems demanding immediate action. I discuss them in the order of their urgency.

We must provide funds for a new building to care for the highly excitable patients now in the Taylor building. It has a rated capacity of 135 but today has approximately 270 patients. Competent engineering firms have condemned this building as unsafe. It has cracks in the wall from the third floor to the foundation.

Recently the chief of the Fire Department of the City of Columbia advised the superintendent that the Taylor building was unsafe for occupancy and should be vacated immediately.

The superintendent told me of this warning and stated there is no other building that could be secured for these patients. Since there have looked forward to this moment when I could inform you of the situation and have you share with me the responsibility. Of course, the primary responsibility is yours because you alone have the power to appropriate for a new building and authorize action to make the present building more secure while a new one is being constructed. The Taylor building is a disgrace to South Carolina. It should not be replaced with a new building.

### Spellman, Green, Connelly Win Reprieve for McGrath

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tangle on a large scale with UN planes.

This sinister development is due to two things: The Reds now have an adequate supply of jet fuel and jet pilots.

#### MORE WINGS—China

China still has to import most of the high octane gas required for its conventional-type planes, of which it has around 350 World War II fighter-bombers. But China is now producing practically all the fuel required for its steadily-growing force of jets.

The same is true of pilots and ground crews. All this explains the truculent insistence of the Red truce negotiators that they be allowed to construct airbases in North Korea. They now have the planes, supplies and personnel to garrison those fields, only a few minutes' flight from UN battle positions.

The capability explains why UN negotiators are flatly refusing to budge on this airbase issue. Already, the Reds have demonstrated they pack a powerful wallop even without heavy bases in North Korea. Following are two unreported examples of that in recent days:

In one instance, a flight of Red bombers succeeded in breaking through UN anti-aircraft defenses and inflicted heavy casualties on a South Korean concentration on the Eastern front. In the other case, UN fighters spotted enemy formations totalling more than 200 MiGs. The latter calmly ignored the UN planes and continued on what were obviously training exercises.

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nances. That is expensive and unsafe. There should be a dormitory for male attendants at the Columbia division. Now the attendants who are single live in the wards.

Dormitories for male and female attendants are needed at the State Park division. The Negro male attendants live in wards with patients. Some live in huts built for temporary use when permanent buildings were constructed.

If we include employees, there are more than 6,000 people in the two divisions. There is no chapel for religious services at either division. There should be constructed a hall or auditorium which could be used for religious services on Sunday and for recreational purposes during the week.

The facilities of the Training School at Clinton for mentally defective children should be enlarged.

At the request of the committee, the Board of Regents of the hospital secured from architects an estimate of the cost to do all of the things regarded by them as essential. That estimate is \$18,000,000. It is impossible for us at this time to consider the expenditure of such a sum. We consider only emergency problems as distinguished from desirable improvements.

The emergency items I have mentioned would cost a little more than \$5,000,000. It is impossible to provide for even these improvements out of revenues estimated for the next fiscal year. However, they can be financed over the next few years and because of its importance, I believe it should be.

I recommend that an appropriation of \$5,000,000 be made for permanent improvements, including the construction of additional buildings, the repair of existing buildings and the procurement of equipment, at the State hospital and the State Training school.

If, as the State Auditor estimates there should not be sufficient revenue to cover this appropriation, the Budget and Control Board should be authorized to borrow the total amount or so much as may be necessary. The loan should be made payable in not more than five years and the state should pledge as security a sufficient amount of revenue from the State income tax to retire the loan.

To help us in determining the necessity, we should see for ourselves conditions at the hospital. I invite you to join me in visiting the institution this afternoon. I have advised the superintendent I will arrive there at 3 p. m., with many members of the General Assembly as are willing to accompany me.

To preserve the rights of the States, we must discharge the duties of the States. It is the duty of the State to care for the mentally sick in order to rehabilitate the patients and provide for the safety of others.

However, it is not our duty to provide free hospitalization for persons who are able to pay. I find that State hospitals elsewhere collect from patients more than we do. Of the 5,300 patients in our State hospital only 178 contribute anything toward payment of their hospital expenses. A maximum of \$40 per month is charged those who voluntarily pay. During the last fiscal year only \$54,000 was collected. That was an average of approximately \$25 per month for the 178 who paid anything.

I recommend the enactment of a law requiring payment by patients or other persons legally responsible for a patient's support of a sum not exceeding the average per capita cost of maintenance. Ability to pay could be determined by the Welfare Department. Payment should not be asked of those unable to pay. But if a man is able to pay, and his relatives should not expect taxpayers to provide free services for his mental illness any more than he would expect free service when bodily ill. The money received from those able to pay, the more the State can do for the needy patients. The hospital population is greater than the population of most county seats in this State, but these patients are truly the forgotten people. Often they are forgotten even by their families. They have no lobbyists in the State House to ask for additional appropriations. They have no attorney's association to plead their cause. If you hear voice speaking in their behalf, it is the voice of your own conscience. I am sure you will be guided by that voice.

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