

# Democrats Seek Boost in Benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats planned floor fights Thursday in both the House and Senate to try to increase unemployment insurance benefits, but their prospects appeared dim.

The House scheduled action on a bill by Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) to extend unemployment compensation coverage to about four million additional workers in smaller businesses. The Senate called up a bill to create a reserve fund from which states could borrow to tide them over temporary emergencies caused by heavy drains on unemployment insurance funds.

# Teacher Fired For Joining Commie Cell

WAYLAND, Mass. (AP) — Miss Anne Hale Jr., 46, who claims she is a descendant of Pilgrim John Alden has been fired as a public school teacher for having held membership in the Communist party.

The School Committee voted 2-1 to fire her Wednesday night. The dissenting vote was cast by Chairman William A. Waldron, who immediately announced his resignation as chairman until after the town elections next March.

The second-grade teacher, under suspension since last spring, was charged with being unfit to teach, conduct unbecoming a school-teacher and membership in the Communist party.

Her attorney, Oliver S. Allen, said he has not decided yet what future action he will take in Miss Hale's behalf.

Waldron said he would have voted for Miss Hale's dismissal if her refusal to answer questions were one of the charges, but he said the charges against her were not substantiated during a series of public hearings last month.

His committee colleagues — Cornelius J. Maguire and Harvey C. Newton — noting that the Communist doctrine favors overthrow of the United States government, said:

"We cannot believe that Miss Hale in her years of activity in the Communist party did not learn this doctrine or hear it advocated or know of the distribution of literature advocating it."

Miss Hale admitted she was a Communist from 1945 to the latter part of 1950 but said she never advocated the overthrow of the government by force and violence.

### EMBASSY JAMMED

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentine Foreign Minister Jeronimo Remorino has disclosed that 290 refugees are staying at the Argentine Embassy in Guatemala City.

both of these bills to try to write in an increase in benefits and longer payment periods for the jobless. Neither bill as it stands now would change benefits.

Forand said in an interview that President Eisenhower has called for action along the lines of his proposed amendments, but that Eisenhower has tried to "pass the buck to the states" to improve the program, a federal-state undertaking. Eisenhower has urged that state legislatures act to raise jobless benefits.

### NEW FORMULA

Forand said there is no indication that the states will do this. The Democratic amendment would require each state to pay benefits for 26 weeks. Present state laws vary from 16 to 26½ weeks.

It also would provide that maximum benefits would be not less than two-thirds of each state's average weekly wage, with a maximum for each individual of 50 per cent of his own wages. This would guarantee maximums of \$32 to \$56 in the various states. At present, the maximums run from \$20 to \$33 with a national average payment of about \$24.50.

Republican leaders in both House and Senate denounced this program as unsound and said they were confident it would be beaten. Some Democrats agreed.

### EXTEND COVERAGE

The bill pending in the House would extend the system, now covering 36 million workers, to firms employing four or more workers for 20 weeks during any one year. The present system covers only firms with eight or more employees for 20 weeks.

The bill also would extend coverage to federal government employees.

The measure up for action in the Senate, passed by the House last year, seeks to assure that all of the federal tax collections under the unemployment compensation program in excess of the amounts needed for administration would go back in the form of loans or grants.

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**DENIES DESERTING** — Former Chinese Marine Capt. Hsuan Wei, 26, who was arrested in Evanston, Ill., at the request of Chinese Nationalist officials for return to Formosa, told newsmen in San Francisco he is not a deserter, but is seeking political asylum in the United States because of the Nationalist "secret police state."

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