

Georgia Governors Claimed Talmadge Clash

Senate Action Hearing On All Pending Labor Proposals Set

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chairman Taft, Republican, Ohio, announced today that the Senate Labor Committee will open a "consolidated hearing" on all pending labor proposals Jan. 22. The goal is to have some legislation ready about March 1, he said.

Taft said this program was unanimously agreed upon at an organization meeting of the Senate Labor Committee.

The Ohio Senator told reporters the hearing will first touch upon the comprehensive labor bill offered jointly by Sen. Taft, Ball, Republican, Minnesota, and Smith, Republican, New Jersey, and a proposal by Sen. Murray, Democrat, Montana, and eight other Democrats for an overall study of labor problems by a commission composed of Congressmen and public representatives named by the President.

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Arctic Territory British Challenge Red Claim To Isle

LONDON — (AP) — A Foreign Office spokesman challenged today a new Soviet claim to the Arctic island of Medvezhi, in the strategic Spitzbergen Archipelago, and said Russia remained bound by the 1920 international treaty demilitarizing the islands.

The Soviet News Agency Tass, quoting "authoritative Soviet circles," said Medvezhi "actually was a Russian island" and announced that Russia and Norway had agreed on "the necessity of joint defense" in the area.

"NORWEGIAN TERRITORY"
"We are unaware that the Soviet Union have any valid claim to any island in that region," the spokesman said. "That is Norwegian territory."

Tass said the 1920 treaty could not remain valid because its signatories included nations which fought against the Allies in World War II. These were Italy and Japan.

The Foreign Office official said Britain could not accept that view. He remarked that many existing treaties bore the signatures of enemy states, including the Montreux Convention and the Hague Convention, and said it has never hitherto been suggested that they be renegotiated because of this fact.

WEATHER
Cloudy with occasional light rain this afternoon, tonight and Thursday.

Temperature at 2:30 today... 51
High at 4:30... 54-56
Low at 10:30... 41-43
Sunset today... 5:16
Sunrise tomorrow... 7:12

Nude Natators Nixed

Liberty School Girls Lose Their Liberty To Go Into Pool Without Bathing Suits

DETROIT — (AP) — Young girls of the Liberty School in Highland Park were directed today to wear bathing suits before they go near the waters of the swimming pool.

Superintendent of Schools H. I. Shiller said the mandate was in deference to a group of mothers who protested to the Board of Education Tuesday night that their daughters were bathing nude in the school pool.

The 150 girls at the school range in age from nine to thirteen.

Dr. Shiller said nude bathing was recent and amounted to only 200 other girls in four other elementary schools.

Boys in the schools have not worn suits for years. Dr. Shiller said, adding, however, that the girls were segregated during gym classes and are directed by women instructors. He said there was no encouragement on their privacy.

Mrs. Leo Westinger, mother of a thirteen-year-old daughter, told the board:

"Personally I see no reason for girls at this schools going swimming in the nude. It is just going to lower their moral standard and get them off on the wrong foot."

Added Mrs. Alma Vickers:

"The whole idea is ridiculous. I've forbidden my daughter to go in the pool without a suit. There should be a dividing line somewhere and if there isn't I suggest we all stop wearing clothes and join a nudist colony."

Mrs. Ann Brenner told "the board members:

"We are all alarmed about freedom of dress. There is no killing what it could lead to and we don't want to see the school."

Dr. Shiller said the wearing of suits was made optional at the request of girls in the three schools six weeks ago to give them more time in the pools during the twice-weekly physical education classes.

"In deference to the mothers, we are directing the girls at Liberty School to wear suits," Dr. Shiller said. There is no moral issue involved here whatsoever. I don't care either way, my dear."

"The more the finger of shame is pointed the worse it is for these girls. They become more conscious of themselves." While the males on the Board of Education maintain a discreet silence, Mrs. Helen Fields, only woman member, agreed with Dr. Shiller that "no moral issue is involved."

"This is the type of discussion I, think is not going to lead to anything constructive to discuss," she added.

Teacher Pay Group From House Named

Group Seeks For Administration

RALEIGH — (AP) — A conference committee appointed today by Speaker Pearssall to talk with a Senate group over a 30 per cent supplemental increase for teachers and State employees seemed to be in favor of the Administration.

Rep. R. L. Harris of Person, Oscar Barker of Durham, F. E. Wallace of Lenoir, Arch T. Allen of Wake and W. Frank Taylor of Wayne were appointed by the Speaker.

Allen and Taylor already had signed the 30 per cent measure, which was an amendment introduced by Baker. But Harris made it clear that he stood for the Administration.

That would make the House conference vote 3 to 2 in backing up the Administration.

Gov. R. Gregg Cherry has been specific that he stood for a 30 per cent increase in the pay of teachers and State employees.

U. S. Gov. L. Y. Bailettine, president of the Senate, appointed his conferees yesterday.

The appointments came after the Senate voted by 21-19 on roll call against agreeing to the House-passed measure. They came on the eve of a 155-minute session of heated discussion.

The Administration is happy over the selection of Senator Wade Barber, Chairman, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and of Senator Wade E. Brown, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, who voted against agreeing with the House-passed measure.

However, Brown is satisfactory to the salary group, who contend that he will vote for salary increases once so-called "inequities" are ironed out of the proposal.

The third man named by Senator Bailettine is Senator Willie Lee Lumpkin of Franklin, a veteran legislator who plumped vigorously for the increases and yesterday declared a "trail of gloom," which he said cloaked the Senate in the effort to effect "a raise and needed legislation." Lumpkin wants the salary increases to be effective immediately.

Barker's amendment to the Senate-approved bill of a 30 per cent increase came on the heels of a recommendation by Cherry in his biennial message for the smaller salary increase.

Although the House repudiated the recommendation, the Senate Administration forces over the week-end rallied their strength by the battle over concurrence in the Senate. A delaying action was the strategy of the Administration, and debate was deferred from Monday night until yesterday.

The final vote of 21-19 against the House-passed measure was a 30 per cent salary increase for teachers and State employees.

The triumph came crystallized after the tabulation of the vote by the Senate rejected by a vote vote the approval of a motion by Sen. L. L. (Libby) W. Craven, that the Senate be instructed to vote for an amendment to the bill for a 30 per cent salary increase for teachers and State employees.

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GEORGIA GOVERNORSHIP FIGHT
—Ellis Arnall held on to office today after rejecting claims of a rival Governor, Herman Talmadge, whom the Legislature elected in an early morning session. Talmadge (second from right at top) listens to supporters, Judge Charles Worrell (left) of Culbert, Ga.; James L. Gillis (center) of Spertown, and James S. Peters (right) of Winchester, in his headquarters at Atlanta, as the hour approached for the Legislature to begin canvassing votes from last November's election. Talmadge insists the Legislature elected him to serve the term of his father, the late Gov.-Elect Eugene Talmadge who died a few weeks before the date for his inauguration. Bottom: Lt. Gov.-Elect M. E. Thompson (left) confers with a supporter, Senator L. D. Brooks, in their fight to have Thompson inaugurated as Lieutenant Governor and then succeed to the Governorship upon the resignation of Gov. Arnall. (AP Photos).

Who Will Be Governor?

Georgia Squabble Expected To Be Tossed Into Courts

ATLANTA — (AP) — Rival Governors of Georgia, occupying offices less than 20 yards apart, squared off today for a showdown resulting from vague constitutional provisions over what happens when a governor-elect dies before inauguration. It was anybody's guess as to the next move.

Ellis Arnall, Governor for the last four years, held on to his private office reiterating that he would retire only in favor of Lt. Gov.-Elect M. E. Thompson.

Seated 20 yards away, in what was the office of Arnall's Executive Secretary, was 33-year-old Herman Talmadge, son of the late Eugene Talmadge who won a fourth term on a platform of white supremacy. The elder Talmadge died 22 days before he was to be inaugurated.

Young Talmadge emerged victor early this morning over the Arnalls-Thompsons forces in a legislative battle that found the General Assembly electing and inaugurating him.

Talmadge claims his claim to the office on a constitutional clause allowing election of a Governor by the General Assembly if no person has a majority of votes in the General Election. He contends that he voided his father's election because he was earning less than 40 cents an hour.

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Shuford Calls For State Wage Law

RALEIGH — Enactment of a State minimum wage law is "essential to any long range program for improving the condition of North Carolina's lower income groups," State Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford said today.

Urging "everyone who is interested in the welfare of all our citizens" to rally to the support of the proposed law, Shuford cited the estimate of the Labor Department's Division of Statistics that nearly 10 per cent of North Carolina's non-agricultural employees were earning less than 40 cents an hour.

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Each Claimant Sets Up Own Military Group

Arnall Refuses To Yield Office After Legislature Names Talmadge

ATLANTA — (AP) — Rival claimants to the Governorship of Georgia established offices in the State Capitol today and each immediately set up his own military department.

The claimants were Ellis Arnall, who has held the office for the past four years, and Herman Talmadge, who was named by the Legislature early today to the office which his late father, Eugene Talmadge, won in last November's General Election. The elder Talmadge died last month.

Arnall refused to heed the action of the Legislature and in a dramatic early morning encounter with Talmadge and in the face of a yelling mob of Talmadge supporters refused to turn the office over to him.

NEW 'ADJUTANT GENERAL'
As his first act upon arrival at his office today, Arnall named Col. R. W. Collins, commander of the State Guard, as Adjutant General to succeed Marvin Griffin, who last night was sworn in by Talmadge as his Adjutant General. Griffin formerly served under Arnall.

Then Arnall communicated with Secretary of War Patterson by telephone and asked Federal recognition of Collins as a Brigadier General and the State's Adjutant General. Arnall declined to say what Patterson answered, but when he hung up, he turned to newsmen and said "this is the Adjutant General," pointing toward Collins.

The State Guard was set up during the war to function in place of the National Guard. Its demobilization has awaited full reorganization of the National Guard.

Arnall said Griffin had resigned and had accepted office under Talmadge, this pretender.

When Talmadge, who was in an office Griffin had set up for him just off the main Governor's reception room, heard of Arnall's call to the Secretary of War, he told his executive Secretary, Benton Odum, to "block all communications."

SENATOR RUSSELL CALLED
Then Talmadge put in a telephone call for United States Senator Richard B. Russell in Washington.

Talmadge arrived at the Capitol shortly after 9:30 A. M. and Arnall, who earlier had left under protection of National Guardsmen, arrived shortly thereafter.

Shortly after his arrival Talmadge conferred with Griffin.

According to set up his administration, Talmadge swore in and commissioned in rapid order Charles D. Redwine of Fayetteville as Commissioner of Revenue and State Highway Patrol Lieutenant J. Paul Smith, 38, as Director of Public Safety.

MOVES TO TAKE OVER
Redwine told newsmen "I'm going right down now and take over. I do not see why anyone should oppose me."

The office which Redwine was named was formerly held by Lieutenant Governor-Elect M. E. Thompson. Smith's office is now held by Major William Spence.

Arnall was asked by newsmen if he would try to remove Talmadge from office and replied that he welcomed him "as a private citizen," but that "I do not recognize him as Governor." He said he was always glad to have people call at the Governor's office.

Arnall said he was "performing my duties as Governor and will continue to do so. I will not recognize any pretender."

Earlier Arnall's receptionist had been replaced by Capt. Dan Grant, a National Guardsman ordered there by Griffin. The Arnall receptionist relinquished the desk without protest.

One of Talmadge's actions of the day was an order dissolving the wartime instituted State Guard which he said bore allegiance to Arnall. "What effect, if any, Talmadge's order would have on the Guard setup was anybody's guess."

Talmadge later called newsmen into his office and said that he hoped to exercise the powers of the governorship "without any violence," but that the National Guard was ready "to function in any emergency."

"I don't expect to have to use any force," Talmadge said.

"I understand that Governor Arnall is now surrounded by a large unit of the State Guard. The National Guard gave him protection last night at my request."

Early this morning, the Legislature elected Herman Talmadge to the office in a tumultuous session. Arnall refused to relinquish the post and was escorted from the Capitol unhurt by National Guard officers and close associates, who barricaded the doors of the executive chamber to save him from violence.

In a brief, dramatic encounter, Arnall told the youthful son of the late Eugene Talmadge, "I demand your unconditional surrender as a pretender."

Talmadge, escorted by a committee of 25 legislators by the General Assembly of Georgia.

Rep. Arnall said "I understand the General Assembly allegedly has elected you, but the General Assembly cannot elect a Governor. Accordingly, I respectfully but firmly refuse to yield the office to you, whom I consider a pretender."

After a brief exchange, Talmadge demanded: "Do you defy the General Assembly?"

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