

Stassen and Taft Clash Over Labor Legislation

Ohio Solon Hits Secret Strike Vote Suggestion

Lively Exchange Takes Place By MARVIN L. ABRAMOWITZ WASHINGTON (AP) Two leading Republican presidential possibilities for 1948 collided sharply today on labor legislation.

Senator Stassen, an announced candidate for the top GOP nomination, went before the Senate Labor Committee and proposed a secret majority vote of workers as they voted for a strike.

Committee Chairman Taft, Republican, Ohio, whose name has been linked with President-elect Truman's suggestion of a "right-to-work" law, and a lively exchange followed.

Stassen told Taft that if you believe in the democracy of workers, you must have confidence in a secret vote.

Taft argued that in such a vote the workers "do not go against their leader."

Senator Ball, Republican, Minnesota, who was appointed to the Senate by President Truman in 1946, criticized Stassen's proposal.

No Prosecution War Boat Builder Higgs Cleared In Federal Probe

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Federal grand jury has ended a nine-month investigation into the war-time activities of war boat builder, Andrew J. Higgins with the conclusion that "there is no basis for criminal prosecution."

U. S. Judge Wayne G. Borah today dismissed the Grand Jury which was convened last May.

Higgins, whose wave-animating landing craft carried men ashore on every major American beach during World War II, said the result of the probe was "not a surprise, but most pleasing."

NO CHARGES No charges had ever been filed against Higgins and no official announcement had been made of the grand jury investigation.

The Department of Justice in Washington announced at that time \$32,000,000,000

Republican Plan Lower Budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Congressional leaders were said today to be near agreement on a \$32-billion budget for next year's fiscal year.

Embalmer's Board Bill Is Opposed Action Is Held Up After Debate

RALEIGH (AP) — Opposition flared in the Senate today to a bill which would create a board of examiners for funeral directors and embalmers.

The measure, by Senator Julian Harbo of Illinois, had the support of the Directors and Embalmers Association, but sentiment against creation of a supervising board for professions and industries was vigorously expressed by Senators Lee Waters of Cleveland, Gordon Gray of Forsyth and John W. Cole of Richmond.

Weather, which is said to take issue, said that the State already had 21 supervising boards and asked "When is this going to stop?"

RETIRED BILL A bill to allow teachers and State employees to retire at age 60, or after 30 years' State service, was introduced by Rep. Burt G. Hardison of Craven.

Rep. Robert Moseley of Crawford and Sen. B. B. Boyer of Vance sent up a bill to increase the condemnation power of the Public Works Commission.

Rep. F. W. Hancock of Granville introduced a bill affecting the practice of law in North Carolina to prevent indiscriminate sale of law licenses.



BACK HOME AGAIN—A casket containing the body of O. Max Gardner, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, borne to a waiting hearse at the Kings Mountain railroad station by a group of friends: Clyde Nolan, Max Poston, J. W. Osborne, D. W. Royster, Ollie Harris, Dr. J. S. Dorton, Steve Woodson, and Holt McPherson, all of Shelby.

Funeral Planned Tomorrow

SORROWING CROWD MEETS Gardner Funeral Train

KINGS MOUNTAIN.—O. Max Gardner, County No. 1 native son, came home today. An icy wind swept across the faces of hundreds of sorrowing Cleverlanders as the body of the U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain was lowered from a special train and transferred to a hearse.

Within moments a slow-moving cortege moved out toward Shelby, where Mr. Gardner will be buried tomorrow afternoon, bearing members of the family, a few close friends, and the piles of luggage which was to have gone aboard the train pulled away.

Holds That Election Of Talmadge Is Invalid

SAYS THOMPSON IS ACTING GOVERNOR

McDONOUGH, Ga.—(AP) — Superior Judge Claude H. Porter ruled today that Lieutenant Gov. M. E. Thompson is Georgia's Acting Governor and that Herman Talmadge's election by the Legislature was invalid.

THE decision, handed down at Rome, Ga., ordered the State Pardons Parole Board to turn over records on budgetary matters to Thompson.

Judge Porter held that the Legislature could only declare Eugene Talmadge, Herman's father, who was elected but died before his inauguration, had received the majority of the general election votes in favor of Talmadge.

Another Superior Judge of the Pulaski Circuit, Judge Bond Almond, yesterday gave a qualified ruling in favor of Talmadge's appointment, but specifically declared the Governorship was not at issue.

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Health Facts About State

Colder Weather Is Expected Here Tonight

Scatters Fake Gems

Professional Nut Tops Career By Posing As Arabian Prince

Boy, 4, Bitten To Death By Stray Dog

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