

CATTLE SCOTCH REPUBLICANS Win Test Of Party Strength In Senate

War Probe Committee Backed Up Move To Kill Group Loses

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate's Republican majority today defeated a Democratic move to turn any further war fraud investigations over to the Standing Committee on Expenditures.

In the first test of party strength in the new Congress, the Senate rejected 47 to 45 a proposal by Senator Tydings, Democrat, Maryland, designed to kill off the special War Investigating Committee once headed by President Truman, now captained by Senator Brewster, Republican, Maine.

The vote on the Tydings amendment cleared the way for action on a proposal by Brewster to continue his committee until Jan. 31, 1948. Democrats had contended that maintenance of any special committee violated the spirit of the Congressional Reorganization Act.

Under Democratic attack, Brewster agreed to limit the special committee's future inquiries to matters involving "excessive profits, fraud, corruption, waste, extravagance, mismanagement, incompetence and inefficiency of expenditures of the national defense program for World War II."

With the Democrats outmanned 31 to 44 in the Senate, Tydings made a bid for Republican support by moving to turn future investigations of the special committee over to the House Committee headed by Senator Aiken, Republican of Vermont.

In a heated debate, Senator Tydings promised Aiken that the same power to examine income tax returns held by the House committee in the past would be extended to the Aiken group.

In a closing debate, Senator Tydings said the special committee was not a "house of cards" but a "house of steel" and that it would be a "disgrace" if it were to be dismantled.

Arguing on the other side, Senator Russell, Democrat of Georgia, contended that extension of the War Investigating Committee would be a "disgrace" to the House and that it would be a "disgrace" to the Senate.

By a vote of 47 to 45, the Senate rejected the Tydings amendment and the House committee will continue to investigate war frauds.

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Acting Governor Oath Stands Talmadge Forces Defeated In General Assembly Test

ATLANTA (AP)—Herman Talmadge's legislative forces sustained their first defeat in the General Assembly today when they failed to elect him to the job. But an action, Cook said, can be heard in the lower courts within ten days and appealed to the Supreme Court within another ten days.

While a heated controversy continued between Talmadge and Thompson over who should wear executive powers, Cook declared that his desire is and always has been to have the law stripped of personalities and adjudicated on its legal merits.

Cook said that the solicitorship conflict offered a first chance for speedy action since a warrant cannot be sought against a claimant to the Governorship. The Attorney General offered a suit through a declaratory judgment which, he asserted, was the only course open at that time.

Feared Abductor Girl Tells About Kidnaping Ordeal

LODI, Calif. (AP)—A vivacious seventeen-year-old Alice Dean Devine, refreshed by a night's sleep after her 26-hour ordeal at the hands of a kidnaper, told an interviewer today that she submitted without a struggle because the man was armed and she feared "she might antagonize him."

Search for the man, who eluded a police trap yesterday after the girl escaped, continued in California, with officers reporting no leads.

Miss Devine told the single interview permitted to talk with her a police officer that she permitted the kidnaper to bind her wrists with cord, and remained in the car on the 30 miles distant.

On two occasions, the man left the car to take refreshment, and she said she permitted herself to be locked in the luggage carrier of the 1937 Ford sedan.

"I thought I had better do it to be most comfortable," she said, the press representative (John D. Kays of the San Francisco Call Bulletin).

"Even the cops were wondering how she could have been up and out so fast," she said, "and the cops, no tape, no nothing in the cabin."

However in sharp disagreement with Shinkley's view, is the statement by the State Highway Patrol that the girl turned over to them the cords, "tape and some tissue, blood at 4:45 P. M. yesterday when she entered his office and made a telephone call to Sacramento. He said he never heard her name and was very attracted and heard her noisily as she was from Los Angeles and he picked up at the motel."

"She looked very natural and calm. She did get a little flustered when she was picked up, but she gave a response from the operator," he related.

The girl called he said the girl walked out of the office toward the highway and returned in two minutes to ask Shinkley if he had a car with which she could make a tour call. Shinkley had no change of mind and she left, leaving him unaware of any unusual circumstances until the police arrived later.

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Committee's Report Sent To Senate By Cherry

RALEIGH (AP)—The State's responsibility in school building programs was summarized today in a special report to the State Senate from Gov. R. Gregg Cherry. The report proposed creation of special building funds and a program of grants-in-aid for school construction.

The summary of the present school organization was presented by a five-man committee, appointed by the last General Assembly by the Governor. All members of the State Board of Education, they include D. Hiden Ramsey of Asheville, chairman, A. C. Edwards, Sanford Martin, J. A. Frischild, and Horace E. Stacy.

The summary said that North Carolina stands at the threshold of the "most colossal school plant undertaking in the State's history. The program, which normally would have been carried on during the last five years, was postponed because of the war."

The summary said that the school plant improvement, it said, is a "major problem" and that it is "a matter of public interest in the school plant."

Defining the school plant's role as "furthering the process of education," the committee adopted five thrusts:

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Marshall Policy Views Requested

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall has been invited to give the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a comprehensive outline of his views on American foreign policy.

But Chairman Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, extended the invitation in such a way, it was learned today, as to emphasize the committee's desire to co-operate fully with the new Cabinet officer in the conduct of his work.

Marshall was asked to appear at his own convenience and some committee members said it would be all right if he did not find it convenient to testify until after the Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting at Moscow.

The statement Marshall issued, shortly before he took the oath in President Truman's office yesterday was widely interpreted as not only reminding the General from the list of 1948 Presidential possibilities but also taking foreign policy even further away from partisan politics.

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Back Excise Tax Levies

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Rules Committee today supported continuation of wartime excise taxes on liquor, tobacco and other goods, but the tax load soon will be lightened in other respects.

Upon recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee, the Rules Committee voted for House action next week on a bill to continue war excises on liquor, cosmetics, jewelry, furs and some other items.

Without the legislation, the war rates will drop to pre-war levels next July under President Truman's recent declaration ending hostilities.

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School Pay Report Due

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A meeting of the committee scheduled for last night was postponed because of the illness of one of its members, J. H. Harris, who was called away from Raleigh by business.

The committee is scheduled to be back tonight, and a compromise may come out of tonight's session.

Results of tonight's session probably will be given on the floor of the Senate tomorrow.

It is expected that the Administration forces of Governor Cherry will be considered in the light of the fact that the salary increase is a 20 per cent recommendation of the Governor's annual message.

The first conference committee's conferees, numbering eight, are serving on the second group to be named, with the addition of four members of the House and two of the Senate.

The initial conferees' report was approved last week by the Senate and the House. The House flatly rejected the report by a 62 to 47 vote.

Invited to attend tonight's meeting were R. G. Deyton, assistant director of the budget, Paul Reid, director of the State Highway Commission, and Sam Smith, auditor for the State Highway Commission.

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Byrnes Back At Home To Rest & Think

SPARTANBURG, S. C. (AP)—Retiring Secretary of State Cordell Byrnes today returned to his home town today to take a rest and think.

Accompanied by Mrs. Byrnes and former Assistant Secretary of State William L. Clayton, he arrived by train from Washington today.

Byrnes told newspapermen who met him at Union Station that he had no statement to make today, but that he was coming home for a rest and to think.

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Higher Refunds Allowed Employers Given Break On Tax Liability In Portal Pay Cases

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Treasury ruled today that employers who have to pay back pay to former employees under portal-to-portal suits may charge the payments off against their income tax.

Since corporate taxes were considerably higher through 1945 because the excess profits tax was then in effect, the ruling means that a company which has to pay back pay to a former employee can deduct the payment from its income tax.

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Doing Business In A Hurry Legislature Whips Along Despite 'Grass Roots' Fight For Pay Hike

RALEIGH (AP)—Despite the lengthy tangle over pay increases for teachers and other State employees, the General Assembly of North Carolina today continued its session, with the 1946 predecessor and has managed to act faster on non-controversial legislation.

Through yesterday, which was the twelfth legislative day of the current session, a total of 114 bills had been introduced in the Senate and House. Bills introduced through the twelfth legislative day of the 1945 session totaled 86.

The House has received 75 bills, as compared with 46 to this date in 1946, while the Senate has received 39 bills, as compared with 25 to this date in 1945.

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