

## New Governor Speaks Segregation Ruling Hit By Timmerman

COLUMBIA.—George Bell Timmerman Jr. took office as governor of South Carolina today with a declaration that the people of this state "will not tolerate any tampering with the lives of their children" by the federal government.

"The only acceptable decree that may be rendered by the Supreme Court in the school segregation cases is one that will recognize the right of individual parents to choose what is best for their own children," he asserted in his inaugural address.

The court held last May 17 that racial segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional. It has yet to hand down its final decree.

**PLEDGES EFFORTS**  
Timmerman, 42-year-old Lexington lawyer who has been lieutenant governor the last eight years, pledged to exert "my greatest efforts to preserve the way of life in which white and Negro have learned to live peacefully in close proximity with an understanding of the problems of each."

He said that "way of life" is one in which each race "keeps racial integrity" and by which "the white majority has increased its efforts to provide true equality of opportunity to the Negro in schools, and in all other endeavor, except social intermingling."

He sharply rapped the Supreme Court for its decision and declared that "the great constitutional problem facing the American people is how to curb" the court's authority.

The court, he said, "has arrogated to itself the power to change the Constitution without consulting the people—a power it was never intended to have and a power that endangers the future freedom of all citizens."

He maintained that "it is the responsibility" of Congress to curb



GOV. TIMMERMAN

the court's power "for the future protection of all citizens" by limiting and exempting its jurisdiction over cases concerning public schools.

**CHIDES CONGRESS**  
"The failure of Congress to act in the face of the Supreme Court's decision is a shameful responsibility for the current judicial infringement upon constitutional government and upon the freedom of a large segment of citizens of the United States," he said.

Timmerman asserted: "The control of education and training for children is a local matter and has

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## Timmerman Takes Over In Columbia Ceremony

By JULIAN SCHIEER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
COLUMBIA, S. C.—In a colorful, dignified ceremony, the state of South Carolina heaped its troubles on the shoulders of young George Bell Timmerman Jr. today.

The 42-year-old Lexington lawyer was installed as the state's 70th governor on the steps of the State House at 11 a. m., and, thus, the state entered a new, but anxious era.

Gov. Timmerman took office as governor of South Carolina at a time when the state faces its most crucial period since reconstruction.

The former lieutenant-governor assumed not only the glories and glitter of the state's first position, but the weighty problems of a major issue—one with which the state has wrestled since last year's Supreme Court decision.

But, South Carolinians were

confident and happy under the sunny skies and in the nippy mid-morning atmosphere, for George Bell Timmerman Jr., though only 42, is a veteran leader.

**SUCCEEDS BYRNES**  
Five years ago Timmerman has served as lieutenant-governor and takes the governorship from the aging venerable James B. Byrnes, who left public life only 42, is a veteran leader.

There was a remarkable contrast on the inaugural platform, handsome, young George Timmerman, stood next to graying, distinguished Mr. Byrnes. A new page in the state's history was started, while a yellowed, wrinkled one was placed in its archives.

Gov. Timmerman is the state's popular hero. He was elected without opposition last November after having won a smashing victory.

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## Auto Inspection Need Emphasized By Scheidt

It is "too early to draw any definite conclusions" from the increase in highway deaths in 1952 over the corresponding period in 1951, Edward Scheidt told The News today.

Mr. Scheidt, director of the State Motor Vehicles Bureau, commented on the highway (See Editorial on Page 6-A)

slaughter when it was noted that 30 more highway traffic fatalities have occurred in the first 17 days of this year than occurred during the same period last year.

The state's grim bloodstained boxscore showed 24 persons killed to date in 1952, while 54 have already died, including 14 over the past weekend, this year.

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definite conclusions," he said, "but it does indicate that highway safety is a day-to-day proposition."

"Yesterday's highway safety means nothing today,"

The man who has given the state the highway "saturation" system with state patrolmen and who has used every conceivable type of mechanical device to slow down speeders, says the figures should shake down in the months to come.

"In my opinion," he said, "it will take a much longer period to draw any conclusions. I believe the figures, in the long run, will show there won't be very much difference. But it is hard to judge such a thing on a two-week period."

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## FUNDS ASKED TO ENFORCE SCHOOL LAW

Teacher Sick Leave,  
Year-Round Pay  
Also Proposed

RALEIGH.—Legislation calling for big appropriations to enforce the state's compulsory school attendance law and to provide paid sick leave for teachers was introduced in the Senate today.

Sen. H. M. Moore of Clay sponsored the bills along with measures to (1) pay teachers in 12 monthly installments and (2) to elect school superintendents for four-year instead of two-year terms.

Moore's compulsory attendance bill would appropriate \$12,500 for each of the next two fiscal years to enable local school units to employ attendance officers. Moore said he thought his bill would win favor "throughout the state because there are too many kids skipping school. The state is spending too much money on school to have this situation continue."

The sick leave bill would provide funds to allow teachers and principals up to five days sick leave a year. Moore pointed out that teachers now have to pay \$6 a day for substitutes when they are sick and, "This often results in teachers attempting to work when they should be at home."

**NO PAY RAISE**

Moore said his measure to pay the teachers in 12 installments instead of nine would not increase their total pay.

Meanwhile, both House and Senate continued their study of tax and spending proposals in the budget proposed by the governor and Advisory Budget Commission.

In the House, Rep. George Uzell of Rowan filled in for Speaker Larry Moore who is ailing. Officials of the Budget Bureau briefed the Senate on the appropriations bill, while House members heard Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw discuss the revenue bill and the possibility of the state adopting a "pay-as-you-go" plan for collecting state income taxes.

Moore, who entered a hospital at Wilson over the weekend, is expected to be absent from the Capitol for two or three days. He talked with Rep. Charles K. Bryant Jr. of Gaston yesterday by telephone and reported that he was "just worked down and went straight to the hospital to get a little rest."

**WORKED TO FRAZZLE**  
Brant said Moore told him he was "so tired he didn't know what to do" and was "worked to a frazzle." The House speaker seriously ill with a stomach ulcer about two years ago.

Meanwhile, Sen. B. H. Winters of Avery introduced a bill last night to repeal the law which requires recipients of old age assistance to give a lien on their property.

At present, those receiving old age assistance must sign liens against any property they might own. The state can attach such property for repayment of the assistance payments after the recipient dies.

All such liens now in effect would be rendered "null and void" by Sen. Winters' bill. His measure provides: "No money in any amount whatsoever represented by said liens shall be collected from any lands or property of any person receiving old age assistance."

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Chinese Nationalist Naval Trainees Play "Sink The Reds" At Class On Formosa . . . While Soldiers Watch And Wait. (AP Wirephotos).

# Chinese Nationalists Lose Island To Reds

## Charge Against Lattimore Thrown Out

WASHINGTON.—U.S. District Judge Luther Youngdahl today dismissed a new indictment accusing Owen Lattimore of swearing falsely when he denied he ever had been a follower of the Communist line or a promoter of Red interests.

Judge Youngdahl said:

"To require defendant (Lattimore) to go on trial for perjury under charges so formless and obscure as those before the court would make a sham of the Sixth Amendment and the federal rule requiring specificity of charges."

The judge apparently ruled the portion of the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution which requires the government to state the nature and cause of the accusation. The defense in the Lattimore case has contended the accusation was too vague to define an offense and permit preparation of a defense.

The charge which Youngdahl threw out was returned by a federal grand jury last October. The two-count indictment, in effect, repeated the key count of a December 1952 indictment. Youngdahl had dismissed that count in May 1953, and was upheld by the U. S. Court of Appeals here.

**SUBJECT TO APPEAL**

Dismissal of the new indictment is subject to appeal by the government. The government took that course when Youngdahl dismissed four of the seven counts of the original indictment.

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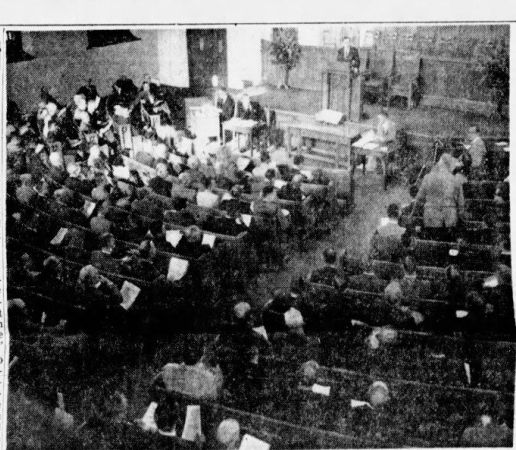
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Here Was The Scene In Myer Park Presbyterian Church As The Delegates Prepared To Vote On The Proposed Union.

## Presbyterian Balloting Today Church Union Vote Argued

By HELEN PARKS  
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The 20th stated session of Mecklenburg Presbytery today was held in discussion at noon today, delaying the vote on the plan of union of the three branches of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern).

The Presbytery elected Rev. Russell M. Kerr as moderator of this session.

Dr. Warner L. Hall, retiring moderator, was the first speaker for the union of the churches. He said:

"For more news on the Presbyterian merger question, turn to Page 3-A.)

"We must consider what the scriptures say and follow them. The church is one as the faith is one as the Lord is one."

During the 10 minutes allowed him by the committee, Dr. Hall quoted Dr. Billy Graham as a person detached from the Presbyterian problem who has interpreted the church as one from scriptures. Dr. Hall said "we must unite as far as possible in our times and generation."

**SHAW OPPOSED**  
Angus Shaw Jr., elder, was the second speaker, and the first to speak in opposition, said, "I am neither a pessimist nor an optimist to think folks will be changed for or against union. I believe most here today have made up their minds."

Mr. Shaw warned that if the gaudy unity movement is not popular does not represent his congregation he is not being fair with his people. He said that the or- See PRESBYTERIANS on page 5-A

**BIG FLEET USED**

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There are reported to be about 20,000 Nationalist troops and guerrillas on Taichang, an important link in Chiang Kai-shek's chain of offshore islands.

**HEAVY BOMBARDMENT**  
The Transylvania, Ky., presbytery voted 23 to 3 in favor of union yesterday. The Central Alabama Presbytery, made up of all the Negro congregations in Alabama, came out unanimously for union last Saturday at Montgomery. Western Texas voted 58 to 18 for union last week and Texas-Mexican voted unanimously for union several months ago. Last night, West Tennessee approved union in a vote tabulated at Memphis.

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ATLANTA.—Twenty-four Southern presbyteries decide today whether they want the three branches of the Presbyterian Church to unite.

The vote may be decisive as only 10 negative votes now are needed to kill the proposal.

Five presbyteries have voted for union and 12 against it so far. Approval of three-fourths or 64 of the 86 Southern presbyteries is required.

Twenty-two negative votes would block the plan to merge the United Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) and the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

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## Air, Land, Sea Forces Used In Assault Isle Considered Strategic Outpost

TAIPEI, Formosa.—A Communist invasion force backed by 20 warships struck strategic Yikiangshan today and apparently conquered the tiny Nationalist Chinese island outpost.

Unofficial reports in the Nationalist capital said radio contact with the island was broken at 6 p. m. and it was presumed the Reds had completed their conquest.

An earlier Defense Ministry communique had prepared the public for the island's fall by announcing that Yikiangshan, a stepping stone to the important Tachens Islands, was Garrisoned "by a few brave guerrillas" who late today "were still resisting bravely."

**TACHENS NEXT?**  
Unofficial quarters said they feared a full-scale invasion of the Tachens might come at any moment.

President Chiang Kai-shek called a conference of top level military leaders at Nationalist headquarters here tonight.

It was reliably reported the Reds shelled the Tachens this afternoon but made no attempt to land there. Evening radio said early Wednesday Chinese Communist amphibious forces Tuesday liberated Yikiangshan.

The Chinese language broadcast was monitored in Tokyo by Radio Press Agency.

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## OUR WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness tonight. Rain tonight and tomorrow, followed by clearing weather. Windy and cold late tomorrow light snow flurries.

Low temperature this morning, 31 degrees.  
Low temperature expected tonight, 36 degrees.  
High temperature yesterday, 57 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 55 degrees.  
High temperature expected tomorrow, 45 degrees.  
Sunrise 7:30 a. m.; sunset 5:37 p. m.

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