

Governors Ready To Give Kennedy A Helpful Push On Medicare Bill

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HERSHEY, Pa. (UPI)—The nation's governors were ready today to give the Kennedy administration a supporting push on medical care and a rebuff on proposed cutback in National Guard strength.

They were also in a mood to condemn the Supreme Court for last week's ruling outlawing state prayers in public schools.

These issues along with another dispute over civil rights were confronting the state executives for today's final business sessions of the 54th annual Governors' Conference.

They were compressing their normal three days of business into two to free them for a trip Wednesday to Philadelphia to hear a Fourth of July address by President Kennedy at Independence Hall.

Democratic governors reported that they appeared to have the votes to adopt a resolution giving a general endorsement to the President's program for financing medical care for the aged under the Social Security system.

Oppose Guard Reduction
Republicans and Democrats, however, were presenting a solid—or almost solid—front against the Pentagon's plans to reduce the manpower in the National Guard and Army Reserve units.

There were indications, too, that there might be a scrap on the conference floor if another bland resolution on civil rights comes from the resolutions committee. The first civil rights resolution adopted by a governors' conference was diluted last year until it was almost meaningless to head off a Southern revolt.

The governors went through a procedural wrangle marked by some snappish exchanges Monday while voting to send a resolution over the Supreme Court's prayer decision to the resolutions committee. The conference amended a rule adopted only last year to allow last-minute resolutions to be referred to the committee by a two-thirds vote instead of requiring unanimous consent.

Spontaneous Prayer Resolution
Govs. John Reed of Maine, chairman of the resolutions committee, and Farris Bryant of Florida sponsored the prayer resolution. It expressed regret over the court's decision and asked for a constitutional amendment to permit prayers in public schools.

Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon circulated a petition which had collected the signatures of 29 governors by Monday night. Addressed to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and congressional leaders of both parties, the petition asked for a constitutional amendment to nullify the high court's decision.

Discussion of the prayer resolution was interrupted Monday for an address by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, who defended the administration's plan to cut the authorized strength of the National Guard and Army Reserve from 700,000 men to 642,000.

He tried but failed to convince the governors that the proposed reorganization would make for a more effective defense establishment.

Medical Strike Spreads Fear In Province

REGINA, Sask. (UPI)—A wave of fear spread today through this vast province where hundreds of doctors were on strike in protest against Saskatchewan's new socialized medicine law.

Doctors were available for emergency cases only and ailing citizens were traveling miles from their homes to seek medical attention.

Some of Saskatchewan's one million residents blame the striking doctors for the crisis which has deprived them of normal medical service. Others contend the fault lies with the socialist government of Premier Woodrow Lloyd.

But everyone agrees that something must quickly be done to end the bitter dispute. If unresolved over a prolonged period of time, many citizens would find themselves at the mercy of disease and injury.

Seeks Compromise Solution
A faint hope for a breakthrough emerged Monday night when Lloyd suggested that an "impartial" public body be selected to examine the possibility of a compromise solution.

There was no immediate reply to Lloyd's proposal from the doctors who earlier said that a complete scrapping of the medicare plan was an indispensable condition for the resumption of normal medical service.

The battle between Lloyd and the province's 900 doctors, which has been raging in government and medical circles for several months, began touching the daily lives of Saskatchewan's two million residents when the premier's controversial plan became law.

Handle Emergency Cases
The law, modeled after Britain's national health program, marks the first inroad socialized medicine has made on this continent.

Almost immediately after the new law went into effect, the doctors' strike began. In an effort to prevent a full-blown crisis, a skeleton corps of physicians remained on duty in centrally located hospitals to handle emergency cases only.

But there were strong indications that the emergency plan was not working satisfactorily. One death and several serious illnesses already have been attributed to the fact that doctors were not readily available.

The inevitability of fatigue, with doctors buckling under the strain of overwork, increased the urgent need for a speedy settlement.



ROSEBURG'S FINEST — The Roseburg Fire Department's team above captured the hose evolution competition for the second year in a row at the firemen's state convention over the weekend. If they win next year, they claim the trophy permanently. Members of the team, from left, are Rex Jefferies, George Thompson, Capt. Jack Walters, Glenn Burgess and Oral Wescott.



WATER BALL TERRORS — Also for the second year in a row, the Roseburg Rural Fire Department's team claimed the state water ball championship for firemen at the state convention. Members of the team, from left, are Ernest Jones, Bob Berger, Capt. Gene Merk, Norm Neal, Ron Herrington, Bob Triplett, Bill Sullivan and Harry Harryman. All are volunteers but Harryman.

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The planet Saturn is nearly 900 million miles away from the sun.



REUNITED — Mrs. Ida Schumacher reads a statement to newsmen after arrival at Idlewild Airport in New York from Israel Monday. Later in the evening, she was reunited with her son, Yosef, 10, for the first time in three years at the U.S. Immigration Service offices. Yosef had been spirited out of Israel three years ago and hidden from his mother in Brooklyn on grounds she and her husband would not give him proper religious training. U.S. officials said mother and child would be able to return to Israel without any legal complications. (UPI Telephoto).



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Police Keep Watchful Eye On The Runaway Soviet Spy

LONDON (UPI) — Police watched runaway Soviet spy Robert A. Soblen constantly today to prevent any further suicide attempts that would delay his return to the United States and life imprisonment.

Soblen, 52-year-old Lithuanian-born psychiatrist, was reported "continuing to improve" from self-inflicted stab wounds.

There were reports that even his eyeglasses had been taken away from Soblen, who jumped \$100,000 bail in New York to flee to Israel in a vain effort to escape imprisonment.

Soblen plunged a steak knife into his abdomen and slashed his wrist aboard an El Al (Israeli) Boeing 707 jet airliner shortly before it was to land at London Airport for refueling for the flight to New York.

There was no firm indication yet when Soblen would be fit enough to be moved from the Hillingdon Hospital and flown back to the United States to serve the sentence imposed by a federal court which convicted him of spying for Russia during wartime.

At 1 a.m. today, a hospital spokesman said Soblen was "continuing to improve." But he refused any details. Monday, Soblen was still reported on the danger list.

British detectives were on round-the-clock guard at Soblen's bedside. There were no American guards present since technically Soblen is not yet in U. S. custody.

Senate Plans First Step On Medicare

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate leaders planned to take the first steps today that will lead to action on a compromise medical care bill. A final vote was several days off however.

Up for debate today was a welfare measure which administration strategists hope will become the vehicle for attacking the bipartisan sponsored medicare legislation.

Blocking a quick vote on medicare is the determination on the part of GOP leaders to debate fully the issue, the July 4th holiday and a follow-up bill to the Sugar Act.

Gen. Roberts Asks Return To Status

WASHINGTON (UPIK) — Maj. Arch E. Roberts, dismissed from active duty for making an unauthorized speech, has asked a federal court to make the Army return him to active duty.

Roberts was removed from active duty after an April 19 speech before the Daughters of the American Revolution. In the speech, Roberts, once an aide to former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, said the mayor of Los Angeles had a Communist background.

In a suit filed in federal court Monday, Roberts claimed the action was illegal and said the court should order him restored to his position.

The dismissal, he said, violated his constitutional rights and caused him "irreparable injury."

He said he stood to lose about \$50,000 in retirement benefits as well as many other allowances. Roberts, a reserve officer who said he had more than 18 years of active duty, now lives in Fort Collins, Colo.

Other congressional news:
Rusk: Secretary of State Dean Rusk will meet in closed session today with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It is expected that he will discuss his recent tour of West European capitals.

Rusk briefed President Kennedy on the trip immediately before and after the President's visit to Mexico last weekend.

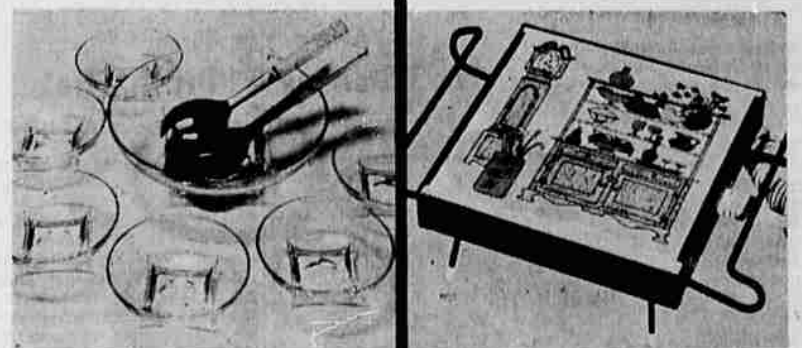
Mergers: The Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee will hear the opinions of railway industry leaders on a bill that would temporarily halt railroad mergers. The Interstate Commerce Commission is now considering several proposed mergers among a number of major lines.

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