

Bruising Political Fight Shaping

Atlanta — (U.P.) — One of the Democratic party's most bruising political fights of 1956 is shaping up in Georgia between the veteran Sen. Walter F. George and former Gov. Herman Talmadge.

One day this week, Talmadge, 43, is expected to announce publicly that he will run against the 78-year-old chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the Sept. 12 primary. Democratic nomination is tantamount to election in Georgia.

Old Gene's son, who got his start in politics by locking retiring Gov. Ellis Arnall out of office and taking over nine years ago, will be returning to the

political wars after a 16-month layoff.

George, in the twilight of a public career that spans 40 years and six Senate terms, is being thrust into a slugging match against an adversary of proven shrewdness and skill.

George Stands on Record

The way things appear now, the big campaign issues will be states' rights, foreign aid, constitutional government and George's record. Although Talmadge is an outspoken segregationist, he doesn't plan to "yell nigger" all summer, his associates say. That might change as the campaign warms up.

The veteran senator-architect

of last year's summit conference and an outstanding congressional figure on international affairs and finance—is ready to stand or fall on his record.

Talmadge's campaign strategy will be a denunciation of what he considers a trend toward federal encroachment on states' rights and a blast at the foreign aid "giveaways."

What about this man Talmadge who has been dreaming for years of going to the Senate?

He was known as a rather "wild one" in his youth at the University of Georgia and later as a young lawyer and World War II Navy officer. But the years have tended to sober and settle him and he is looked upon with respect by many who had none for his late father.

Talmadge has some of the ways of his father and looks much like him, although he doesn't have the gaunt face and spare frame of old Gene. Like his father, he has a burning hatred for those who attempt to overturn Georgia's racial segregation.

He is a bit self-conscious about carrying on some of the old Talmadge trademarks. His voice has lost the buzz-saw rasp of the old man's and he refuses to be maneuvered into uncomplimentary picture angles.

"Every time they take my picture they want to get my hair down over my face and a half-inch of cigar rammed in my mouth," he says.

All Scales Can Be Fixed, Official Says

Columbus, O. — (U.P.) — There isn't a scale made that can't be "fixed," if somebody wants to cheat, according to Russell D. Webster, manager of the Columbus office of the Toledo Scale Co.

A scale being "light" one third of an ounce either way can make a tremendous difference over a year's time, he pointed out.

In a year's time, the loss or gain could amount to more than a ton. A ton of hamburger at, say, 50 cents a pound would amount to \$1,000.

A state scale sealer says: "You can seal the scales or pump but you can't seal the operator."

Famed Appian Way May Be Retired

Rome — (U.P.) — The famed Appian Way, over which everything from Roman legions to American jeeps have traveled, may soon be retired after 2,268 years of service.

The threat to the proud highway comes not so much from its age—it is still less bumpy than many newer roads—but from archeologists who want to explore the secrets of its construction.

For the past year and a half, a long segment of the road has been closed to accommodate the diggers. Today reports have spread that the government does not plan to put that part of the road back into use at all, and many Romans are already protesting. It's still possible, however, to drive past Gina Lollobrigida's pink villa on the ancient way.

Romans probably are even more enthusiastic about the road today than they were when it was built in 312 B.C. by an engineer named Appius Claudius Caecus.

The Romans of that day had good reason to be pleased, Appian's superhighway ran straight as an arrow toward the rich Greek cities of Southern Italy, which small but ambitious Rome coveted. Hardly was the last stone laid before Roman legions were marching south to conquer the Greek cities, and carts soon were rumbling back over the Via Appia with the spoils. Upstart Rome was on the way to becoming a great power.

Any threat to the road is likely to provoke a hot controversy. Only two years ago, the people of Rome got the government to stop the building of brilliant new villas along the road on the grounds the buildings were unworthy of the Via Appia.

Travelers along the road today see a wealth of ancient ruins, including tombs, temples and viaducts. They may also see the church built on the legendary spot where Peter had his vision of Christ.

In approximately 30 countries throughout the world the death penalty has been eliminated by law or tradition.



BLOOD-STAINED EVIDENCE—The ouster by the United States of two members of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations, accusing them of "objectionable and improper" conduct in the case of five Russian seamen who left asylum in this country to return to Russia, came hard on the heels of testimony by the sailors' landlords before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee in Washington. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Wassili Kowalew, displayed a blood-stained shirt (above) worn by one of the sailors the night he disappeared, and told the subcommittee the seamen were visited by two Russian-speaking strangers the night before they vanished.

Yellow Snowballs Plaster Automobiles

Syracuse, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Motorists driving along a certain city block during a snow storm found those yellow snowballs weren't jokes.

The snowballs sounded harmless—no rocks inside—as they squashed against the cars.

"That's the whole trouble, blast it," the drivers scolded. "We didn't think anything was wrong until we got home and looked at the cars."

Long Range Assistance Given To Nevada Police

Lockport, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The Lockport police department gave some long-range assistance to Nevada police one day recently. Sgt. Harold P. Sy heard a police radio call from Reno, some 2,000 miles away, attempting unsuccessfully to contact Carson City. So Sy relayed the message to police at Carson City.

The two Nevada points are only about 40 miles apart.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday other days 5:30 previous day

More Water in Autos Than in Leaky Boat

Dayton, O. — (U.P.) — Maybe autos should be listed as liquid assets. More water goes into a car than into a leaky boat.

Rubber manufacturers alone use 300 gallons of water for each pound of synthetic rubber, according to Dayton Rubber Co. engineers. Additional thousands of gallons go into the making of the car's foam rubber seat cushions.

Ten gallons of water are needed to process a single gallon of gasoline. Each pound of steel

takes 33 gallons. In all, it takes at least 15,000 gallons of water to build a car.



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