

Aid Sole Topic For Maryland's Special Session

Both Parties Back Limits Imposed in Resolution Drawn by Tydings.

By a Staff Correspondent.

Annapolis, Md., March 3.—Members of the special session of the Maryland General Assembly, gathered in party caucus tonight, adopted a resolution drawn by Senator Millard Tydings confining legislative deliberations and completion of the executive mansion.

The political meetings of both parties, held in the two chambers of the State House and at a local hotel prior to the beginning of the session tomorrow at noon, were attended only by a few members from the Eastern Shore, while the majority were from the mainland. Fourteen delegates from the Eastern Shore could not reach Annapolis due to a temporary halt in boat service. The Republicans, holding an informal meeting at Carvel Hall rather than a true caucus, approved the Washington resolution.

The 78 Democratic delegates unanimously re-elected Emanuel Gorfine (Democrat), of Baltimore, speaker of the House for the extra session. No one else was nominated. Gorfine was put forth by Delegate George Greisaker (Democrat), of Baltimore.

The threatened county revolt among Democrats in the House, aimed at a reorganization including the ousting of the present House speaker, was called off tonight a few hours prior to party caucuses.

Mullikin, who had previously attended a conference of legislative chieftains in Washington summoned by United States Senator Millard Tydings, said no action would be taken at this time to depose Manuel Gorne (Democrat), Baltimore, as speaker.

His announcement followed a meeting of the rebel bloc. He explained that the revolt was called off "to enable the Democratic Party to function properly in the approaching elections." He declined to enlarge on his statement.

Jackson Withdraws.

However, another member of the "county revolt" said that Mayor Howard W. Jackson, bitter enemy of William Curran, whose power the county factionists sought to break, had withdrawn his support from realignment in the House.

The same delegate stated that the agreement came after the conference in Washington. He said Senator Tydings, after hearing the grievances of the revolting bloc to the effect that too many Curran men were on important House committees, urged that the committees should be more balanced. This redistribution is to be made sometime this week, after Gorfine is sworn in.

It is understood that even if Mayor Jackson's power is alienated the county would have sufficient strength to oust Gorfine as speaker. If such a move by Gorfine is not made to place more county men on House committees, then the county bloc will fight to oust Gorfine.

At the same time, the legislator said that some sort of agreement had been reached between Mayor Jackson and Senator Tydings by which Mayor Jackson will gain support for the gubernatorial election in 1938.

Legislators Gather.

Legislators, with the exception of those from the Eastern Shore, arrived throughout the day for caucuses preliminary to the meeting of the extra session at noon tomorrow, called by Gov. Harry W. Nice to disentangle knotty relief problems.

Meanwhile, Senators gathered in the Senate chamber to informally discuss the relief situation. The majority of those present voiced sentiment against passage of a 1 per cent consumers' tax as recommended by the Casey relief committee appointed by Gov. Nice.

Several assemblymen said they had bills to introduce of a local nature, pointing out that the last session adjourned before a host of local legislation was acted upon. However, influential assemblymen said they thought legislative leaders would restrict all measures not pertinent to relief.

To Ask Speedy Session.

The general theory was that Governor Nice, in his message to the Assembly tomorrow, would ask for a speedy session to the exclusion of minor legislation. It was pointed out that there are 18,773 relief cases remaining over and above those absorbed by the Works Progress Administration and private industry. This number represents approximately 75,000 Marylanders who must be cared for by legislative provision. Only 24,500 relief clients have been absorbed by relief projects.

The consensus of legislative opinion was that the Legislature would last the entire 30 days, wrangling over the proposed consumers' tax. It was said that as the present gross receipts and automobile titling taxes are a compromise measure and had raised sufficient funds for relief and old-age pensions, they would be re-enacted for another year at the last moment.

Another problem to be taken up after relief is settled is an appropriation for completion of the executive mansion. Already \$106,000 has been expended and approximately \$30,000 more will be needed. This will be raised either by straight legislative appropriation or passing a bill to divert surplus funds from the Hall of Records account.

A resolution pledging the Democratic majority to limit legislation to emergency measures in the special session of the General Assembly was drawn up earlier in the day at a conference of outstanding Democrats in the office of Senator Millard E. Tydings in Washington.