

NEWS CONFERENCE

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I have no formal statement this morning. The purpose of this conference is to answer your questions.

Q. Do you have any indication of a break in the tugboat strike?

A. I have hopes that the situation has altered somewhat since I suspended intervention in that matter last week. I have been requested to call this meeting tonight, and I have been requested to call it because there has apparently been an indication of some alteration in position by one of the principals.

Q. Governor, when did you get a request to call the meeting?

A. It was the day before yesterday. The final arrangement of the date of the meeting was made yesterday, but the indication that another meeting might be profitable was day before yesterday.

Q. Governor, has any progress been made about replacing Mr. Peper-sack?

A. We are receiving quite a few applications. Yesterday, I received two recommendations from Governor Romney, and I promptly sent to Judge Michaelson the resumes of these two people who are presently in the system of his state. He's not trying to get rid of them, but I did ask him to give me two or three nominees of people he thought would be especially qualified, and they have been sent to Judge Michaelson along with many other applications that we have received.

Q. Have you received any from anyone in this state, Governor?

A. Oh yes, quite a few, and they are routinely transmitted to the ad hoc committee the same day we receive them. I haven't made any effort to interview these people myself; I'm simply sending them on to Judge Michaelson.

Q. It is believed that the appointment will come from out of the State?

A. No, I don't think we can assume that. I want to leave the ad hoc committee with the utmost flexibility in making the recommendations to me after the committee has completed its screening. I'm sure that there well may be a chance that the person could come from Maryland, although I certainly don't want the committee to restrict its search to this State.