

Governor candidates attack Rizzo's 'racial tactics'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pennsylvania's Democratic and Republican candidates for governor called on Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo yesterday to stop using "racial tactics" in his bid to change the City Charter and run for a third term.

"Mayor Rizzo has resorted to divisive rhetoric designed to set race against race," Republican Richard L. Thornburgh told a raucous crowd in the courtyard of City Hall here.

"I'm opposed to anyone using racial tactics which would polarize or divide blacks against whites along racial lines," Democrat Peter F. Flaherty said in a release issued from his Pittsburgh office.

Thornburgh's remarks were peppered with boos and chants of "Four more years" from a well-organized knot of Rizzo backers sporting orange and blue stickers that read "Charter Change, Yes!"

Charter change opponents, wearing green and white buttons, along with Thornburgh supporters, yelled "Oh, shut up," and one man, without a button, kept screaming, "What are you going to do about nuclear power?"

Reporters, wedged within a few feet of the candidate's face, lost many of his words in the great din.

"... in recent weeks I have witnessed campaign conduct on the part of Mayor Rizzo that should concern not only Philadelphians but all Pennsylvanians," Thornburgh continued.

"I understand from private conversations with leaders in the black community that the mayor's statements could well touch off disturbances."

"I call on Mayor Rizzo to cease using appeals to fear, to stop making use of

racially divisive and inflammatory statements."

Two weeks ago Rizzo said that black leaders were urging supporters to "vote black" and against Charter change. He urged whites and blacks who support him to "vote white" on the issue.

When informed that Flaherty had issued a statement earlier in the day also criticizing Rizzo's use of racial rhetoric, Thornburgh replied with a grin: "After reading the story in the paper this morning he (Flaherty) hustled around to play a little catch-up ball."

Carter looks to fight over veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter prepared yesterday to veto a \$10.2 billion public works bill, rejecting calls for compromise and ensuring an uphill, potentially bitter clash with fellow Democrats in Congress.

Carter summoned his Cabinet to the White House on only a few hours notice for an unusual afternoon session to discuss the coming veto fight and his plans for new anti-inflation measures.

A White House official, declining to be identified publicly, said all negotiations had broken down with congressional Democrats who were seeking a compromise on the public works bill.

"They could not come up with anything that was acceptable," the official said. He said Carter rejected compromise offers because they would have been inconsistent with the president's attempts to fight inflation and aid the poor.

At his news conference last Thursday,



Carter had declared, "If we continue the age-old policy of pork barrel allocations in the public works bill, this is a horrible example to set for the rest of the country."

Two days later, Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., one of Carter's staunchest supporters on Capitol Hill, chastised the president.

"Pork barrel — that's a code word, a buzz word that's been thrown around promiscuously for years about the public works appropriations bill," Byrd said.

Pa. law upheld by High Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, turning down the appeals of two Pennsylvania mothers, has left untouched the state's law governing termination of parental rights.

The justices Monday refused to hear arguments from two Lycoming County, Pa., women trying to win back parental control of their children.

Both appeals challenged state action that made their children eligible for adoption in 1976.

Because it "requires no showing of

serious harm to children, the state has no compelling interest in destroying the family relationship," one of the appeals argued.

Gladys Beatty of Williamsport lost all claims to parenthood of her 11-year-old daughter Judith two years ago. County children's services officials went to court after determining that Mrs. Beatty was incapable of caring and controlling Judith because of "low education, limited mental ability and, more importantly, a lack of emotional control and self-discipline."

No act of child abuse was alleged, however.

Mrs. Beatty had offered her daughter for foster care in 1974, but court records indicate that she visited Judith often and that "mutual affection" was shown during those visits.

Marjorie Lehman was 39 and expecting her fourth child in 1971 when she asked county officials to find foster homes for her three young sons.

On June 3, 1976, those officials were successful in having a state court terminate Mrs. Lehman's parental rights even though the three boys had frequently visited their natural mother.

NY pressmen approve pact

NEW YORK (UPI) — Members of the striking pressmen's union voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to ratify a tentative contract agreement with the New York Post as management met with three others unions in efforts to resume publishing Wednesday.

The ratification vote was 445-51.

The Post meanwhile stepped up talks with the Newspaper Guild, machinists and paper handlers in the hope of putting out a Wednesday edition.

William Kennedy, head of the pressmen's union, and George McDonald, president of the Allied Printing Trades Council, said earlier Tuesday the Post could be back on the newsstands "within 24 hours" if agreements are completed with all its striking unions.

Kennedy, cheered loudly by the pressmen at the conclusion of the meeting, said he thought it would take about two weeks to reach agreements between his union and the strikebound Daily News and New York Times.

Senate debates ERA extension

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate yesterday took up the bill to extend the Equal Rights Amendment ratification period, and quickly defeated an initial move to allow all states which have approved it to reverse that action.

Rejected 64-26 was an amendment that Sen. William Scott, R-Va., sought to affix to House-passed legislation which would move the deadline for ratifying ERA ahead to June 30, 1982.

The Senate then turned to another amendment by Scott — given little chance of approval — which would require a two-thirds majority for approval of the extension.

But the big test on the bill, for which President Carter is pushing hard, comes today when another rescission amendment by Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is put to a vote.

Only 35 of the required 38 states have approved the women's rights amendments, and its chances of ratification are nil unless the deadline is extended beyond the initial one which falls next March.

There also have been efforts by four states to reverse their approval of ERA — and constitutional scholars are sharply divided on whether this is possible.

Scott's amendment would have honored those four states' rescission votes in addition to any other reversals that might occur during the extension period.

Garn's amendment would allow a rescission vote only if it occurred during the extended ratification period meaning the four states which have voted to rescind would have to vote on the issue all over again.

Garn claimed he had the votes needed to carry his amendment.

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