

South Cracks In Rights Fight

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. of Atlanta broke the pattern of southern antagonism to President Kennedy's civil rights program Friday by urging Congress to outlaw racial discrimination in restaurants, hotels and other private businesses.

At the same Senate Commerce Committee hearing, Gov. Donald S. Russell of South Carolina said that enactment of the controversial public accommodations proposal would aggravate race tensions.

VERBAL CONFLICT

The hearing was enlivened by another conflict between acting committee chairman John O. Pastore, D-RI., and Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C. The two engaged in a snappish verbal exchange when Pastore accused Thurmond of asking "loaded questions to catch tomorrow's headlines."

Allen testified that Atlanta has made a start toward integration. But he said failure of Congress to pass an anti-discrimination law might encourage communities where voluntary efforts have begun to lapse back into previous segregation practices.

ENDORSES BUSINESS

"Failure by Congress to take definite action at this time," the Georgian said, "is by inference an endorsement of the right of private business to practice racial discrimination and, in my opinion, would start the same old round of squabbles and demonstrations that we have had in the past."

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