

**Today in Georgia History**  
**November 17, 1948**  
**Three Governors Controversy**

**Suggested Readings**

Harold Paulk Henderson, *The Politics of Change in Georgia: A Political Biography of Ellis Arnall* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1991).

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Telfair County Number List of Voters. *Georgia's Virtual Vault*. [http://cdm.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/item\\_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/adhoc&CISOPTR=485](http://cdm.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/adhoc&CISOPTR=485)

All The Governor's Men. *Georgia Public Broadcasting*. <http://www.gpb.org/all-the-governors-men>

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“Arnall Assails Lock Out”

*The Atlanta Constitution*, January 17, 1947, pg. 1

**Headline Courtesy of The Atlanta Constitution**



At the mansion, troopers bar Arnall, photo detail of Arnall assails lock out

*The Atlanta Constitution*, January 17, 1947

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Atlanta Georgia Supreme Court, Chief Justice Reason Chestnut Bell

**Courtesy of Georgia Archives**



Atlanta, picture of Supreme Court of Georgia, State Court Room, State Capitol

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Ellis Arnall, MS 1548 01 02 003

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Eugene Talmadge Addressing Crowd

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Eugene Talmadge Giving a Speech - Albany, Dougherty County  
**Courtesy of Georgia Archives, dgh191d**



Eugene Talmadge Shaking Hands at a Political Rally - Elberton, Elbert County  
**Courtesy of Georgia Archives, elb013**



Governor Eugene Talmadge Swearing In - Atlanta, Fulton County  
**Courtesy of Georgia Archives, ful0740-83**



Herman E Talmadge Portrait  
**Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, LC-USZ62-132264**



Melvin Thompson with Herman Talmadge during Three Governors Dispute, 1947  
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Melvin Thompson, 1947  
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**"Talmadge Named Governor"**  
*The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, January, 15, 1947  
**Courtesy of The Atlanta Constitution**



The Winecoff Hotel



Three Governors Controversy, Arnall, 1946

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Three Governors Controversy, State Capitol Interior, 1946

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Victims and Firefighters of the Winecoff Hotel Fire, December 7 1946 - Atlanta, GA

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Woman Jumping from Winecoff Hotel, December 7 1946, Atlanta, GA

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