

# Steel Strike Truce Asked by Aldermen

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The board of aldermen called for a 90-day moratorium Monday in the 62-day-old strike of steel workers that has crippled Atlanta's construction boom.

The resolution, adopted unanimously, supported Mayor Ivan Allen "in his effort to resolve the strike" and said the warring parties should use the 90-day period to "resolve the dispute . . . in good faith."

"This resolution does not point the finger at anybody — management or labor," Alderman Rodney Cook told the board. He and Alderman Richard Freeman introduced the resolution to stop what Cook called "the tremendously adverse effects this strike is having on this city."

Recently Allen stepped into the dispute to try to bring a settlement. Cook said he had talked with Allen about the resolution "and he says he welcomes the support of this board."

But in another action, the board refused to give the mayor tighter control of the war against traffic jams. That resolution would have allowed Allen to name the members of the aldermanic Traffic, Parking and Transit Committee, as he does the other aldermanic committees.

Currently the committee is made up of other committee heads, listed in state statute. The resolution to change that was voted down unanimously by Alderman Cecil Turner's Ordinance and Legislation Com-

mittee. That action was backed by the full board.

In another action, the board moved to begin a reorganization program at the city prison by approving creation of a "prison administrator" to do the job.

He is to be named by the mayor and serve on an interim basis until July 31, 1966, and then be followed by a board-appointed administrator serving a four-year term. The administrator, who will be in full charge at the prison, is to be paid \$411.50 bi-weekly.

The current superintendent, A. E. Thomaston, will re-

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tain his pay and title but will only be responsible for management of the prison's farm. The new administrator, expected to be police Capt. Ralph Hulse, will be his superior.

The action is expected to result eventually in an overall effort of reorganization, including new facilities, policies and programs. Conditions at the prison were brought to public attention recently in a series

of articles in The Constitution.

The board also took action on two controversial liquor store license applications Monday — revoking one and approving another.

The license of E. C. Wilson, operator of the Wieuca Plaza store on Roswell Road, was revoked upon the recommendation of the police committee which Wednesday night heard the case for about five hours. Wilson had been convicted of failing to disclose financial arrangements connected with the store.

In 1963 the same store was closed by Revenue Commissioner Hiram Undercofler when it

was operated by W. C. Lunsford Jr. Wilson's attorney Monday asked for a hearing before the full board but was denied.

Approved was a license for a Stewart Avenue store which had been earlier rejected, then sent back by federal court for a rehearing. The police committee had split 2-2 on the license. It was approved by the full board by a vote of 8-7.

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