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Aycock Enters Governor Race

BATON ROUGE (AP)—Lt. Gov. C. C. Taddy Aycock today announced he will be a candidate for governor in the 1971 Democratic primary.

Aycock made the surprise announcement at the weekly luncheon of the Baton Rouge Press Club.

"LOUISIANA HAS been mighty good to me. I have been in the Legislature, the speaker of the House, and I'm in my third term as lieutenant governor," he said.

"I know it's a tough job and I feel I have the background. To anticipate your question, I will be a candidate for governor in the forthcoming gubernatorial primary."

Aycock has long been considered as the prime candidate for governor in the 1971 race.

AYCOCK TOLD the group that he had no running mate in mind. He said it was too early to select one.

The timing of the announcement was the biggest surprise. Many expected him to wait until perhaps next year to make his announcement.

The lieutenant governor also said he sees two grave crises in Louisiana—one in education and one in fiscal affairs.

HE SAID the school desegregation guidelines of the federal government will result in a federal takeover of the school system.

He said he didn't know what the answer is. It is not mass civil disobedience or through the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of appeals, he said.

"The answer is not with the governor, and the legislature."

ON THE state's fiscal crisis, he said, "I don't think we can continue to operate much longer on a bond issue basis."

Either the state will have to start economizing or raise taxes, he said.