Rice, scream: fiasco still kicking

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The Jones College Ice Cream Fiasco is not yet dead; indeed, latest indications from Baker indicate that the controversy may well continue forever.

As reported before Thanksgiving, Baker President Jim Scott was called to attempt a settlement following a walk-out by Baker’s attorneys in the abortive Intercollege Court trial. After a short meeting with the diplomatic Scott, the Jones President, her anger cooled, agreed to drop the entire matter pending payment to Jones of half of the $37.64 involved.

Scott of course could not bind Baker to the settlement; he had first to convince the Baker Cabinet that this was indeed the proper choice of action. Faring far better than Woodrow Wilson under similar circumstances, Scott succeeded admirably, and the incident appeared closed.

Issue Clouded

A cloud appeared on the horizon, however, as the disgruntled masses of Mom Baker rose up to oppose the Cabinet’s decision to pay.

Led by frustrated politician Bill Pickel, 99 Bakemen signed a petition calling for the repeal of the Cabinet’s action. The petition was turned in to Baker Election Committee Chairman Kerry Vandell in time to stop payment, and a referendum must now be held.

One Guess

Although the vote on the referendum has not been held, there is little doubt in the minds of most observers as to how Baker will vote. Asked to comment on these developments, Baker Ex-Vice President Warner Strang said, “There’s nothing like a little litigation to clear the air.”

Another prominent Baker spokesman, considering the more universal import of the case, observed, “As long as episodes such as the Ice Cream Fiasco and the Pickel petition take place, Rice, whatever else she may be, is far from dead.”