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Govt. Aides To Confer With Officials Of Burned Out Engineering Firm

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SOUTH PORTLAND — Representatives of the federal Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in Washington will come here to confer with officials of the fire-struck South Portland Engineering Co.

Rep. Stanley R. Tupper said Thursday in Washington he had been assured bureau aides would offer "every cooperation" to the local company, whose main fabrication building was leveled in a spectacular general alarm fire Wednesday night.

In Portland, Stanley F. Hanson Jr., Tupper's executive assistant, said the Congressman had contacted the Navy Department in Washington about possible temporary use of a building at the South Portland Naval Reserve Training Center by South Portland Engineering Co.

HANSON SAID he had discussed the same possibility with management of the Kittery Naval Shipyard, which is "phasing out" the building as a storage facility.

Hanson said he was told the building, known as No. 5, might possibly be cleared for immediate use, but that any authorization for it must come from Navy officials in Washington.

An official of the Greater Portland Public Development Commission, which owned the destroyed building and most of the other property in the sprawling former World War II shipyard, said South Portland Engineering officials visited the big Navy building Thursday afternoon to determine its suitability, if the Navy no longer needs it.

Lt. Cmdr. David W. Gerety, Commanding officer of the training center, said he believes the building is "potentially available." He said the Kittery shipyard has been transferring supplies from it the past four months, apparently intending to close it.

THE BUILDING has an inside 25-ton crane, a heavy concrete floor, masonry walls, wooden roof structure and new roofing. It has 25,000 square feet of floor space, less than one-third of the 88,000 square feet of the building engulfed by flames. The latter was believed to be one of the largest manufacturing buildings in the state.

Gerald E Lord, chairman of the Public Development Commission, said the commission has no other large structures which are unoccupied and could be utilized by South Portland Engineering. The commission has been interested in obtaining the Navy storage building.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie offered assistance to this city and the firm "in any way you suggest." He wired City Manager Bernal B. Allen and Capt. Edwin E. Kintner, president of the company, that he was checking with the Bureau of Ships and the Interior Department on possible aid measures.

Another offer of help came from a local source. Bliss-Portland Inc., whose plant also is in the former shipyard, offered tools to help South Portland Engineering get back into operation.

Capt. Marshall Turnbaugh, USN-ret., treasurer of the engineering firm, said future plans probably can't be made for at least a week.

SMOKE STILL hovered over the ruins of the big barn-like structure as a guard stood by a capsule of radioactive cobalt still in the rubble at one end of the structure.

The cobalt, in a lead container, is used to X-ray steel to detect flaws. It was at the opposite end of the building where the fire started and escaped damage.

It presented no hazard during the fire, despite rumors which swept the throngs of spectators at the scene, and still presents no danger from radioactivity while it is awaiting removal, probably in several days.

An official estimate of the loss in the spectacular fire was still awaiting Thursday a closer inspection of the damage. Unofficially the loss was estimated as up to $2 million.

It includes major sections of a research vessel being built for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and some big sections of submarines being processed for the Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn.

Work continued Thursday in a building housing a machine shop and in one housing the company's offices. A room in the former structure was ignited by sparks during the fire, but the blaze was extinguished.

SOME 120 men were employed in the destroyed building. About 140 others work in other departments. Only a small night crew was on duty when the fire broke out, eating lunch at the time about at the center of the 750-foot long structure.

The building had been leased from the development commission for several years by the S & S Co. and was sublet to South Portland Engineering.

In New York City, a spokesman for Simon Srybnik, president of S & S, said losses to machinery S & S stored in the

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Held As Prisoners

Two U.S. Marines taken prisoner by Santo Domingo rebels Thursday after a gun fight that saw four Marines killed and three other servicemen wounded, are served coffee in rebel headquarters by a girl-fighter prior to their release. The Marines are Pvt. Darrell J. Southwell, 21, of Mason, Mich., left, and Cpl. Rueben Garcia, 23, of New York. (AP Wirephoto)

4 Marines Killed In Fierce Clash In Heart Of Dominican Rebel Zone

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Gunfire crackled again in Santo Domingo on Thursday despite a cease-fire, bringing death to four U.S. Marines and wounding three other American servicemen. Two Marines were released after being captured by Dominican rebels.

Three Marines were killed in a fierce encounter in the heart of the capital's rebel territory. Two others were wounded in the clash, one of whom died later after he was taken to the aircraft carrier Boxer, U.S. sources said.

The U.S. command said the fighting erupted after a Marine patrol took a wrong turn. The rebels at first charged a cease-fire violation, then said they believed the story of the wrong turn.

In separate incidents, snipers wounded two U.S. paratroopers and hit a helicopter, wounding the pilot in the legs.

The rebels released the two captured Marines to the Organization of American States commission, which handed them over immediately to U.S. authorities. They were not allowed to be interviewed, but the chief of the U.S. Peace Corps mission in Santo Domingo, Robert Satin, 33, of Kalamazoo, Mich., said the two had received one meal of rice and beans during their brief captivity.

BELIEVES STORY

Satin also quoted Col. Francisco Caamano Deno, rebel-elected provisional president, as saying he believed their story of wandering into rebel territory accidentally.

A U.S. military spokesman said the patrol took a wrong turn while operating near the east-west corridor set up to ferry supplies to the international zone for refugees. He said unfamiliarity with the Dominican capital caused the Marines to go into rebel territory instead of returning to their own lines.

Earlier in the day, Washington had reported the U.S. toll in the 13-day-old Dominican strife at 10 dead, 1 missing and 58 wounded.

The captured Marines were shown to newsmen as rebels took a television tape of them. They identified themselves as Rueben Garcia, 23, New York City, and Pvt. Darrell J. Southwell, 21, Mason, Mich.

The rebel spokesman said the two would be turned over to the OAS. The spokesman is Hector Aristy, secretary to Col. Francisco Caamano Deno, the rebel chief.

"We want to demonstrate to the people of the world that we have respect for the rights of prisoners," Aristy said. "And as an act of faith, we will deliver them immediately. We don't want to see lives lost in this fighting, neither Americans nor Dominicans."

Aristy said the U.S. patrol penetrated almost a mile beyond the U.S. zone set forth in the cease-fire agreement.

WILL RESPECT PACT

"It is a violation," he added, "but we will continue to respect the cease-fire."

Aristy said the Marines opened fire after being told to halt. But Garcia managed to whisper to a newsman that the rebels shot first.

"We urge the Americans to stay within their lines," Aristy said. "We do not want to convert nationalist sentiment into anti-North American feeling."

Garcia, who is a Puerto Rican and speaks Spanish, and Southwell were taken to a small, cluttered apartment where Caamano has been living.

While newsmen jammed into the tiny living and dining rooms, Caamano questioned the two Marines in a rear courtyard. He heard their explanation that they had made a

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OAS Dominican Military Role Remains Obscure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Organization of American States committed itself early Thursday to a military role in the Dominican Republic but the how and when of this historic step remained obscure.

Long and acrimonious debate within the OAS preceded the decision to join U.S. forces in the effort to restore order and bar a Communist power seizure in the revolt-racked Caribbean nation.

The step provoked denunciation from Communist voices in the United Nations who argued that only that organization has the right to undertake such a role. And it sparked leftist demonstrations against the United States in several Latin-American countries.

The OAS decision was a victory for the United States in its efforts to tie other hemisphere nations more closely to its anti-Communist cause and when asked about the action Thursday, White House press secretary George E. Reedy said "Obviously we considered it extremely important to have multilateralization of the approach to this problem and are gratified by all steps in this direction."

Opposition within the OAS was led by Mexico, Uruguay, Chile, Peru and Ecuador and these nations cast the five negative votes on the final roll call.

Brazil, Costa Rica, Haiti and Colombia were the most active supporters of the resolution originally offered by the United States. But 10 other nations joined them to provide the minimum of 14 votes required to approve the action.

Venezuela abstained from voting but its representative pledged:

"We will honor the decision and contribute military forces."

Likeliest sources for the first troops to join the American forces which have been in the island for a week are Brazil,

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To Build New Air Base

3 More Marine Battalions Pour Ashore In Viet Nam

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—Three more U.S. Marine battalions began pouring ashore on a South Vietnamese beach 340 miles northeast of here Friday to secure an area on which a new combat air base is to be built.

The Marines came ashore in landing craft at a remote beach in Quang Tin Province, 60 miles south of Da Nang.

Approximately 3,000 U.S. Navy Seabees will be landed in the next two days to construct a major air field at Chu Lai.

Vietnamese authorities had six battalions of their own troops in the area and a contingent of banner-waving, school girls at the beach to welcome the Marines, it was reported here.

A U.S. official communique released in Saigon said: "As a further step in the program of the government of the Republic of Viet Nam to prosecute the war against the Viet Cong more vigorously, the government of Viet Nam has requested and the U.S. government has agreed to deploy approximately three battalions of U.S. Marines with supporting elements to the Chu Lai area in Quang Tin Province.

"The Marine battalions will provide security for the construction of a new airfield

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MMC's Mental Health Clinic Draws Praise

NEW YORK — The American Psychiatric Association was told Thursday that the record of Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine, in preventing hospitalization of the mentally ill could well be used as a model for other American cities.

Dr. Alfred Auerback of San Francisco, Calif., cited the performance of the MMC Mental Health Clinic in introducing Dr. Richard A. Levy, clinic director, at the annual convention of the association.

Dr. Levy said that only seven patients of the 500 treated during a 14-month period in the clinic required hospitalization. He said all 500 were "seriously emotionally disturbed and most, or all, of them normally would have required institutionalization . . ."

Dr. Levy said the sole purpose of the clinic "is to keep the severely mentally ill person in the community, in his home, and to return the patient to as close to what he or she normally was."

He noted that Portland has no inpatient psychiatric facilities, but added that Maine Medical Center should be able to provide short-term hospitalization for psychiatric patients within the next four years.

He declared that until recently the attitude of Maine people, particularly those in the Greater Portland area, toward mental illness and psychiatric treatment could best be described as "apathetic."

Senate Passes LBJ $700 Million Request

WASHINGTON (AP) — Propelled by the top leaders in both parties, President Johnson's $700-million Viet Nam war fund bill crashed through the Senate on Thursday amid cries of blackjack tactics.

The Senate passed the bill by a roll-call vote of 88-3 after a fixed five-hour period of furious debate.

Senator after senator served notice that his vote for the money bill was not to be construed as blank check endorsement for policies that might bog this country down in large-scale land warfare in Asia.

Senate approval of the measure came 24 hours after the House whipped it through by a vote of 408-7, and a little over 48 hours after Johnson asked for its passage "at the earliest possible moment."

The measure now goes to the White House for Johnson's signature.

Johnson plans to sign it at 9:15 a.m. Friday, the White House said.

Voting against it in the Senate were Sens. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska and Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis. All seven House votes against the bill were cast by Democrats.

The bill was passed in the Senate with the votes of 57 Democrats and 31 Republicans. There were 8 Democratic and 1 Republican absentees.

Morse, who led the opposition, said the bill gives Johnson far more than a $700-million appropriation. Morse contended it gives the President authority to wage undeclared war, and he predicted it will be followed by the sending of thousands more troops to Viet Nam.

"The President is using this bill," Morse said, "as a vehicle for getting a vote of confidence for his policies in Viet Nam out of Congress."

Scoffing at senators who

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Dawn Chorus Is Fine Way To Start Each Day

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Sleepyheads who wake up just in time to gulp a cup of coffee and head for the job are likely to be unaware of one of nature's most interesting shows — the dawn chorus.

That is the name naturalists give to the enthusiastic music with which songbirds greet the new day.

It is the cascade of singing which pours from the throats of the thrushes, warblers, orioles, finches, sparrows, wrens and swallows as the first light breaks from the east.

Even the deeper, raucous notes of the crows, jays, hawks and woodpeckers contribute to the symphony.

IN MAINE the dawn chorus is best in May and June and diminishes gradually through July. These are the months of reproduction.

You have to be awake early to hear it. In this state now it begins about 5:15 a.m., Daylight Saving Time, and on clear mornings its peak of intensity may last only about 15 minutes.

It lasts longer on cool, cloudy mornings, according to Dr Olin Sewall Pettingill Jr., of Wayne, a Belgrade native who is director of Cornell University's Laboratory of Ornithology's Library of Natural Sounds.

The chorus gradually subsides as the sun rises above the horizon. There is plenty of bird music at 7 or 8 a.m., but by that time most of the birds are busy searching for food, building nests, or feeding young.

Audubon Photo

The Flicker Greets The Dawn

The concert is best in areas like Maine where a diversity in the landscape provides homes for a variety of birds. Except for the big woods, the habitat is ideal with clumps of trees, patches of shrubbery, lawns, gardens, fields, pastures, hedges and brushy fence-rows.

EXPERTS SAY the dawn chorus is better in North and South America than in any other part of the world.

That is because evolution for reasons not understood, favored the Western Hemisphere with more species of songbirds and songbirds with bigger voices.

Dawn choruses in Europe don't begin to compare with ours because there are far fewer species of songbirds there, according to Dr. Pettingill.

He adds that although a few more species breed in the northern part of this country than in the southern area, the difference in the volume of song is not noticeable.

For anyone weary of the din of artificial noises which daily pound the eardrums, the dawn chorus is a good way to start the day.

Prayer For Today

O God, Father of all men, help me this day to love and pray for my enemies. Teach me first how to be a friend and brother to all men and to discern between enemy and stranger. If I have caused the enmity, forgive and change me. If, in spite of all, I am hated, teach and empower me to return good for evil and thus be a channel for devine and reconciling love: through Christ, our Lord and Brother. Amen.—Edward K. Ziegler, Oakton, Va., pastor, The Church of the Brethren.

Animal Refuge League Plans Tag Night, Day

The Animal Refuge League will sponsor a tag night and day, Friday and Saturday, climaxing Be Kind To Animals Week, to raise funds for the Baxter Memorial Refuge for animals.

Young people with tags will be at the Greater Portland shopping centers from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday night, and on the main business streets of Westbrook and Portland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

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