

Sen. Muskie Confident Of Quick OK On Dickey

Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine appraises the outlook in Congress for the proposed St. John River power project in this exclusive interview with Ernest G. Warren, Associated Press Washington correspondent for New England.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine, predicts Congress will vote ahead this year for a start on a huge hydroelectric project on the St. John River, which forms part of the boundary between Maine and Canada. Muskie expressed his views in an interview in which the questions and answers went like this:

Q. President Johnson recommended on July 19 a \$227 million, 784,000 kilowatt hydroelectric development of the St. John River at the Dickey-Lincoln School sites. The Senate Public Works Committee, of which you are a member, on July 12 unanimously incorporated the proposal as the second largest item in a \$1.9 billion public works bill. Do you foresee comparably easy sailing for this big development in the House Public Works Committee? A. The Dickey-Lincoln School project is a sound project. It has a benefit-cost ratio of 1.81 to 1, which means that its benefits will substantially outweigh

its costs. President Johnson and his administration, including the Bureau of the Budget, have approved the project after lengthy studies and careful examination. The project has the support of the Maine delegation. Gov. Reed and our state legislative leaders. It was approved unanimously by both Democratic and Republican members of the Senate Public Works Committee. I see no reason for strong opposition or any major difficulty for the proposal in the House, although I recognize that there are those who oppose any federal projects of this nature.

Q. Normally, Congress enacts a navigation, flood control and beach erosion bill every other year. The last one was in 1963—so another is due this year. Should both the House and Senate committees accept the administration recommendation to do you foresee major difficulties to authorization and appropriation in this session of Congress? A. While committee approval I would see no real barrier to enactment of the authorization measure this year. I have urged the administration to expedite other members of the delegation have, to request supplemental funds for this fiscal year to advance the detailed engineering and field work necessary before actual construction can get

under way. I understand about \$2 million will be required for this part of the project. I am hopeful that we can obtain the funds in addition to the basic authorization so as to advance our goal.

Q. Assuming that Congress gives its blessing and money for the project, construction still is contingent upon agreement of the Canadian government because the reservoir to be created would flood New Brunswick area. Can you say what progress there is toward an arrangement with Canada? A. As you know, technical discussions with Canadian personnel have been conducted on an

informal basis relative to St. John River developments. I know from my discussions with Premier Robichaud of New Brunswick, Chairman Riley of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, and Mr. Treeddale of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission that New Brunswick is very anxious for increased storage capacity on the upper St. John which will benefit their own downstream projects. I think that the early start of agreement between the United States and Canada.

Q. What opposition do you anticipate from private power industries of the area to the projected public power development of the St. John, having in mind that one private group already has applied for a private power dam in the same area? A. The Dickey-Lincoln School project and the associated transmission system would offer substantial benefits to consumers and to the publicly and privately owned power systems in Maine and New England. I recognize that most privately owned companies are opposed to public projects. In general, but I would be surprised if Maine's privately owned public utilities attempted to block a project which would mean so much to our state.

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Rescuer And Rescued

Tommy Orpp, right, tells his brother, Robert, 11, about his unexpected visit to the Coast Guard Cutter Coos Bay. At left is Seaman Appren. George Brough who rescued Tommy.

Boy Bicyclist, 8, Falls Off State Pier, Is Rescued By Coos Bay Crewman

By JAMES C. SAUNDERS JR. Staff Reporter
The Coast Guard cutter Coos Bay made a rescue Monday evening without leaving her berth at the Maine State Pier. In fact, the ship's company made two rescues. At 5:36 p.m. Seaman Appren, George Brough, 19, of Somerset, Mass., was painting from a scaffold along the port side of the cutter. Suddenly he saw a boy and his bicycle falling into the water between the ship and the pier. Brough plunged from the scaffold, swam to the boy and grabbed him. Crewman on deck heard the commotion and quickly tied a Jacob's Ladder

over the side. Brough then took the boy up on deck. The youngster, Tommy Orpp, 8, of Danforth Place, was taken below where the ship's medical corpsman examined him. Other crewmen found him dry clothes. Tommy explained he had fallen off the pier on his bike because the wheel caught in a railroad track near the edge of the pier. He didn't swim yet. Meanwhile, back on deck, Tommy's bike was recovered with a grappling hook. The Coast Guard took Tommy and his bicycle home to his mother, Mrs. Ann M. Orpp. Questioned later on his experience, Tommy was a bit sheepish, but obviously appreciative.

Girl, 8, Drowns In Pool; Friend Saved

WATERVILLE (AP) — One of two young Waterville girls who apparently fell into a backyard swimming pool here Monday evening drowned in seven and one-half feet of water. The mother was revived after 25 minutes of artificial respiration and oxygen. The victim was identified as eight-year-old Rebecca Coates. She was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Charles Towne of Waterville. Her 15-year-old brother, Kenneth, was taken to County medical examiner, despite efforts by members of the pool owner's family and police to save her life. Brenda Burrows, 9, was revived at poolside by Mrs. Theodore Julia and local Patrolman Valuedo Cabana. The girl was rushed to Waterville's Thayer Hospital by ambulance for further treatment. Mrs. Julia is the wife of a Waterville veterinarian on whose property the tragedy occurred about 6:45 p.m. The Julia family were inside their home when Mrs. Julia heard a boy's cries from the direction of the pool and went to investigate. Mrs. Julia and her daughter, Margaret, 12, jumped into the

LBJ To Brief Leading Solons On Strategy For Viet Nam War

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson met again Monday with his top advisers on Viet Nam and made plans to confer with Republican and Democratic Congressional leaders before deciding how to reshape the U.S. role in the war. White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers said about 30 consultations with the congressional leaders could come Tuesday or Wednesday. That would be a week since the President began his lengthy series of White House discussions pointing toward momentous decisions. There was no indication when Johnson might be ready to announce any final conclusions. The major question is how much more manpower and material the United States must pour into the fighting and maintain for backup strength. Moyers was asked about possible steps to advise the state governors of the proposed steps

for Viet Nam. The governors, met in Minneapolis, swapped sharp words, along party lines. Monday over endorsing the Democratic administration's conduct of the war. Gov. Robert E. Smylie of Idaho, chairman of the Republican governors' conference, said: "We are entitled to a greater degree of frankness about the Viet Nam situation than we have been getting from the State Department and the President. Moyers said 'I'm sure the President will want to keep the governors informed of any decisions.' Johnson met with his advisers for three hours Monday. Moyers said he asked afterward for more information to supplement reports he received over the weekend about them dealing with manpower and equipment needs. Moyers said the group exam-

ined in some detail the President's proposal in San Francisco to call upon the United Nations to use its influence to pressure the belligerents to seem determined to make war." Moyers said Johnson "considered that to be a bold and far-reaching proposal" which the group discussed in relation to Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg's assuming his duties at the United Nations. Among the subjects, Moyers said, was moving of a U.S. warplane over North Viet Nam, reportedly by a surface-to-air missile. Moyers said he had at the White House last week: Secretary of State Dean

Jay GI, Viet Cong POW For Months, Writes Home

NORTH JAY (AP) — A letter, presumably written in a North Viet Nam prisoner of war camp, was received Monday by parents of Pfc. Charles E. Crafts, 22. A radio operator with a Vietnamese Ranger outfit, was captured Dec. 29, 1964, while accompanying a combat patrol near Binh Nghiem, Ark. Set. Harold G. Bennett of Perryville, Ark., was also captured in the same action. Hanoi Radio announced June 24 that Bennett had been executed by the Viet Cong in reprisal for the execution of several red terrorists by the South Vietnamese government. Mr. and Mrs. L. Bradford Crafts, said they received a letter from their son in his own handwriting Monday — their first communication from him since his capture. Crafts reported he was okay, but eating and feeling good. "We're doing work to keep occupied," he wrote, adding he also has books to read. His father said he was notified by the Defense Department that his son was missing, "as long as he's a POW (prisoner of war)," they "always have a ray of hope."

Goldberg Takes Office As Ambassador To U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arthur J. Goldberg took office Monday as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, dedicating himself to a quest to move "inch by agonizing inch" toward world peace. That mission, he said, is the true memorial to the late Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, whom Goldberg succeeded. "There is simply no alternative in a nuclear age to world peace through the rule of law," Goldberg said. "I go to New York to curse no one, but in my own way to help keep the candle of peace burning." President Johnson stood by the Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black administered the oath to Goldberg. Johnson chose him a week ago to leave the

court and go to the United Nations. The President took the occasion to declare that the United States has "the patience and the resolve to pursue our purposes for however long it may be necessary to assure for mankind the blessings of a world without terror, without injustice and without want." "Let none abroad, let none at home, ever doubt or ever question that we have the patience or the perseverance to do what is necessary to assure for mankind and what our many commitments around the world necessitate," Johnson said. Goldberg, his left hand on a red-bound copy of the Old Testament and his right lifted high in the air, repeated in a ringing voice the oath Black read. Goldberg's wife stood behind him, blinking back tears. With her were their son, Robert, and daughter, Mrs. David Kramer. Vice President Robert H. Humphrey, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Mrs. Johnson, congressional leaders and other officials watched in the box seats of the White House rose garden. Black bid the court's farewell to Goldberg who served there for three years. The late President John F. Kennedy chose Goldberg who had been his secretary of labor, for the high court. "I have had our admiration, our affection, and our great confidence," said Black. "We could not give him up willingly for any other cause except the one with which he is involved — the cause of the peace of the world." Continued on Page 15; 6th Col.

Nation's Governors Argue Over Policy In Viet Nam

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — Democrats and Republicans at the national governors conference warred with words Monday over the administration policy in the Vietnamese war. Out of separate caucuses preceding the start of conference business sessions, came "strongly worded" statements. As chairman of the Democratic governors conference, Gov. John B. Connally of Texas announced that "we wholeheartedly and unanimously support the President's actions in the Dominican Republic and Viet Nam." As chairman of the Republican governors conference, Gov. Robert E. Smylie of Idaho reported that "we think that before we are called upon to vote on any resolution we are entitled to a greater degree of frankness about the Viet Nam situation than we have been getting from the State Department and the President."

Dismissing a bit of a news conference, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York said it is up to the President to decide how much can be said. But Gov. George Romney of Michigan said at another news conference that Johnson hasn't been giving prime level attention to foreign policy until lately, and "we haven't been until it adequate attention." "Personally," he said, "I think we are losing in the world." Romney said he had just been to Europe and "one of the discouraging things was to find our closest allies and friends feel they're operating in a vacuum. I think we have made some bad mistakes in the last few years in Viet Nam. I'm not saying we're not doing what we should be doing. I'm reserving judgment until we know our own situation and we have been getting from the State Department and the President."

Medicare And Social Security -- I

New Law Makes You Richer Than You May Realize

By JOHN TRONN Special Writer (First of a Series)
You are richer than you realize. As a worker, you have in the files of Social Security headquarters an account in your name which may be worth — right now — more than a \$123,000 estate. For instance, if you should die and leave a growing family, you would be able to collect up to \$309.20 per month. If you still have young children when you retire, you could collect

maximum family benefits of \$129.20 a month. This is equal to a three per cent annual return on a capital investment for bank accounts of \$123,700. Furthermore, this income is guaranteed. It is risk-proof. And it is tax-free. When your family is grown, you may collect as much as \$309.20 a month. This is equal to an annual income of three per cent on an investment of more than \$11,500. And your stake in Social Security is rising. In 1967, maximum family benefits will climb to \$369 a month — equal to an annual income of three per cent from an estate worth \$147,200. But this isn't all. For something new has now been added to Social Security. Besides paying cash benefits, Social Security next year will start paying hospital bills and help take care of some other medical expenses. Mrs. Julia, who said she didn't know any of the children, had left the pool about a quarter of an hour before the incident and had shut the gate leading to it. Police said she told them there was no lock on the gate. She reported the gate was also closed when she went into the pool area to investigate. The pool is surrounded by an eight-foot completely closed cedar fence.

For persons 65 or older, Medicare will be covered under certain conditions. But nobody will be able to draw more than 190 days of such care during the first 90 days of more than 90 days at one stretch. In general, Medicare won't pay for doctor bills, private-duty nurses or drugs prescribed outside a hospital or nursing home. The nursing-home benefits will start Jan. 1, 1967; the others, July 1, 1968. They'll be financed by higher Social Security taxes that take effect next Jan. 1. The Social Security law has been changed also to make a patient's home under a non-profit of the remainder.

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