

To Delist Or Not To Delist, That Is Spirited Question

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The Maine State Liquor Commission is in the hot seat. And it's there because of its own doing with a big assist from the 162nd Legislature.

It happened this way. Two years ago the commission asked the Legislature for a \$200,000 increase in operating capital ceiling, bringing it to \$3.5 million. It got the increase, which the commission said was necessary to cover the rising costs of liquor; to maintain a proper inventory of stock; and to provide for the opening of seven new retail stores.

The new stores were opened, but the commission also added 103 new items to its sales list for a total of 573 items.

THIS YEAR the commission asked the 162nd Legislature for

a boost to \$4.5 million in operating capital.

Some members of the Legislature felt that the commission had previously mislaid them. They felt that instead of using the \$300,000 to increase inventories the commission had used it to please liquor salesmen by adding new listings.

The requested \$1 million boost in operating capital was cut in committee to half of that. Then the 162nd adjourned without voting the commission any boost at all.

To make matters worse the commission requested and was granted permission to open five new stores.

By law the commission cannot carry an inventory valued at more than the \$3.5 million authorized working capital.

The commission had to stretch

things mightily thin to keep an adequate stock on hand even before the 103 items were added and the five new stores authorized.

The commission has one safety valve on its operating capital ceiling. It can, with the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and the Governor and Council, boost its operating capital by temporary loans. But the Commission already has obtained two of these loans to the tune of \$500,000 each. One is due in September, the other shortly afterwards.

Additional loans are not likely to win easy approval.

NOW CHAIRMAN Willard C. Ellis and fellow commissioners Clifford L. Stimpson, Presque Isle, and Andrew Fournier, Saco face a painful dilemma: con-

tinue with the present 573 listings with the certainty of public outcry should favorite items run out, or cut back their listings so that an adequate inventory of all items can be maintained within the legal ceiling.

Commissioner Fournier indicated that the latter course had been selected. Chairman Ellis was out of town and couldn't be reached to confirm this.

But Frank H. Robie, administrative assistant, said it was his understanding that the list would be cut back. He said he couldn't estimate how many items would have to be delisted to keep the inventory adequate and under the legal ceiling, but it might run as high as 100.

It sounds like simple surgery, but it isn't. It's a painful dilemma because items come down will protest because it's money

out of their pocketbooks. The same is true of their employees.

LIQUOR SALESMEN are no ordinary salesmen. Many of them have been selected by their companies because they have powerful political ties in Maine, an invaluable asset in doing business with a state agency. Many of them are former political office holders in Maine, including former legislators and former liquor commissioners, or relatives of same. Some are political office holders right now, including one state senator and a mayor.

Many of the companies are Maine firms. To delist their items would create a nightmare. Finally, there's the public, whose thirst and tastes keep the commission's cash registers

finding. To take away their favorite today in favor of some obscure brand could be catastrophic.

In turning a cold shoulder on the commission's request for a \$1 million boost in operating capital, many legislators commented that the commission was carrying a lot of junk in its listings and by delisting them could keep within its present operating budget.

Chairman Ellis and his fellow commissioners said last week that the accusation wasn't true. "Some of the 103 items added last year have become our best sellers," Ellis said.

Robie says his records bear out Ellis' remarks.

Ellis said the addition of the new items contributed substantially to record profits to the state, and that's the important

factor to the state's taxpayers.

IT'S NO BALM to the liquor commission's woes that the Legislature's Research Committee has unanimously decided to "study" the operations and policies of the commission.

Unhappy salesmen are likely to furnish the probers interesting information.

The research committee indicated it was particularly interested in how the commission selected brands for sale in Maine and how salesmen for the liquor firms were hired.

Chairman Ellis and Commissioners Fournier and Stimpson have said they welcomed the study.

Ellis said "We have nothing to fear; our records are open; the study should help show the Legislature our problems."

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Katahdin Combed For Two Lost Boys

Darkness Halts Search For Diabetic; Brother, 3

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MILLINOCKET — A search for two boys, a diabetic teenager and his baby brother, lost in the wilderness east of Mt. Katahdin since Friday afternoon, was called off because of darkness Saturday night.

More than 75 searchers have been combing the area around Roaring Brook campsite for Robby Mott, 17, a diabetic, and his brother, Timothy, 3, of Rochester, N. Y.

It is feared that Robby, who is mentally retarded, is in a diabetic coma.

Mrs. George Mott, the boys' mother, said that Robby would be in extreme difficulty if he did not receive insulin medication at regular intervals.

Robby requires one insulin shot a day. The last one he received was Friday afternoon, a few hours before he and his brother wandered away from the campsite, she said.

THE SEARCH will be resumed at 5 a.m. Sunday.

Searchers, aided by bloodhounds, two helicopters and an airplane, found only one possible clue to the boys' whereabouts— a smacker footprint in the marshy ground near Sandy Stream Pond, about a quarter mile from the campsite.

At first it was thought that the print might be one of the boys, since the spot in which it was found is off a travel path. Later searchers expressed some doubt that it was Robby's.

Mrs. Mott said she is "sure Robby would try to find his way out of the woods," but that if he lapsed into a coma he would be unable to move.

Timothy, she said, "would stay with his brother at all times. But I don't know what he would do if Robby goes into a coma."

Her husband had been with the searchers more than 24 hours, she said. Exhausted from the long ordeal, he was forced to go to bed late Saturday night, Mrs. Mott said.

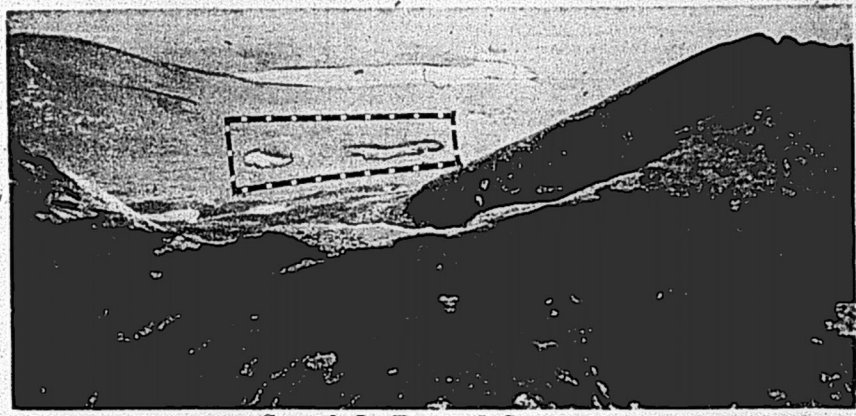
The Motts had been camping at Roaring Brook a week with their sons, a teen-age daughter and another teen-age girl.

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Aided By Windham Man

Mme. Jacqueline Fayet-Leroy, Paris sculptor who visited at South Windham last month, sits on New York dock where she's staging a hunger strike to gain release of six of her sculptures, being held aboard struck freighter, background. She sits on pier days and sleeps nights in car lent by Thomas V. Garand, director of Meadow Gallery, South Windham, where her work was to have been displayed. Now in third day of her fast, the mother of three says willpower is overcoming hunger pains. (AP Wirephoto)



Search In Rugged Country

East of Mt. Katahdin, which looms in the foreground, the dotted line outlines the area where searchers Saturday scoured the rough terrain of Baxter State Park for Timothy Mott, 3, and his brother Robby, 17, missing since Friday night. At left in outlined area is Sandy Stream Pond where a footprint was found. At right in outlined area is a swamp near where the parents of the missing boys camped. South Turner Mountain is at left background and Katahdin Lake is just above the search area. Sandy Stream Pond is 4 1/2 miles from and 4,000 feet below Baxter Peak of Mt. Katahdin, at right.

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China Calls Russia Soft On U. S. Action

TOKYO (AP) — Communist China accused the Soviet Union Saturday of giving soft-glove treatment to U.S. military action in Viet Nam and took a strong stand against the Soviet "line of compromise and capitulation."

A lengthy article in the People's Daily, signed by "Observer" and broadcast by Peking Radio, charged that (Nikita) Khrushchev revisionists were looking for excuses to "work hand in glove with U.S. imperialism in order to push the scheme for 'peace talks' on Viet Nam."

Commenting on the leftist World Congress of Peace in Helsinki, Finland, earlier this month, the article said Soviet delegates "did go to some length to profess their opposition to U.S. imperialism." But, it added, the Russians "were in league with some American delegates" to promote Viet Nam peace talks.

The People's Daily writer said

"two opposite lines have existed for a long time in the world peace movement. These two lines are diametrically opposed, and are irreconcilable."

The broadcast did not identify "Observer" but this signature often is used by a high-ranking Chinese Communist official with something to say. Some say Mao Tse-tung has used it himself at times.

The article said the line advocated by Communist China "is to isolate U.S. imperialism to the maximum, a line of ceaselessly dealing blows at and weakening the imperialist forces of aggression."

The other line, "Observer" said, "confuses friend from foe,

and split; in which they persist, violates the fundamental interests of the peace-loving people of the world and runs against the historical trend."

The article accused Alexander Korotich, leader of the Soviet delegation to the Helsinki peace congress, of bolting down the Viet Nam struggle to a question of "peaceful coexistence."

"This view is extremely ridiculous," the article said. "The Viet Nam question is one of imperialist suppression of the National Liberation (Viet Cong) movement and the oppressed nations' struggle to win and safeguard national liberation. It is a question of the Vietnamese people waging a great, just struggle to oppose U.S. imperialism aggression."

"Observer" charged the Russians "try their hardest to put the developments in the Viet Nam situation into the orbit of Soviet-U.S. cooperation and, by betraying the Vietnamese people's interests, they hope to buy their 'mutual trust' and 'friendship' from the U.S. imperialists."

She Was Dead 10 Minutes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A young mother smiled happily from a hospital bed Saturday, a week after she seemingly died on an operating table.

Her heart had burst in a head-on automobile accident.

Surgeons deliberately stopped the heart of Mrs. Alexis Powell, 21, a housewife from Yuba City, Calif., during an emergency operation in the early hours last Sunday.

"There was no reason for it to come out right," said a doctor.

In the surgical team at the University of California Medical Center, "but it did."

During the operation she was technically dead for 10 minutes. She was given twice the amount of blood normally in her 110-pound body.

Doctors said Mrs. Powell appeared to be "a hopeless case" when she was brought in with a crushed chest, a head injury and apparent abdominal injuries.

A surgeon, feeling with a

finger, found a two-inch tear in her heart at the rear of the right auricle in an almost inaccessible spot.

"Her heart was still beating when I made the incision," he said, "but very weakly. There was so much blood-I couldn't see to close the tear so I had to stop her heart. There was nothing else I could do."

He said he plugged the hole in the heart with two fingers while a

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King's Politicking Lands Governor Reed Chairmanship

By DONALD C. HANSEN
State House Reporter

New Hampshire's Democratic Gov. John W. King, an old school politician with a love for wheelin' and dealin', made Maine's Republican Gov. John Reed the new chairman of the National Governors Conference last week.

The slight, baldish, bespectacled Granite State governor went to the conference last week in Minneapolis with the express idea of bringing the conference chairmanship back to New England and despite considerable odds pulled off the trick.

King wrapped up the chairmanship for Reed despite the fact that the nation's 17 Republican governors—who had assumed they would control the election—wanted the job to remain in the west.

BUT THEY DIDN'T reckon on the power of political persuasion exercised by King, the man who has become known nationally as "The Gambling Governor" since he signed the controversial sportsmen's bill two years ago.

"The Governor loves this sort of thing," an aide said of King. "He loves to politick and once he makes up his mind on something he doesn't let go."

King decided to start his own boom for Reed once he

became convinced that the Republican governors, the majority of whom are from western states, "were just going to swap the chairmanship among the western Republican governors every two years."

"I thought it was time the job came back to New England," King said, recalling that a year ago he had backed Connecticut's Democratic Gov. John Dempsey for the job, only to lose by a single vote.

—REED WON BY A MERE two votes. "It would have been three," said King, "except that (Arkansas Gov. Orval) Faubus made a mistake and voted the wrong way."

The chairmanship alternates each year between a Republican and a Democrat and this year the pool was to go to a Republican.

The 33 Democratic governors favored an eastern governor and the sentiment gradually centered around Reed of the five eastern GOP governors.

The only slip in the entitlement was that the chairmanship for the past two years, following an unwritten custom—has been elected by a caucus of the party to whom the chairmanship would go. The nominating committee simply picked one of two caucus choices.

And the Republican governors refused to nominate an

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