

Chamber Joins Local, State Effort To Save Buses

By RONALD H. KNIGHT Staff Reporter The Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce Wednesday joined local and state officials in attempting to find ways of heading off the announced discontinuation of bus service in Maine's largest metropolitan area.

Robert L. Davis, chairman of the chamber's transportation committee, said the committee is inviting area officials to meet next Tuesday in discussion of the effect of the Portland Coach Co.'s decision to stop service.

The bus company's announcement Tuesday brought swift reaction from Washington, August 4. And from the communities affected.

SEN. EDWARD S. MUSKIE said in Washington there is a possibility that direct grants or loans from the \$275 million Urban Mass Transportation Act might keep the service going.

Co. of New York, stopped operating. "I'm convinced from past experience," he said, "that Portland Coach has had considerable financial loss and that it is impossible for the company to continue operation unless something can be done."

Wait noted that the city could take over the public transportation system. "If the need is great enough."

Contract talks between the company and the Amalgamated Transit Workers Union Related News On Page 28

have broken down. The union is asking an eight-cent an hour wage increase, while the company has offered a three and one-half cent-an-hour reduction and changes in seniority rights and a guaranteed eight-hour day in any new contract.



Nothing Beats It Mary Lello, 8, and David J. Newcomb, 7, of Scarborough, look forward happily to the good eating which the season's early sweet corn will provide. Farmers who have been able to irrigate report the season's hot weather has produced a bumper crop.

LBJ Requests \$1.7 Billion To Beef Up War Machine

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson and his defense chief handed Congress the bill and specifications Wednesday for using \$1.7 billion in military effort until Congress begins its new session next January. His letter was essentially a businesslike request for funds.

Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., who presided at the closed session, commented that "obviously this is not all that will be needed for the next few months."

Part of the 340,000-man expansion would be to fill vacancies left by the ending of 50,000 more men to Viet Nam during the next few months.

Although McNamara began talking publicly of deterioration in the Vietnam situation, he said he had not yet decided whether to ask for more troops.

More Volunteers Sought To Hunt For Lost Boys

By GENE L. LETOURNEAU Wildlife Reporter MILLINOCKET — The director of a widespread search for two brothers who disappeared in the rugged St. Katahdin area six days ago called Wednesday for more volunteers.

Push and Game Warden Supervisor David Priest sought men to augment the approximately 250 combining the wilderness for mentally retarded disabled Robbie Mott, 17, and Timothy Mott, 3.

Hits Aroostook County

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate sent to President Johnson on Wednesday night the bill he had urged to strike down barriers to Negro voting in the South.

Dirksen Apportionment Proposal Fails To Stop High Court Ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate refused Wednesday night to lamper with the Supreme Court's decision that state legislatures must have a membership based on population in both houses.

By seven votes, a proposal by Republican Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois to override the court ruling failed to muster a needed two-thirds majority.

Impassioned speech, Douglas answered by saying, "We have listened to one of my colleague's customary speeches, charming but full of irrelevancies. It covered everything but touched nothing."

Only four senators were absent at the vote. Dirksen accepted three amendments by Sen. Roman L. Hruska, R-Nebr., before his proposal was formally adopted as a substitute for a bill that would have designated Aug. 31-Sept. 6 as American Legion baseball week.

Old Fashioned Bargain Days To Open Today

Historic window displays, store coaches and surry with the fringe on top ride for shoppers are colorful additions to Downtown Portland's Old Fashioned Bargain Days, which opened Thursday and continue through Saturday.

Participating in this year's event are 15 cooperating Portland stores, making it the greatest combined merchandising program ever staged in Northern New England.

Cong Attacks Damage Da Nang Jet Fuel Base

DA NANG, South Viet Nam (AP) — Viet Cong guerrillas attacked and at least partly destroyed the Exco fuel storage complex that serves U.S. jet warplanes at Da Nang air base, a U.S. military source reported Thursday.

Corps defense zone and guarded by Vietnamese troops. The source said he did not know how many possible casualties there were on either side or how the attack was carried out.

News, Features On The Inside

The Weather Sunny, warmer today and Friday. Fall Report Page 2. U.S. JET PLANES attack North Viet Nam target 30 miles off Red China. B52 bombers from Guam again pound Communist targets in South Viet Nam. Page 8.

Personal in many of the cooperating stores will be garbed in old-fashioned costumes. The Katahdin Mountaineers will make their annual appearance, playing and singing from a homemade wagon. A town crier will announce special sales programs and an organ grinder and his monkey will be on hand to entertain.



Downtown Eye-Catcher This display of period costumes in a Congress Street department store emphasizes Downtown Portland's sixth annual Old Fashioned Bargain Days which will get under way Thursday and continue through Saturday.

Prayer For Today O Thou Whose will it is ever to give courage I turn to Thee in a moment of loneliness. Fill I pray, the emptiness of my heart with an awareness of Thy presence and teach me to know that no one ever walks alone. Help me to find companionship in Thy word and in hear a voice calling across the wilderness of my heart: "Come unto me, and I will give you rest!" In the Master's name, Amen.

Today's Chuckle If wives really dressed to please their husbands, they'd be wearing last year's clothes.