

## Bus Crisis Committee To Be Named Today



**Bus Problem Aired**  
By Staff Photographer Merrill  
Robert L. Travis, right, chairman of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce's transportation committee, opens Tuesday's hearing on the area's bus service. At left is Corporation Counsel Barnett I. Shur.

By ROY A. WHITCOMB JR., Staff Reporter  
"Somehow or other we'll keep the buses running."  
That was the pledge Tuesday of Robert L. Travis, chairman of a special meeting called to find ways to retain bus service for Greater Portland.  
He opened an hour-long session at the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce.  
As a result of Tuesday's meeting, an emergency committee will be named and will hold its first meeting at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the chamber.  
**NAMED TO THE COMMITTEE** will be two city councilors each from Portland, South Portland and Westbrook; the city managers of Portland and

South Portland, and the Westbrook mayor.  
The Portland Coach Co., operators of the intercity bus firm, has told the Public Utilities Commission it wants to discontinue service Sept. 4.  
The PUC has scheduled a hearing on the PCC's request Thursday at City Hall, but PUC Chairman Frederick L. Allen said it would be a two-part one that would resume Aug. 24.  
Tuesday's session, called by the transportation committee of the chamber, heard from local, state and federal officials.  
CARLE H. SALLEY, an urban transportation specialist from the U.S. Housing and

Home Finance Agency in Washington, said the federal government would finance up to two-thirds of the cost of acquiring or modernizing a transit line, if a public body assumes control.  
State Sen. Roger V. Snow Jr., D-Falmouth, and State Rep. Joseph A. D'Alonzo, D-Portland, said they had been asked by party leaders in the legislature to say they feel no special session of the legislature is needed to create enabling legislation that would permit public operation of the bus line.  
"But you can be sure that the next session of the legislature will seriously consider permanent legislation to enable municipalities to take over semipublic facilities in danger

of expiring," D'Alonzo said.  
Snow said a special session of the legislature is expected, perhaps in January, on other matters and that the problem could be considered then.  
**BUT CITY MANAGER** Graham W. Wait said those attending in explore all chances of solving the problem on the local level, and urged:  
1. "That we do all we can to bring union and management together for more bargaining until a working agreement can be realized."  
2. "That we do all we can to avoid the need of public operation of the bus lines."  
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## 'Cautious Optimism' Felt After Viet Nam Briefing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A White House briefing on Viet Nam on Tuesday caused one House leader to say there is reason for cautious optimism.  
But Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., pinned an "Alice in Wonderland" label on the discussions with congressional leaders by President Johnson and his top advisers.  
Still another congressional power, Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, said President Johnson's contention the Congress generally supports his Viet Nam policies was a "fair statement of fact."  
The cautious optimism phrase was used by Democratic Majority Leader Carl Albert of Oklahoma after a third of the House was briefed Tuesday morning on Viet Nam.  
Speaker John W. McCormack of Massachusetts agreed with him.  
A few hours later, Dirksen held a news conference to say his soundings of Congress showed it "is in substantial agreement with the President's policy" on Viet Nam, adding that while there might be disagreement with some methods employed, he is certain Congress backs Johnson's overall course.  
Morse sharply attacked the briefing he attended, with other senators, Monday night as "an Alice in Wonderland exhibition of how the unpleasant can be evaded and the failures ignored."  
"It is a remarkable thing," Morse told the Senate, "to be able to go up to the White House periodically and hear how things are improving when each visit is occasioned by a new step the United States has had to take in order to stabilize a deteriorating situation."  
Morse, saying the President was trying to make the course in Viet Nam palatable to Congress through the briefing process, criticized Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, retiring ambassador to Saigon, and Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara.  
"The Taylor concept of fighting insurgents has totally failed in Viet Nam, under his guidance and direction," Morse said.  
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## CMP Would Refuse To Buy Power From Dickey Dam Project

By MAY CRAIG  
WASHINGTON — Maine's largest electric utility, the Central Maine Power Co., wouldn't buy power from an envisioned \$277 million hydroelectric project on the St. John River at proposed rates.  
William H. Dunham, CMP president, brought out his firm's position in testimony before a two-house Public Works subcommittee Tuesday.  
Dunham and representatives of four other private power firms testified that power could be produced more cheaply by private development of

nuclear plants and pumped-storage hydroelectric projects than by the proposed Dickey-Lincoln School plant.  
In another development connected with the hearing, Maine Rep. William H. Hathaway urged Frederick L. Allen, chairman of that state's Public Utilities Commission, that he will request an immediate investigation of CMP rates.  
The request was based on testimony before the subcommittee which brought out that Central Maine Power sells at lower rates

to Vermont Central and the New Hampshire Public Service Co. than its average wholesale rate to Maine systems.  
Rep. Hathaway wants to know why Maine customers pay more.  
THE SUBCOMMITTEE also

heard three witnesses who favor development of the controversial project.  
Charles Robison, counsel for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, said Dickey-Lincoln School would provide the cheapest available power source in New England, which now has the highest electric rates in the nation. He estimated the project would reduce New England's electric bill by \$6.25 million annually.  
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## Wild Storms Pour 6 Inches Of Rain On Central Maine

WATERVILLE (AP) — A series of violent thunderstorms brought numerous bolts of unusually sharp chain lightning, 40-mile-an-hour wind gusts, hailstones, and up to six inches of rain to parched Central Maine Tuesday afternoon and evening, the first big break in a two-month long drought.  
The Federal Aviation Agency branch and the Augusta state airport recorded 6.03 inches of rain within an hour—between 7 and 8 p.m.—Tuesday and during the same period, wind reached a velocity of 55 knots.  
Augusta police and other city departments reported minor flooding in some areas, but said they had not received many calls regarding damage.  
Spectacular chain lightning flashed through the sky and touched down more than two dozen times between Augusta and Waterville early Tuesday night, but there were no immediate reports of fires.  
Although Waterville experienced some rain Tuesday evening, that area's major storm struck at mid-afternoon and dropped between one and two inches of rain within 20 minutes.  
An unidentified tractor trailer driver reportedly was trapped a few minutes in the cab on a Waterville street when two 440 volt power transmission lines fell on the truck. He was not hurt.  
In another section of Waterville, Mrs. Donald Caron and her 11-year-old son, Steven, were knocked to their knees on the front walk of their home when a bolt of lightning hit and damaged the house across the street. Running for shelter, they were temporarily stunned, but otherwise unharmed.  
Rain came down in sheets driven by high wind, causing

## Northeast Airlines Signs Pacts To Buy \$100 Million Worth Of New Jet Planes

BOSTON (UPI) — Northeast Airlines announced Tuesday it has signed contracts to buy \$100 million worth of new planes as the first step of the airline's new owners to modernize equipment and boost schedules.  
James M. Austin, president, said the total includes 22 planes—12 Boeing 727's and 10 Douglas DC-9's.  
Northeast said it also was taking an option on an additional 10 planes that might be purchased later—two Boeing and eight Douglas Jets.  
The first planes will be delivered late next month. A second will be delivered Dec. 1. Delivery of the DC-9's will start in late 1966, he said.  
Austin said that some of the Boeing planes will be the so-called "super-727" model, much larger than the earlier version.  
The Boeing Co. had announced plans to build this model five days ago and Northeast was the first to order the planes. The super 727's will be delivered in late 1967, Austin said.

or not Northeast retains its right to fly to Florida in the hearings that begin in December.  
The purchase was announced on the 33rd birthday of Northeast's present fleet of four-engine Douglas DC-8B propeller-driven planes.  
"The DC-8s are capable of serving all of the New England points presently being served by the DC-8s at greater speeds with greater comfort and carrying more people," the spokesman said.  
"For the first time, many New England points will receive scheduled jet service."  
However, the spokesman could give no precise time when the jets might begin serving such points as Bangor and Portland, Maine, and Burlington, Vt.  
He also said plans were still being developed for serving smaller New England airfields, such as Laconia and Berlin, N.H., and Montpelier, Vt.

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## Today's Chuckle

The modern girl usually gets along just fine with her mother-in-law because she can't afford another baby stroller.

## News, Features On The Inside

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**Clean Fun**  
By Staff Photographer Curtis  
A box of laundry soap produces these results in a neighborhood wading pool in the Quebec Street area. The gleeful youngsters are, seated, left to right, Laurie and Betty Berry and Diane and Brenda Duncanson, and standing, Jeffrey Berry.

## U.S. Sues To End Poll Taxes

Negroes Jam Voter Registries In South  
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Prospective Negro voters jammed federal registrars' offices in three Southern states Tuesday starting up under the new voting law.  
At the same time, the Department of Justice moved to erase poll taxes in three states.  
Both actions were to make it easier for Negroes to vote.  
Hundreds of Negroes turned out to register in Selma, the western Alabama town which became an early symbol of the voting rights struggle. Others packed into the small post office at Greensboro, center of the most recent civil rights struggle in Alabama.  
At Canton, Miss., so many Negroes turned up at the registrars' headquarters that some were asked to come back later. They were assured that voting rolls would still be open.  
The voting examiners—some of them Negroes—are part of a special Justice Department team sent to nine counties in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana under the new law signed Friday by President Johnson.  
Meanwhile, the Justice De-

## Ashes Of Mott Brothers Destined For Katahdin

AUBURN (AP) — The bodies of the two Mott brothers will be cremated Wednesday morning in a ceremony that will take place at Millinocket, where it is believed they will be scattered at the foot of Mt. Katahdin.  
Charles E. Warner, president of Graceville Memorial Park Mausoleum and Crematory, said Tuesday night that the cremation would be at 8 a.m. He said he had been instructed to take their ashes to Millinocket but could not say what would happen to them.  
The Rochester, N.Y., Democrat and Chronicle reported that the ashes would be scattered at the foot of the mile-high mountain, but this could not be confirmed.  
The boys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mott of Rochester could not be reached.  
Earlier Tuesday, a pathologist said the two probably survived to exposure three to five days after they became lost July 26.  
The bodies of the youngsters were released to their parents after autopsies were performed Tuesday in Bangor by Dr. George Chase.  
Dr. Chase, associate pathologist of Eastern Maine General Hospital, said his findings tend to confirm the opinion of the Piscataquis County medi-

## Prayer For Today

Help us to realize that we lose the privilege of calling Thee "Father" when we refuse to call men "brother." Give us not an ourself, Deliver us from the sins which separate us, and draw us together in Thy Son who shed for our reconciliation. Quiet our fears, diminish our hostilities and break through our self-interest. May it not prove too much for us to live for what He died for.

**YOU'LL LIKE IT BETTER, TOO!**  
See For Yourself!  
CBS EVENING NEWS WITH WALTER CRONKITE  
6:30 P.M.  
Following Newsweek Channel 13