

# LBJ Orders Crisis Teams To War On Drought



By District Correspondent Deagan

## No Drought Here

This is the way South Cornish apple grower Howard Weeks brings rain to his orchard. The truck-mounted spray rig dumped over the last week-end an equivalent of a six-inch fall on Weeks' 600

acres. Water is pumped up hill from a brook a half-mile away and is shot through the nozzle to cover a 2½-acre tract at a time and at the rate of a half-inch an hour.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson ordered federal crisis teams into New York, Philadelphia and other big Eastern cities Wednesday to help speed hard and fast decisions on what must be done to meet the threat of an acute water shortage.

"This is a time for action — federal, state and local, public and private," Johnson said.

The President spoke at a White House conference of governors, mayors, congressional delegations and other officials called to discuss the four-year drought that is rapidly becoming an emergency in the afflicted areas.

Johnson announced a series of measures to mobilize federal aid for longer-range projects, including a \$4-million water re-

sources planning survey "for the entire Northeast from Virginia to Maine."

Meanwhile, the President asked his Water Resources Council headed by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall to consult daily with city and state officials in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, the states represented at Wednesday's emergency session.

Several participants voiced general satisfaction with the conference, although they told newsmen no immediate action developed for any immediate problems. They said prospects for the intermediate and longer-range problems look better.

In setting up the daily consultations among federal, state and city officials, Johnson asked for reports on what action should be

# Relief Forces Blast Way To Unit Trapped By Cong

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Vietnamese relief troops along their way through this Viet Cong resistance to a linkup Wednesday night with the besieged special forces garrison at Duc Co, U.S. military sources reported.

American expressed hope the relief detachment, described as large, could clear away guerrilla gunners ringing the camp's airstrip so transports could start landing to move in supplies and move out the dead and wounded.

Re-establishment of aerial contact was considered essential because the Viet Cong were reported to have closed in behind the relief column and again cut Route 19 between Duc Co and Pleiku, the 2nd Corps area headquarters, 30 miles northeast of the camp.

Route 19 is Duc Co's only road. It is a strategic highway that crosses the central highlands from Qui Nhon, on the

About a dozen U.S. advisers and 150 Vietnamese — Montagnard tribal irregulars and lowland paratroopers — held out in sandbagged bunkers of Duc Co during bitter fighting earlier this week as Viet Cong cut off the highway from Cambodia into Viet Nam, a U.S. source said.

"We have enough forces there now to try to do the job,"

Both sides have suffered heavy casualties. Air and ground strikes carried on the war elsewhere.

North Vietnamese gunners shot down one of four U.S. Air Force F105 Thunderbolts on a reconnaissance run north of Vinh. A U.S. spokesman said the pilot, Capt. Lawrence D. Continued on Page 31; 1st Col.

## Louisiana Registrar Issues Challenge To Voting Law

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — A Louisiana voting registrar asked a federal court Wednesday to strike down the new federal voting rights law. It was the first legal challenge of the entire act.

Orleans Parish Registrar A. P. Gallinhouse filed suit for an immediate court order barring enforcement of the act, primarily designed to make it easier for Negroes to vote. He also wants a ruling on its constitutionality.

A court test of a provision of the law which waives English-language literacy requirements for voting was asked by a Brooklyn couple shortly after President Johnson signed the bill last Friday.

Gallinhouse's suit came one day after federal voting registrars went into nine counties in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and began enrolling Negroes as voters.

Gallinhouse's petition asked the right of states to prescribe qualifications for local and state elections was reaffirmed in the 24th Amendment, which was adopted last year. This amendment banned the poll tax in federal elections.

The suit also claimed the federal act violates the 10th, 14th and 15th Amendments.

Among the defendants were the federal government, Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach, Sec. of Defense Robert S. McNamara, Census Bureau Director A. Ross Eckler and Warren B. Ross, executive director of the Federal Civil Service Commission.

"The matter is now in the court where it rightfully should be,"

## Senate Votes Pay Boost For Military Personnel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted the military a \$1-billion pay boost Wednesday as its armed forces report wages in Viet Nam "inherent dangers" greater than the Korean conflict.

Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-La., said, too, he doesn't wholly accept the optimistic view of some that the continuing buildup in Viet Nam will have only a limited impact on the nation's economy.

"If we are able to have both better and guns," the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee told the Senate, "We will have accomplished the feat of having our cake and eating it, too, which no government has heretofore been able to achieve."

The Senate gives a flat 11 per cent across-the-board increase for enlisted personnel with more than two years service. The house had a range of 15.3 per cent for some sergeants and petty officers to 8 per cent for privates and seamen.

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## Communities Unite In Bid To Block Discontinuance Of Area Bus Service

By ROY A. WHITCOMB JR., Staff Reporter

Communities served by the Portland Coach Co. joined forces Wednesday to try to block proposed dissolution of bus service next month and head off any similar transportation crises in the future.

Electing officials and administrators of Portland, South Portland, Westbrook and Cape Elizabeth were organized in the American Society for Transportation (AST), Robert L. Travis of Westbrook, chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce, was named to head the panel.

THE COMMITTEE enlisted the services of E. Grover Plowman, former deputy under-secretary of commerce, as a special consultant. Plowman, a Brookside resident, is a nationally known transportation expert.

Travis brought out that ACT has both short-range and long-range goals.

"In the short-range concept we hope to prevent the stopping of bus service here on Sept. 4 through any means possible," he said.

(Portland Coach had said it will discontinue bus service on that date because to do otherwise would result in bankruptcy.)

"In the long range we hope to establish precedents that will

## Thieves Won't Steal Rudy Vallees Record

LYNN, Mass. (AP) — Actor-singer Rudy Vallees complained Wednesday that when thieves broke into his parked car they didn't take enough.

Vallee said the thieves left undisturbed a cation recording his album "The Funny Side of Rudy Vallees" and he commented:

"I'll tell them. I can't give them away. They won't even steal them."

The singer told police his car contained little else when it was broken into during the night while it was parked at a Lynn motel.

Vallee is appearing at a North Shore night club.

## Allagash Region Report To Lawmakers Reed Aim

AUGUSTA (AP) — Gov. Reed said Wednesday it would be "most advantageous to the state" if a special committee studying the use and control of the Allagash region could report to a special legislative session.

The governor said he expects to call a session sometime after a November referendum on recreational loan guarantees and other questions.

If that session should be in a position to pass an Allagash control bill, he told a news conference, it would be beneficial to the state to place the 100-mile northern wildland river valley securely under state control.

The U.S. Department of the Interior also has been studying the valley as a possible national recreation area. Reed has said he would prefer state control and multiple use of much of the area for recreation, timber harvest and wildlife conservation.

On another conservation matter, he said the Water Improve-

ment Commission has begun further tests of the odoriferous Kennebec River but this is a long project and he doesn't know whether legislation, if it is indicated, could be ready for a special session next fall or winter.

When low water and heavy industrial and domestic pollution began to cause odors this summer, Reed asked the WIC to review its earlier findings and see whether more stringent standards should be applied to the Kennebec than those enacted in 1961.

Since then the odors have turned into a stench and thousands of fish have died in many places from Augusta to Merry-met Bay, Mr. Reed said.

"I will certainly consider them (the WIC's) findings and make a decision on what additional steps can be taken to abate this pollution," Reed said.

"It certainly has been most undesirable, particularly this summer."

## Housing, Urban Affairs Measure Passes Senate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate voted Wednesday to create a cabinet department to deal with pressing problems created by increased urbanization of the United States.

By a 57-33 vote, the Senate approved creation of a Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sen. Margaret Chase Smith also voted for the bill.

Sen. Muskie also had a prominent role in attaining passage of the \$7.5 billion housing bill signed by the President Tuesday. The Maine senator was among those to witness the signing by presidential invitation.

The House version of the bill basically called for elevating the Housing and Home Finance Agency to cabinet status.

The bill would create the first cabinet-level department since the Kennedy administration.

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## Today's Chuckle

If the moon isn't made of green cheese, how come there's such a rat race to see who gets to it first?

## Bearded Ball-Bashers Barred

By WILLIAM H. WILLIAMSON Staff Reporter

KENNEBUNKPORT — If Mitch Miller, Fidel Castro or Billi Ives try to play golf at the Arundel Golf Course here, they won't be able to.

Not by the hair of their chinny-chin-chins, they won't!

For the short-but-tricky Arundel course has become the first in the state — if not in the world — to outlaw bearded golfers.

UNTIL A COUPLE of weeks ago, just about anybody who could raise the 93 green fee, provided he wasn't armed or intoxicated, could play the course. Technically, a player must be introduced by a member, but that's a formality rarely stuck upon.

Now, however, a golfer must be shaved close and clean.

Although there is some confusion surrounding the beard-ban at the club, one thing seems clear. It was instituted by club president Kenneth H. Raynor about two weeks ago.

The only person who could be



No Golf At Arundel For Him

to keep beatin' off the course."

Clark said he's only had to enforce the ruling twice.

THE FIRST TIME, however, witnesses say the bearded golfer blew his stack. "What if Abraham Lincoln wanted to play here?" he asked.

"Good Lord, isn't Kenne-bunkport part of the United States?" His pleas were to no avail, and he ended up playing at the area's other course, the Webhannett, in Kennebunk.

The local resort hotel where the man was staying witnessed a protest at the course. But the ruling stood firm.

The fact that even Arnold Palmer would be persona non grata at the Arundel Golf Course if he grew a beard has apparently tickled the imagination of both golfers and non-golfers in this popular resort village.

ROME AMONG THE CLUB'S membership have agreed that a putt can no longer be "mis-taken" if it is designed "mainly

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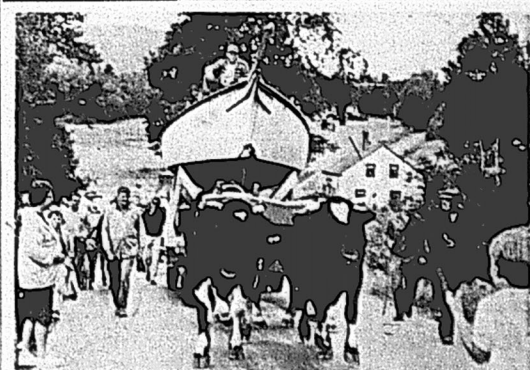
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Down To The Sea

Oxen haul the 25-foot Friendship sloop, Old Baldy, five miles from the mountain-top Bald Mountain Boat Works in Camden to its launching site in Rockport Wednesday. The craft was built under the sponsorship of James Rockefeller Jr. of Camden and the Friendship Sloop Society of Friendship. Their efforts have revived interest in the famous small boat. The oxen were specially shod for Wednesday's task. (Story on Page 28)