

600 New Maine Laws To Become Effective Friday

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AUGUSTA—More than 600 laws passed by the 102nd Maine Legislature—ranging from bills outlawing glue sniffing to making seat belts mandatory in all new automobiles—will become effective Friday.

Friday marks the 90th day following adjournment of the legislature, the date all nonemergency legislation becomes effective.

The new legislation will take effect at 12:01 a.m. Friday.

ONLY EMERGENCY legislation that became effective July 1 and a few bills that contained a specific effective date—such as an increase in the state minimum wage—are not covered by the 90-day rule.

There is only one notable exception, the measure that

would have allowed the Sunday sale of liquor in hotels, restaurants and clubs between noon and 9 p.m. "Dry" forces have submitted signatures to block the effective date of the legislation and force a statewide referendum on the issue.

Maine citizens have been feeling the bite of new tax legislation since July 1. All tax bills are passed as emergencies in order that they may coincide with the opening of the new fiscal year on that date.

MAJOR NEW legislation that will take effect Friday will:

- Make unlawful the sale of any 1966 automobiles without seat belts, a measure approved by the legislature only after a long fight. The bill provides, however, that evidence on nonuse of seat belts is not an indication of negligence in an accident suit.

- Allow the Liquor Commission to issue identification cards to persons 21 to 25 years old who request them as proof of legal age to buy liquor.
- Create the office of state archivist, the first step towards proper preservation of Maine's historical records. Maine is presently one of three states without such an officer.
- Authorize the state to award scholarships of up to \$400 for higher education study.
- Make compulsory education mandatory for youngsters up to the age of 17. At present a student may leave school at age 15.
- Permit possession of firearms by felons who have been released from probation, prison or parole for five years or more. Felons presently are prohibited from ever possessing guns.

- Give authority to the governor to declare "bank holidays" whenever emergencies require the action.
- Authorize tougher penalties for towns, businesses or individuals whose thoughtless or negligent acts cause property loss in forest fires.
- Provide the first pension increase for retired state employees and teachers.
- Remove financial responsibility of children, parents or anyone else except a spouse for the care of persons receiving public assistance. The Health and Welfare Department has long contended that it cost more to police this responsibility than it returned in payments for care.
- Make it illegal to solicit, furnish or hire professional strikebreakers to take the jobs of Maine workers laid because of strikes or lockouts.

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Names Trouble Shooters

LBJ Takes Action On Steel Situation

PITTSBURGH (AP)—President Johnson ordered two high-level trouble shooters—Sen. Wayne Morse and Leroy Collins— to Pittsburgh Saturday to try to head off a nationwide steel strike set for midnight Tuesday.

Morse, the Oregon Democrat who has mediated several big labor disputes, and Collins, undersecretary of commerce, arrived in Pittsburgh shortly before 5 p.m. and hurriedly planned a meeting with both sides.

"We are here to offer our services and see if we can be of any help. You never know in mediation you can only try," Morse told newsmen.

Morse and Collins joined William E. Skirkin, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, who has been in Pittsburgh for 10 days trying in the second time in four months to avert a steel strike.

The top-level industry negotiating team issued the following statement about the appointments:

"We are aware of the special mediator appointments just announced by the President and of course we will cooperate with them in their assignment."

Skirkin said Friday night the situation was not promising.

If no agreement is reached, 450,000 workers in basic steel can strike next Tuesday midnight, halting 80 per cent of the nation's steel production.

This was the second time



Wayne Morse



Leroy Collins

Johnson has taken a direct hand in the steel talks. He talked by phone with the top bargainers for the United Steelworkers Union and the industry Thursday and told them he expected their cooperation.

Johnson directed Morse and Collins to "isolate the issues between the parties and to see what steps can be taken to bring them together."

A White House statement repeated that Johnson said at a news conference Wednesday—that he considers it essential a settlement be reached and that

wage and price stability be maintained in steel.

Morse was a well-known mediator in labor-management disputes before becoming a senator. Since being in the Senate he has taken part in several mediation cases. Collins is a former governor of Florida.

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It's Splashdown Day For Gemini 5 Flight

MANNED SPACE CENTER, Houston, Tex. (AP)—Rough weather in the Atlantic caused space officials Saturday to cut the flight of the Gemini 5 by an orbit. Splashdown was reset to 7:35 a.m. (EST), 600 miles east of Jacksonville, Fla.

Gordon Cooper Jr. and Charles "Pete" Conrad Jr. were reported in good health.

But their noses were stopped up from breathing oxygen steadily, and both were weary enough that doctors considered giving them pep pills for the critical, fiery re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

They will have traveled 3,338,200 miles, shattered all endurance records in circling the earth 12 times, and stayed in flight 7 days, 22 hours and 55 minutes.

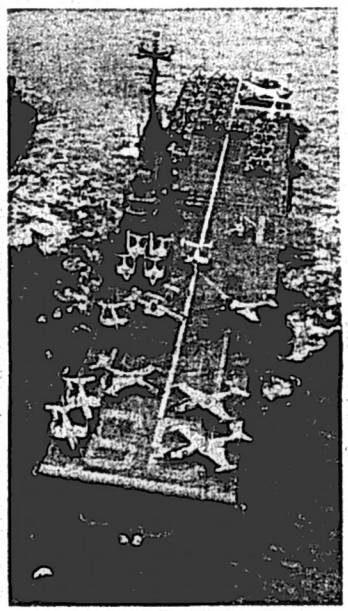
Under the new schedule the retro rockets will be fired south of Hawaii at 7:36 a.m. (EST). The Gemini 3 will pass over Puerto Penasco, Mexico; El Paso, Tex.; Dallas, Tex.; Jackson, Miss.; Columbus, Ga.; and over Savannah, Ga., and into the Atlantic.

The prime recovery ship, the carrier Lake Champlain, was ordered to switch directions.

Flight director Christopher C. Kraft Jr. told a news conference that two problems in the fuel cells—first with oxygen and later with too much water—were the most bothersome problems of the flight.

Asked if this had been a really "cranky" mission, Kraft said: "It's the first time we've tried to do one of this length, so I don't know whether it's cranky or not cranky. Maybe the next time we fly one of this length we'll find out. I think we're happy with its performance."

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Change Of Plans

The carrier USS Lake Champlain was speeding Saturday night toward a new splashdown area designated for Astronauts Gordon Cooper and Pete Conrad. Top cross in map above indicates the new splashdown site, several hundred miles northwest of original landing spot shown by cross near Grand Turk Island. Tropical storm Betsy forced the change in plans. (AP)



Race, Anyone?

Ardent horseman Gov. John H. Reed showed up at Acton's 100th annual fair Saturday morning, promptly borrowed an oldtime highwheeled sulky from an exhibitor and drove it past the grandstand. (By District Correspondent Hoar)

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Strike Could Slow Work On Beet Plant

By FRANK SLEEPER
Business Reporter

EASTON—A national steel strike could drastically slow down construction on the Maine Sugar Industries, Inc., sugar beet refinery, MBI president Fred Vahning Jr. said Saturday.

"Vahning declared that two of the main sugar beet refinery buildings have to be constructed from American steel because of work already done on their foundations."

The New Jersey man, who overcame a series of obstacles to get refinery construction under way here, knows of no way he can beat such a strike. "I'm not big enough for anything like that," he says.

American steel is scheduled to be used on the pulp storage, pelleting and packing buildings and the beet storage structure. They stand on either side of the main sugar beet processing buildings, which will be constructed of German steel.

BMA a West German company will build all of the main processing plant and much of the rest of the plant. Total contract awarded BMA is \$5.1 million. Continued On Page 18A; Col. 4

Bank 'Prank' Drains Blank

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP)—Kenneth Hopper wrote a check Friday at Manufacturers Bank and Trust Co., gave the check to a teller and was arrested by police while he was waiting for his money.

"All I did was try to cash a check and I get arrested," Hopper said, after he was released from the station.

What he didn't know was that someone had written a note on the back of the counter check that had read: "This is a holdup. Give me your money now, P.S. No tricks."

Police said the whole thing apparently was a prank. Hopper said he didn't think the apparent joke was funny.

Betsy Forces Early End To Flight

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Tropical storm Betsy brushed past the Leward Islands Saturday, picked up speed and forced an early end to the flight of Gemini 5.

Although still a weak storm, her forward speed of 21 miles an hour would push her too close to the Grand Turk splashdown area planned for 121 orbits.

Betsy's highest winds of 45 m.p.h. apparently did little, if any, damage as she whipped northward along the eastern edge of the Caribbean Sea. Martinique reported only showers and slight gusts as Betsy whipped very close to the island during the afternoon. Gale warnings were flying at Continued On Page 18A; Col. 5

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Greek Govt. Loses Vote Of Confidence

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—The Greek Parliament early Sunday voted no confidence in Premier Elias Tsirnikos' government, bringing its downfall and postponing the six-week-old political crisis.

The Socialist was King Constantine's second choice to form a government since the ouster of George Papandreu from the premiership July 15. Tsirnikos, 58, had expressed optimism over his chances of setting a majority throughout five nights of debate, but Parliament rejected him in post-midnight voting.

The vote in the 300-seat chamber was 159 to 133. Some deputies were absent.

Papandreu, 77, Center Union party leader who has opposed two palace candidates and sought to return as premier, boycotted the week-long debate. But he walked into Parliament dramatically when his name was called on the roll in the 300-seat chamber, just as he did almost a month ago for the vote that defeated George Athanasiadis Novas.

Center Union deputies applauded the politician. The 99 National Radical Union deputies booted Papandreu raised his hand. Continued On Page 18A; Col. 3

Labor Restriction Threat To State's Paper Industry

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District Correspondent

Maine's giant paper industry foresees the possibility of an acute raw material shortage this winter unless the federal government eases its restrictions on the use of Canadian labor for lumber cutting in the deep woods of the state.

One paper company spokesman pointed to the ban on Canadian woodmen and noted, "If this goes through the way they're talking that it will, there won't be any paper made six months from now."

The paper firms are striving to obtain domestic labor to fill the vital jobs, but are reportedly not having much success, if any.

The paper industry is not the first in Maine to run up against the limitation on the use of Canadian labor. Apple growers of the state, along with those

of the other New England states, have been pressuring the Labor Department to relax the restriction for the apple harvest.

A DEPARTMENT DECISION on use of Canadian labor in the East Coast harvest, which begins in a couple of weeks, will be announced Monday.

Crews of the paper companies' problem lies with the deep woods operations, which require work crews to spend five day weeks at a lumber camp. Canadian woodmen, for the most part closer to the steel than Maine laborers, have traditionally performed the work since the disappearance of the Paul Bunyan type Maine lumberjack from the scene after World War II.

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liked what he saw and went to work in a Connecticut factory.

Maine still has its woodmen, but they prefer to work closer to the community in which they live and return home each night.

On the other hand, the Canadians, most of them skilled at the trade, live primarily off their winter earnings in the Maine woods. The small farms on which they live just across the border carry them through the summer months. But to ply their trade in Canada they would have to travel 500 miles or better into the northern reaches of the country to find work comparable to that available in Maine.

In short, the Canadians are ready, willing and available to do the work and Maine lumbermen apparently are just as willing to let them.

The Maine paper companies which feel they need the Canadian woodmen for their winter deep woods operations, are patiently awaiting the results of Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz's efforts to ascertain that every U.S. citizen has a chance at the work.

The firms' attempts meanwhile to garner domestic labor are in line with the Labor Department ruling which requests proof that no such workers exist before imported help can be considered.

THE COMPANIES and contract cutters working for them have been peering newspapers, particularly those in Waterville and Bangor with advertisements for woodmen. The ads are placed through Maine Employment Security Commission offices in Bangor, Brewer, Presque Isle, Calais and Rumford.

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