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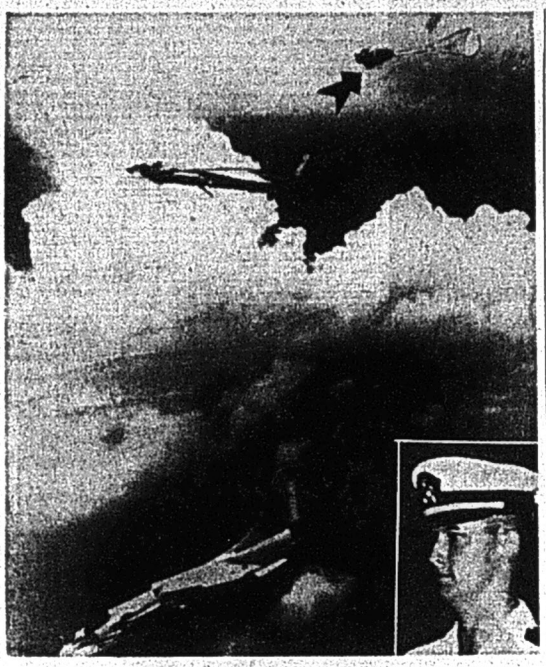

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Plane And Parted Pilot

Disabled and unmanned, an F8E jet, (lower left) shot down over the China Sea while on a recent strafing mission, falls toward its watery grave as a successfully ejected seat carrying Navy Lt. Jack A. Terhune (arrow), begins to drop. Terhune, shown in insert, flew the first strafing mission into North Viet Nam last February.

Displeased Bus Union To Weigh Final Offer

By WILLIAM A. LANGLEY
Staff Reporter

A federal mediator and union officials disagreed here Wednesday night on the results of an attempt to avoid a bus strike in the greater Portland area.

John J. Sullivan, federal mediator, called Wednesday's meeting at the Sheraton-Eastland Motor Hotel, "the first healthy and optimistic session we've had."

UNION OFFICIALS, however, were clearly displeased with the Portland Coach Co.'s last ditch proposal to avert the Monday walkout deadline.

Federal and state mediators warned both sides not to reveal the terms of the new proposal until union members have a chance to review it.

Union officials said they will recommend to members the offer be rejected.

They have called special meetings at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday at union headquarters, 22 Monument Square to review the offer. The night crew will attend the morning meeting, and the day crew will attend the night session.

The proposal was termed by the bus firm as "the last, final and complete offer," to the union in order to halt the scheduled strike.

Union spokesmen repeated their charge the negotiations were being held under the threat of the bus company's liquidation.

FREDERICK O. FITZGERALD of Lexington, Mass., international vice president of the Transit Union, said, "Any offer made by the company up to now will not receive the recommendation of acceptance by union officials."

He said, "I don't know if there's enough on the table to take back to union members or not."

Millard M. Jordan, president of Local 716, said, "The offer is decidely unrealistic in view of the financial help the company has received from state and local sources."

Spokesmen for both sides said the new offer includes wage adjustments. The company's last offer was for an unspecified bonus if drivers would stay on the job until Feb. 28, 1966, with no wage hike.

Barnett I. Shur, representing the City of Portland, and the Area Committee on Transportation, said he has advised the school department to look for other means of transportation for school children in the event the strike takes place.

"IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT uncertainty of negotiation results," Shur said, "I have suggested to our school department that it immediately take steps to secure transportation for school children in the event the strike should materialize."

He said there is an "opportunity for very limited service by another bus company." This would definitely not be full service, he added.

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Marines, Vietnamese Join Forces To Clear Cong From Chu Lai Area

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — U.S. Marines and Vietnamese government troops joined Wednesday, nearly 2,000 strong, to clear Viet Cong from the area of Chu Lai, whose air strip was the target of a guerrilla suicide raid a week ago.

The operation, 340 miles northeast of Saigon, was dubbed Black Ferret. Briefing officers said the Marines drew sporadic sniper fire and suffered light casualties, but captured six Viet Cong and seized an enemy battle flag in the opening phase.

About 30 miles down the South China Sea Coast, a big Communist detachment pulled back into the mountains under strafing and bombing by U.S. jets after an unsuccessful attempt to overrun a government outpost near the port of Quang Ngai.

U.S. sources estimated from 500 to 600 Viet Cong hit the outpost before dawn. The garrison held, with casualties described as moderate. There was no report on Viet Cong losses.

Routine Marine operations around Da Nang, a major air base 52 miles north of Chu Lai, led to the death of two guerrillas and capture of three.

In midnight attacks last Wednesday, guerrilla infiltrators destroyed two bombers at Chu Lai and 19 helicopters at the Marble Mountain air strip, east of the main Da Nang base. Thirty-seven Viet Cong were killed during these operations.

On a firing range at Da Nang, picked men of the 3rd Marine Division began training with longer range rifles for sniper duty to induce Viet Cong marksmen to keep their distance.

A total of 92 are being armed with Model 70 30-caliber Winchesters, each fitted with a telescopic sight. The Winchester carries effectively for 700 to 1,000 yards, against 500 yards by the Leatherneck rifleman's basic weapon, the 7.62mm M14.

In the Mekong delta, a Viet Cong sampan fell prey to a government river assault group. A spokesman said the group riddled the sampan with machine gun fire, killed three guerrillas and captured several hundred rounds of ammunition.

South Korea's Tiger Division, with 12,000 troops now in South Viet Nam, took over from a U.S. Marine unit the defense of a large area around Qui Nhon, a supply base on the South China Sea 260 miles northeast of Saigon.

A U.S. Navy F8 Crusader jet from the carrier Midway was lost at sea off South Viet Nam after a bombing mission against the Viet Cong, but the pilot was rescued.

A spokesman said Lt. (j.g.) W. A. Riley, 24, of Pasadena, Tex., a veteran of more than 100 combat missions, ejected when his plane developed mechanical trouble on the run back to the carrier. A helicopter picked him up in seven minutes and returned him to the Midway.

Air activity over South Viet Nam included the second raid in as many days by B52 jet bombers from Guam on a suspected Viet Cong storage area in the Boi Loi forest 30 miles northwest of Saigon.

Transportation targets drew attention again north of the border. Pilots said eight 3,000-pound bombs heavily damaged a 120-foot section of a concrete highway bridge 115 miles southwest of Hanoi.

Overall casualties last week were higher on both sides than in the week before. A U.S. spokesman said factors included three battalion-size attacks and one of regimental strength launched by the Viet Cong.

Viet Cong losses in the Oct. 21-27 campaigning were 1,264 dead and 233 captured, their third highest on record for a single week. There was no estimate of the guerrilla wounded.

The spokesman said 23 Americans were killed in action, 114 wounded and 2 missing or captured. South Vietnamese casualties were 263 killed, 772 wounded and 63 missing or captured.

Johnson Congratulates Lindsay On N.Y. Victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York's Republican Mayor-elect John V. Lindsay, first of his party to capture that title in 24 years, got congratulations and a promise of cooperation Wednesday from President Johnson.

Both Democrats and Republicans claimed comfort in the outcome of Tuesday's off-year elections, which saw Democratic campaigners capture the other two top prizes, the governorships of New Jersey and Virginia.

Lindsay, the lanky, 43-year-old congressman from Manhattan's "Silk Stocking" District, hit the New York sidewalks again, this time to thank the voters who zoomed him to victory over Democrat Abraham D. Beame.

Johnson told Lindsay he will work to make sure that federal and city officials join forces "to make New York a good place to live."

Lindsay's triumph, by a 136,144-vote margin in a heavily Democratic city, vaulted him to the vanguard of the GOP, even though his campaign stance shunned the party banner. Some Republicans talked of a potential presidential future for the handsome young New Yorker.

Lindsay himself insisted at a news conference that he has no presidential ambitions. "As far as I'm concerned," he said, "I want to be mayor of New York and nothing else."

Democrats scoffed at Republican claims that the Lindsay victory would bolster the GOP, trounced across the nation in

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Isbrandtsen Official Hits 'Force' On Ship Contract

By JACK D. HUBBARD

AUGUSTA, Maine (UPI) — A director of American Export Isbrandtsen (AEI) Lines said Wednesday the big shipping company would not be forced by anyone to build ships — Maine politicians and businessmen included.

The director, who asked not to be identified, was contacted by telephone at his New York office.

"We're not ever going to be forced to build a ship because somebody else wants it," the director said. "We build ships because we want them... and if we can't convince the Federal Maritime Administration of that then I don't know my business."

He said American Export, by building eight instead of three or four ships could save the government up to $7 million. He added, "It's a damn tough senator or congressman from someplace to justify wasting that kind of money."

The Maritime Administration, contacted last week in Washington, said no action had been taken on American Export's request for eight ships on the Bath Iron Works' low bid for three of four.

The line official said that while the Bath bid was under consideration, AEI had gone ahead on a container ship pro-

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Maine Gets $355,000 Under Highway Bill

WASHINGTON — The Bureau of Roads has made an initial allocation of $355,000 to Maine under the Highway Beautification Bill, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie's office announced Wednesday.

In disbursement of the funds, $317,237 will be used for scenic easements; $21,635 for control of outdoor signs, and $16,648 for control of junkyards.

Divers Recover Body Of Mass. Deer Hunter

GREENVILLE — Skindivers recovered the body of a Bay State deer hunter from the waters of Big Duck Cove on Moosehead Lake Wednesday afternoon.

Douglas G. Welch, about 50 of 18 Ina Road, Needham, Mass., apparently drowned when his canoe was upset in rough waters Tuesday. Penobscot County Medical Examiner Lewis Taylor of Dexter ruled the death accidental.

A companion, Joe Sudak of Dorcester, Mass., said they had been hunting for a week in the remote area, 30 miles north of Greenville, and had planned to return home Wednesday.

Sudak said he returned from hunting to the campsite Tuesday afternoon to find Welch missing. Wednesday morning he went to Rockwood to notify Warden Norman Harriman.

Warden Inspector Charles Tobie and pilot-warden Malcolm Maheu went to the scene and after finding the square-sterned canoe overturned in the cove called in skindivers.

Dan Walker of Bingham and Glenn Speed of Haynesville probed the waters about 20 minutes before finding Welch's body in 30 to 40 feet near shore.

Investigators theorized Welch had taken the canoe to go out to a launch he and Sudak had hired and was thrown into the water by the rough winds. Welch was not wearing a life preserver, they said.

Also investigating were Piscataquis County Deputy Sheriffs William Rolfe of Milo and Leo Farrar of Brownville Junction.

Welch, who was married and had children, formerly lived at Madison and Rockwood.

Two Men Found Innocent On Charge Of Kidnaping

By KENNETH W. BERRY

A U.S. District Court jury Wednesday found two Worcester, Mass. men innocent of kidnaping Mrs. Laura E. Timms, 44, of Middleboro, Mass.

Donald B. Parker, 32, and Glenn R. Geraway, 22, were found guilty, however, of interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle.

Judge Edward T. Gignoux continued the case for sentencing.

The verdict was announced at 7 p.m.

A DEATH PENALTY was not at stake in the kidnaping trial, although Federal law provides such a penalty where the victim is harmed. Where it is applicable, it is a matter for jury determination.

The indictments against Parker and Geraway alleged she was harmed, but the government did not protest a motion by the defense and this claim was stricken at the start of the trial.

A jury verdict of guilty where harm is not involved places responsibility for sentence upon the judge. This Federal law provides a sentence of life or any term of years for kidnaping without harm to the victim.

They were instructed, in answer to the second question, that if they were convinced from the testimony that Mrs. Timms came to Maine voluntarily, the kidnaping charge would fail, even if she were threatened while in Maine.

But, Judge Gignoux told them if they believed the trip was undertaken unwillingly by her before the car crossed a state line, and it then did cross a line, the charge of kidnaping would be proved.

Mrs. Timms had testified she was forced to drive Parker, Geraway and two girl com-

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Biddeford's Mayor Gaulin Not To Seek Re-Election

BIDDEFORD—Wishing citizens "good luck and most of all good government," Mayor Edward F. Gaulin announced Wednesday he would not be a candidate for re-election to a second one-year term in December.

The 34-year-old attorney last year ousted William W. Pomerleau, first Republican to hold the mayor's post in 47 years. He cited "obligations to my family and law practice" as his reasons for not running again.

"The position . . . is no longer a part-time job," he said in a prepared statement. "It is a job which becomes more complicated and time consuming every day and requires the full attention of an educated, experienced administrator and purchasing agent.

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Edward F. Gaulin

Associated Press Radiophoto from Saigon

Red Defiance

A Viet Cong guerrilla, despite capture and facing the business end of a cocked pistol, snarls defiance at a U.S. soldier near Piei Me.

Effort Expected To Fail By Slim Margin

U.N. Debates Seating Of Peking Monday

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The General Assembly will open debate Monday on the controversial issue of seating Red China. Diplomats generally believe efforts to admit Peking and oust the Chinese Nationalists will fail but by perhaps the narrowest margin in U.N. history.

Amintore Fanfani of Italy, the assembly president, announced the start of the debate after consultations with delegations.

Two years ago the membership of the United Nations stood at 111 and the vote on the Chinese representation issue was 51 per cent against, 37 per cent in favor and 12 per cent abstaining; in actual vote it was 37 against, 41 in favor, 12 abstentions and one absent.

The assembly did not vote on the issue last year because of the deadlock over voting rights of nations in arrears on peacekeeping assessments.

This year membership totals 117 nations. Two years ago France voted no, but since then has extended diplomatic recognition to Peking. Despite the change of the French attitude and some others the United States has expressed confidence the U.N. door will remain closed to the Chinese Communists.

Eleven countries — the Soviet Union not among them — proposed that the assembly debate the issue this year.

Albania, regarded as the voice of Peking here, is the most vociferous advocate of admitting Peking and kicking out the Chinese Nationalists.

Diplomatic sources said Albania seeks also Assembly action that would meet some of Peking's conditions for U.N. membership. These include withdrawal of U.N. condemnation of Peking as an aggressor in Korea as voted by the assembly in 1951.

Cambodia was reported favoring a resolution that would seat Peking in all U.N. bodies without expelling the Chinese Nationalists. But this was regarded as not acceptable either to Peking or the Nationalist regime on Formosa.

The 11 nations that proposed the debate this year are Albania, Algeria, Burundi, Cambodia, Congo (Brazzaville), Cuba, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Rumania and Syria.

There is some disagreement among diplomats on whether a two-thirds majority will be required in the assembly to defeat advocates of seating Peking.

The assembly decided in 1961 that approval would require a two-thirds majority. That was the first year the assembly debated the issue as an agenda item. In previous years the United States succeeded in obtaining decisions to postpone putting the issue on the agenda.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON picks a little hill country hamlet in Texas as the site to swear in his new postmaster general.- Lawrence F. O'Brien, a Massachusetts Irishman. Page 2.

WITH MILITARY-LIKE SECRECY, President Charles de Gaulle is preparing to announce whether he will seek another seven-year term which would end when he is 82. Back Page.

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Today's Chuckle

Isn't it true that people who give up smoking usually substitute something for it — Like bragging.

Prayer For Today

Heavenly Father, in the midst of an age characterized by violence, oppression and reprisals, we pray to be quick to forgive and anxious to do everything within our power to heal the hurts of mankind. May we never forget that Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Amen.

—F. Dale Oldham, Anderson, Ind., executive director, Christian Brotherhood Hour.

CBS Thursday Night Movies

"ELMER GANTRY"

Starring BURT LANCASTER

9:00 P.M. Channel 13