

Drivers OK Offer; Bus Service Sure Until June

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Bus transportation will continue in the Greater Portland area at least until next June 30.

Members of Local 714, Amalgamated Transit Union, Friday night voted 58-8 to accept a last-ditch proposal to keep the buses rolling for some 15,000 passengers daily, including 8,000 school children.

The 84 drivers and 37 mechanics of the Portland Coach Co. will receive an eight-cent-an-hour wage hike, retroactive to Nov. 1.

They had asked for a two-year contract, with a 14-cent-

an-hour increase a year, retroactive to last May 1. When their contract expired, they have been working since then without a contract.

MILLARD M. JORDAN, president of Local 714, said Friday night union members were "pleased" by the vote.

"We could have struck anytime since last July 14," he said. "But there has been no interruption of passenger service in the area, and I think the union has shown it was looking out for the welfare of the riding public."

He said the union explored "every angle which we thought

would bring this thing to a peaceful settlement."

In another development, Portland Coach Co. officials earlier Friday said they will cease to operate here after next June 30.

Jordan said the union was looking forward to better working conditions with whatever ownership takes over local bus transportation after next June 30.

"We would like to receive a decent New England hourly wage rate," he said.

Bus drivers in Manchester, N. H., a city of comparable size receive \$2.39 an hour and

the New England average is \$2.35 an hour, he declared.

Jordan said the union considers its acceptance of the proposal a compromise. "But we had to keep the men working through the holidays for passengers and for their own families," he said.

He pledged the union would cooperate with the Area Committee on Transportation and city and state officials to secure new public transportation.

"We are hoping for some sort of municipal authority to take this situation over," he said.

Earlier in the day, House Speaker Dana Chidsey, Demo-

cratic candidate for governor, called for "emergency legislation" to continue bus service in Greater Portland.

He said he would "wholeheartedly support" any move in a special session of the Legislature in January to keep the buses operating, "even to the end of creating an authority to operate" buses in the area.

The proposal also calls for Portland and South Portland to raise their contributions for school children another nickel to 20-cents for pupils living more than 1½ miles from school.

Other pupils will still pay 15-cents, provided they buy

special 15-trip student tickets.

The fare increase is expected to cost both cities \$14,600.

J. Weston Welch, chairman of the City Council, said "We appreciate the sacrifices which were made by both the company and the employees to reach this agreement."

He said the city would continue to seek a solution to "this prevailing problem."

"THE SETTLEMENT will give all parties involved an opportunity to devote their full time and efforts to development of a long-range solution to the entire problem, which will undoubtedly involve fed-

eral financial assistance under the Urban Mass Transportation Act," he said.

Joseph C. Jordan, president of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce, expressed "deepest appreciation" to those who worked to avert a loss of bus service.

He expressed regret the bus company "finds it necessary to relinquish its franchise."

Joseph Jordan praised members of the union, and said they should be "especially cited for their role in securing the settlement. It was their voice which resulted in averting the crisis."

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Bombs Over Viet Nam

A U.S. B52 stratofortress drops a load of 750-pound bombs over a Viet Nam coastal target. The plane is based at Guam.

Vietnamese Patrols Probe Cong Forest Stronghold

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — The Boi Loi Forest, a Viet Cong stamping ground, yielded some of its secrets to Vietnamese patrols today.

Government troops probing the forest, 30 miles southwest of Saigon, killed one Viet Cong and freed 10 Vietnamese soldiers from a guerrilla prison camp. They said they found a workshop containing a generator and a store of mines, grenades, ammunition and uniforms. Light contact was reported during the sweep.

There was action again in the central highlands, though the report was vague. Reports from Pleiku, a military headquarters, said about 300 Viet Cong overrun a government camp 20 miles southeast of that city before dawn, then pulled out again.

The camp's 100-man garrison was said to have fled. There was no information concerning casualties.

U.S. military authorities said captured documents and the interrogation of prisoners and defectors show that five regiments of Communist North Viet Nam's regular army — perhaps 7,500 men — are now operating in South Viet Nam. That is a rise from a tentative estimate of

three regiments in mid-July. U.S. Navy and Air Force planes hammered again at targets on both sides of the border. Radio Hanoi broadcast a declaration that seven U.S. planes were shot down in raids on North Viet Nam.

There was no confirmation in Saigon.

Briefing officers said, however, nine persons were killed in the aerial collision Thursday night of two U.S. Army helicopters 250 miles northeast of Saigon near An Khe, headquarters of the U.S. 1st Cavalry, Air Mobile Division.

First aid was said to be on the way. The death toll was seven. All the victims are believed to have been Americans.

Further north, about 2,000 U.S. Marines and Vietnamese troops pressed through the third day of "Operation Black Panther" with little to show for their efforts.

Striving to clear Viet Cong from the area around Chu Lai, they have killed two and seized some guerrilla equipment, uniforms and documents.

Guns of the U.S. 7th Fleet shelled Viet Cong holdings near the coast of the South China Sea. Aerial spotters said there was extensive damage to encampments and buildings.

Ten U.S. governors arrived

for a four-day tour of South Viet Nam following visits to Japan and Hong Kong. They are headed by Gov. John H. Reed, Maine Republican, chairman of the executive committee of the National Governors Conference.

Gov. George Romney of Michigan, a Republican, said he has the impression the United States has taken the initiative in the war. But he added that, "Based on what I've heard in Asia, I'm inclined to think that the impression at home is somewhat more favorable and optimistic than the facts will justify."

Sec. Rusk Clashes With DeGaulle On European Troop Disposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk, clashing with French President Charles de Gaulle, declared Friday that integration of U.S. and allied forces in Europe is an operational necessity to avoid "complete confusion at a moment of crisis."

"We have a very substantial force in the heart of Europe—U.S. and allied forces in Europe would give me—surrounded in a sea of foreigners," Rusk said. "Integration is imposed upon us by the de facto situation."

"Our responsibility for the effectiveness and the security

and the future of those forces in Europe is such that we need to know who is going to do what, when and where, if there is trouble."

His strong defense of the allied integration system at a news conference immediately raised a question of whether U.S. and allied forces in Europe would pull their forces out of Europe.

When this question was put to Rusk he declined a direct answer, but replied: "With these troops in the heart of Europe, there is a certain de facto im-

pulsion toward integration of strategy and command and arrangements and logistics and all sorts of things. It is something that is required, it seems to me, by the operational necessities of the situation."

De Gaulle, who announced Thursday that he would stand for a second seven-year term as president of France, already has declared—at a September news conference—his determination to seek an end to the integration of North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in his request.

In Columbia, S.C., state Atty. Gen. Daniel R. McLeod called the court's action "exactly what we wanted."

Justices Hugo L. Black, John M. Harlan and Potter Stewart voted against permitting South Carolina to file its complaint. The court released its order after its customary Friday conference.

South Carolina filed its case in the high court on Sept. 29. The government came in Oct. 21 with its proposal for a suit against the other three states. The court already had directed the states to answer the government by Nov. 16, in accordance with the Justice Department's request.

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Supreme Court Will Rule On Voting Rights Measure

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to rule directly on the constitutionality of the 1965 Voting Rights Act in a move that could clear the way for thousands of southern Negroes to vote in 1966 primaries.

It granted a request by South Carolina that it settle the validity of the law once and for all by assuming "original jurisdiction" in the case, aimed at getting Negroes

registered to vote. The Justice Department had asked for early arguments in hopes of a final ruling in time to permit primary voting by Negroes.

The high court rejected a department move to file parallel cases against Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, after South Carolina had acted first. But the court said any other state could join South Carolina in its request.

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A slowdown on this issue probably will begin to develop next year with French proposals for reorganization of NATO. In effect, De Gaulle's press conference in September and Rusk's response Friday marked the joining of the struggle.

White Rusk left the implied threat of a U.S. withdrawal of forces from Europe without U.S. officials say they are not considering such a move. On the contrary, the United States and other NATO allies already have started planning for maintenance of U.S. forces in Europe.



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'Severe Fighting Ahead'

Rhodesian Independence Move Hinted

Smith Invokes Sharp Curbs In Emergency Decree

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP) — The government today issued a state of emergency Friday controlling the movement of persons throughout Rhodesia, saying it was necessary to head off a possible wave of African sabotage.

Caught by surprise, British Prime Minister Harold Wilson met with his top advisers in London as specialists agreed that the white government of Rhodesia was about to take the fateful step of declaring independence for this British colony.

Prime Minister Ian Smith declared this, however, telling reporters: "When we are going to declare a state of emergency for a unilateral declaration of independence we will tell you about it."

To the north in Zambia, however, people rushed to buy food and gasoline just in case Zambia, hostile to the Rhodesian government, is dependent on Rhodesia for supplies from the outside world.

Police headquarters here announced that pamphlets threat-

ening the establishment of an African nationalist government in Rhodesia were found Wednesday in the Bulawayo African reservation of Zikilanz.

The pamphlets read: "If Britain does not stop its minority negotiations with Smith by Nov. 16, 1965, the Zimbabwe African People's Union will form a government in Zimbabwe." The union has been banned and its leaders restricted.

Zimbabwe, taken from mysterious British thought to be about 1,000 years old in the southern part of Africa.

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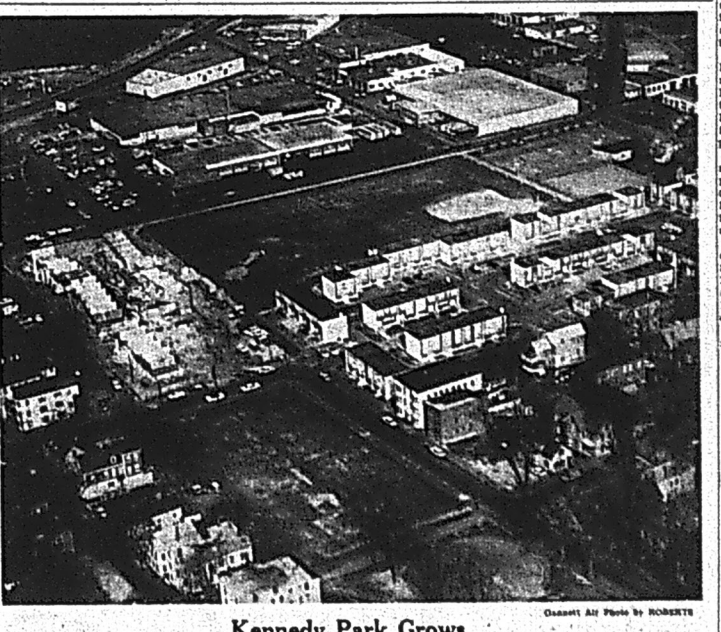
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Kennedy Park Grows
The 24-unit addition to John F. Kennedy Park takes shape, left center, at Bayside adjacent to the original Kennedy project, right center. The new housing is expected to be completed next March, and will bring the total number of units to 70.

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