

# Democratic First District Race May Erupt After All

By WILLIAM LANGLEY Staff Reporter

The primary race for the Democratic First District Congressional nomination may burst into a free-wheeling and hotly contested campaign after all.

The Democrats are suddenly considering a host of possibilities in an effort to unseat Republican incumbent Stanley R. Tupper, who is generally con-

sidered to be riding the crest of his Congressional career.

Where last week there was no Democratic heat in the First District ring, there are now all shapes, sizes and styles.

**THE RACE STARTED** when State Sen. Carlton E. Mendell, Portland, announced this week-end he will seek the seat. The 44-year-old insurance man said Saturday he had checked with party officials, and was told

that no one was interested in facing Tupper.

But apparently, Mendell's inquiry touched off considerable activity in party ranks.

An informal survey Saturday of leading Democratic figures in the First District indicates no rush to support Mendell's candidacy. Most, in fact, mentioned somebody else as their favorite — even though nobody else has announced.

Some of the names mentioned are:

- Owen L. Hancock, Casco
- W. Russell Edwards Jr., Falmouth
- Lloyd P. LaPointe, Biddeford
- Mrs. Catherine Hendricks Carwell, Portland
- Peter M. Kyros, Portland
- And any of four Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls

Hancock, a former state party chairman, and member of the 95th Legislature, admitted Saturday night he was thinking of running for the post.

"I'VE BEEN PUZZLING over this thing for several months," he said. "I haven't sought any support yet, but I would hate to see it go by the board. There are several outstanding candidates for the job, and I would

rather support an A.W. I man than run myself."

Edward's, a freshman member of the Maine House, and chairman of the Museum Study Committee, said he had thought "informally" of running, but "I don't think I will."

He said, "Practically speaking, I have no idea how I would finance such a campaign. I have discussed the possibility with several people, but I don't

feel it is the right thing for me to do at this time."

"I enjoyed my last session in the House, and I look forward to another if I can serve it."

Mrs. Carwell, veteran of five sessions in the Maine House, has been mentioned several times as a possible candidate, but she indicated she would work for the election of Col. G.

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## Cong Abducts 4 U.S. Airmen

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — A U.S. spokesman announced Saturday night the Viet Cong abducted four U.S. Air Force noncommissioned officers last Sunday and an intensive hunt is under way to recover them. Helicopters and planes scoured the countryside for clues.

The four were reported stopped at a road roadblock while returning to Saigon from leave in Vung Tau, a seaside resort and military center 45 miles southeast of this city.

The trap was sprung only five or 10 miles from Vung Tau. Unofficial sources said one of the men had escaped and made his way to a Vietnamese government outpost. This was their story, officially unconfirmed: The man reported a second American escaped with him, but was later recaptured. The man who reportedly got away was quoted as saying he heard the shout "Ho, ho, ho," and then a burst of gunfire.

There was no word on the other two men. Military authorities declined to identify any pending notification of next of kin. All were based at Tan Son Airport in Saigon.

In operational affairs, the



Abduction Scene

a bridge 35 miles east of Hanoi with 35 tons of bombs Friday after conventional ground fire downed one of the planes in that area.

Other Navy craft and U.S. Air Force planes flew armed reconnaissance missions north of the border Saturday, gunning for ferry facilities, barges, roads and bridges.

There was no announcement here of any losses in these operations.

Red China's New China News Agency broadcast a Hanoi dispatch declaring that five U.S. aircraft, including a helicopter, were shot down and several of the pilots were captured.

A ground, men of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division probed an extensive Viet Cong tunnel system they uncovered in hills 20 miles north of Saigon.

Briefing officers said the Americans killed at least five Viet Cong and overran an underground medical station in action that cost them eight casualties.

The tunnels were head high and several ran as far as 60 feet into the hillsides. Many contained medical supplies.

About 15 U.S. Navy jets from the 7th Fleet carrier, Oriskany, hammered the missile site and



Draft Card Burners Doused

A man off camera at left fires a barrage of water from a seltzer bottle Saturday at five persons starting to burn their draft cards in defiance of a new federal law. (AP Wirephoto)

President Johnson announced the new refugee agreement, negotiated through the Swiss Embassy in Havana as the representative of this country, and said in a statement:

"I am pleased with the understanding which has been reached. It is an important forward step in carrying out the declaration I made on Oct. 3 to the Cuban people. I said that those who seek refuge here will find it. That continues to be the policy of the American people."

Johnson was referring to a speech he made beside the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor in which he quickly took up Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro on a sweeping promise to bring open Cuba's gates to any and all wishing to leave.

Castro, who said that it came to actual negotiations.

While the matter is open for further discussions, he wound up by slamming the doors to political prisoners, men of military age and technicians he wants to keep. Differences over this held up the agreement for days.

Furthermore, the U.S. government indicated the refugee agreement as no real omen of a general improvement in Cuban-American relations.

White House press secretary Bill D. Moyers was asked about that and said:

"The answer is that this is a very particular situation affect-

## Monthly Quota Set At 3,000-4,000 U.S. And Cuba Reach Agreement On Refugees

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP) — The United States and Communist Cuba sealed Saturday an agreement allowing 3,000 to 4,000 Cubans a month to find refuge in this country. The starting deadline is Dec. 1 and there is no cutoff date.

The emphasis will be on reuniting thousands of families. Officials make no prediction on how many Cubans may leave their homeland under the new pact but the total is expected to run beyond 100,000.

The government puts the number of Cubans who already have taken asylum in the United States at more than 250,000. Before the 1962 Cuban missile crisis halted travel, about 8,000 Cubans were coming in each month.

adequate procedures have been set up to weed out spies and subversives.

The refugee agreement came about in a "memorandum of understanding" between the Swiss Embassy and the Cuban Foreign Ministry — a document that required no formal signatures.

When humanitarian considerations require it, the U.S. and Cuban governments also will put some "close" relatives in the top-priority category. But they did not define "close" relatives. Furthermore, Cubans who can't qualify as "immediate" relatives will get a chance to

come to this country whenever seats are available on refugee planes.

The airlift is designed to provide free, fast, safe transportation and eliminate dangers several thousand Cubans faced in trying to get out of the country by small boat once Castro lifted the barriers. Some met death on stormy crossings a few Florida Straits. Many were rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

About 2,800 made it to Florida by water, the Texas White House said, before Castro closed the embarkation port of Camaguey. Another 2,800 still are waiting at the port. Under a separate oral agreement, Moyers said, the United States is

going to get them out on chartered boats.

The new influx of Cubans will be coming in, Moyers said, with the more, probably, than they can carry in a suitcase.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare are expected to provide additional will give them what it calls a transitional allowance of about \$100. Relatives and religious and charitable organizations are expected to provide additional aid. Congress has provided \$4.6 million to handle the new flow.

The newcomers will have a rather nebulous status in the new land. The legal term is "parolees." They will not be resident aliens; they cannot become American citizens. But they can hold jobs and they can go back to Cuba anytime they wish.

One White House authority said it is hard to put a figure on the restriction behind Castro's original offer to let anybody out who wanted out. But the administration has an idea his primary purpose was propaganda.

Officials say they doubtless are other factors, such as a desire to rid his ranks of dissident elements. And his Communist government presumably will take over all property left behind.

One spokesman said: "I think the key feeling is that he probably made the original overture, not expecting that the President would respond as he did."



Maine Governor In Mekong

Maine's Gov. John H. Reed, left, and Georgia's Gov. Carl E. Sanders look over wooden loom at training school in the Viet Cong infested Mekong Delta region. Explaining loom to them is the Viet Nam government's regional chief, Lt. Col. Tran Van Tuoi. (AP Wirephoto)

### Viet Nam Protest

## 5 Draft Cards Burned In N. Y.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Five pacifists protesting the military involvement in U.S. involvement in the Viet Nam war burned their draft cards Saturday in front of 1,500 persons and police and FBI cameras.

The pacifists succeeded in defying federal law despite the action of a heckler who doused them with a fire extinguisher in an attempt to prevent the burning.

The pacifists put the torch to the Selective Service documents in Union Square during a demonstration sponsored by four pacifist organizations.

Standing in a row on a portable platform, the pacifists, with the fire extinguisher fluid dripping down their faces, reduced their cards to ashes with cigarette lighters.

Police seized the heckler, who had produced the fire extinguisher from inside a laundry bag while standing behind the platform.

The fluid from the extinguisher doused not only the pacifists but several speakers on the platform and one newsmen who was alongside the pacifists to corroborate that they had burned draft documents.

In burning the cards, the pacifists ran the risk of

prosecution under a new federal law which bans destruction of Selective Service documents. If convicted under it, they each could be sent to prison for five years and fined \$10,000.

Only one of the pacifists was wanted by a draft board. The other four were ineligible for the draft because of physical disability, conscientious objection or age.

The lone eligible had burned a draft card earlier and recently had been issued a new one specifying he was I-A, subject to immediate call.

While the demonstration was underway, some 60 counter demonstrators chanted, jeered and marched across the street from the pacifist demonstration.

It was the second such card burning incident here.

David J. Miller, 22, one of the pacifists' comrades, became the first man in the area to burn publicly his draft document during a demonstration near the Federal Courthouse.

FBI agents subsequently seized him and he is scheduled for a hearing in federal court Nov. 23 on a charge of willfully destroying a Selective Service document.

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## CMP Seeks Rate To Lure A-Smasher

By FRANK SLEETER Business Reporter

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — Centred Maine Power Co. will consult soon with the Public Utilities Commission on a firm power rate to offer the Atomic Energy Commission as part of the campaign to win the AEC's proposed \$348 million atom smasher for Maine.

PUC Commissioner David K. Marshall, present at Friday's inspection visit by an AEC inspection team to the proposed site near Sanford, said he had to tell the team that the PUC had no knowledge of any rates proposed by CMP for the project, which has been discussed widely in Maine for several months.

Marshall Saturday quizzed CMP President William H. Dunham as saying that the utility would move as quickly as possible to bring the proposed rates to the PUC.

Power availability and costs are two of the most important

## Reed Welcomed By Viet Villagers

VINH LONG, Viet Nam (AP) — Ten U.S. governors touring South Viet Nam split up Saturday for flights that took some deep into the Mekong delta and others to the South China Sea coast.

Gov. John H. Reed of Maine, president of the National Governors' Conference; Gov. Carl Sanders of Georgia and Gov. John Chaffee of Rhode Island visited Long Xuyen, 90 miles west of Saigon and met hundreds of villagers. They praised the efforts of South Viet Nam's government to win over the Delta people.

Three saw a military encampment. U. S. fighter-bombers were pounding a Viet Cong encampment in the delta as Philip Hoff of Vermont, Tom M. Babcock of Montana and Harold K. Hurches of Iowa passed by on their way to Vinh Long, 75 miles southwest of Saigon. White smoke swirled up from the target.

The three went on to a model hamlet of 2,000 persons. Hamlet leaders greeted them enthusiastically and gave them Vietnamese ski works.

George W. Romney of Michigan, Clifford P. Hansen of Wyoming, Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma and John A. Burns of Hawaii toured the Phan Thien coastal area 180 miles east of Saigon.

The governors came to Viet Nam Friday after attending the annual U.S.-Japanese governors conference in Japan.

They plan to spend tomorrow at sea aboard a U. S. 7th Fleet aircraft carrier.

## Indian Troops Clear Border Of Pakistanis

NEW DELHI (UPI) — India said Saturday its troops had pushed back Pakistani forces behind the international frontier in the Ganganagar border area of India's desert state of Rajasthan.

An Indian government spokesman said that Pakistani troops had occupied certain posts near Ganganagar town, six miles inside India, after the Sept. 23 cease-fire was declared.

The spokesman said the Pakistanis had been pushed back from Ganganagar and Indian troops were reported back behind the international frontier in the Bikaner district of Rajasthan state.

One of the posts claimed recaptured by the Indians in Sanchu, opposite which a heavy concentration of Pakistani troops was reported. The Indian spokesman said the Sanchu post was retaken after "stiff fighting in which 38 Pakistani were killed, 18 injured and 100 captured."

The spokesman did not list Indian casualties.

Reports reaching New Delhi said the situation along the border between India's Rajasthan state and Sind Desert border of West Pakistan is tense. They said the latest reported fighting might turn out to be "a prelude to bigger developments."

The Indian government accused Pakistan Saturday of 41 fresh violations of the cease-fire.

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