

Tolchester Play Site Is Growing

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The 220-foot Tolchester is moored serenely out of reach of Virginia jurisdiction at the end of a 300-foot pier.

The ship formerly plied the waters of New York as the Asbury Park.

It is now the center of a recent controversy that has brought on the wrath of both the Virginia and Maryland governors.

The resort, parts of which will be opened to the public July 4th, is being built on a 506-acre site in Prince William County just south of Fairfax County. It was once the estate of Gen Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's family and was frequently visited by President Washington when the Lee family lived there. It lies 27 miles, or about half an hour's drive (if you're law abiding) from the heart of Arlington.

A dirt road runs the two miles from Route No. 1 out to the point. Technically, this is Route 610, and the state's responsibility. However, in order to get it done in time, the road is being widened to 50 feet from ditch to ditch and surfaced, with \$50,000 of Freestone Holding Co. funds.

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AFTER winding endlessly through dense forest, we were greeted suddenly with a view of the cleared two-and-a-half-mile strip where the bulk of the resort will be built. Under actual construction right now are three swimming pools, a bath house, snack bar, 300-foot boardwalk, pier and half-mile picnic area. All are expected to be ready for the grand opening July 4th along with the controversial S. S. Tolchester.

The spacious steamer cost its present owners a reported \$125,000 and is being completely refitted for dining, dancing and the dispensing of liquor by the glass.

There are four decks to this ship. The first is a pier level and will be a cocktail lounge and bar. This is where 200 slot machines would go, if they ever materialize.

The second will be the main deck for dinner and dancing. Shep Fields and his Rippling Rhythms will preside over the dance floor on opening night. The third, formerly the promenade deck, will be a cocktail lounge fitted out in iron filigree furniture, where guests can contemplate the handsome view, obstructed only by a screen to keep small flying wildlife out, while they wait for a table below or above.

The fourth deck will have dining, dancing and a small bar, all done with a Hawaiian flavor. The

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Nehru Seeking Syrian Cooperation

NEW DELHI (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru left by plane today for Syria, en route to the British Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London.

On his way home Nehru will stop in Cairo to see Egyptian President Nasser. Informed diplomats in London said the Indian Premier is trying to patch up Britain's broken relations with Syria and Egypt.

The diplomats said Nehru was acting on his own initiative but with British knowledge. He reportedly plans to seek a step-by-step normalization of relations beginning with resumption of trading, banking and other financial dealings.

French Claim 180 Rebels Killed

ALGIERS (AP)—The French today claimed their forces killed 180 rebels during the past 24 hours. They said 10 of their own soldiers were killed or wounded.

Clashes appeared to be sharpest west of Algeria, which itself was calm.

The French laid a new massacre—of 35 Arab men—to the rebel National Liberation Front (FLN). The French also attributed the massacre of 303 Algerians in the Melouza area last month to the FLN.

A French communique said the second massacre occurred May 30 in the Wagram area of western Algeria. It gave this account:

Thirty FLN rebels, armed with machine guns and rifles, "assembled the male adults from the sections of Ouled Zebouki, Ouled Benkhoba and Ouled Bauhalia and massacred them in two rooms of a farm. Twenty-seven were killed and 16 wounded.

Senate Nears Vote On Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate approached a vote today on the \$3,637,000,000 foreign aid bill with its leadership outwardly confident of defeating attempts to cut it by 390 million dollars.

Operating under an agreement limiting debate, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D.-Tex.), majority leader, expressed belief the Senate will vote final passage sometime tonight.

The big test shaped up on an amendment by Sen. Long (D.-La.) to slash authorizations for military assistance to 1½ billion dollars—300 millions less than the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recommended for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Another amendment proposed by Long would reduce defense support to 710 millions. This would be 90 millions under the committee figure.

The Foreign Relations Committee cut administration requests by 227 millions. Sen. Morse (D.-Ore.) yesterday called that "but a spit in the ocean of foreign aid waste."

London Crash Claims 8th Victim

LONDON (AP)—The death toll in London's shopping crowd bus accident reached eight today. A Canadian woman, Mrs. Nina Murray, died in a hospital.

Seven others, four men and three women, died earlier when the big doubledecker bus jumped a curb yesterday and smashed into a crowd waiting at a bus stop on busy Oxford Street.

Police believe the 63-year-old driver fainted at the steering wheel.

chagrin over the fuss his ship is causing. Since the land lies so near Maryland and its lenient liquor and gambling laws, he said, critics shouldn't be surprised to see the Freestone Co. take advantage of it. He said he believes the area can be a great asset if developed properly.

"This isn't going to be a honky-tonk beach like so many are," said Mr. Hill. "We're trying to keep this on a high plane. We want to make this a peaceful haven."

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added. "As a supervisor in this county, I am most concerned about what he puts on the land. Nearly half a million has been poured in already, with \$14 million to follow in the next three years, on a project every bit of which is taxable."

Maryland's Charles County Board of Commissioners and the Alcohol Beverage Board have been carrying on a running battle with Maryland's Republican Governor McKeldin and Virginia's Gov. Stanley, a Democrat.

While the squall continues to rage over the Potomac, the Free-