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Freestone Point Patrons Find 'Slots' Waiting

More than 100 slot machines recreation area, said the company have been installed aboard the encountered no difficulty in obtaining the gambling permit from S. S. Tolchester at Freestone Point, Va.

The Virginia resort, forbidden by state law to allow gambling or sell liquor by the drink, has the ship moored 300 feet from the shoreline—solidly in Maryland waters.

A BI-STATE controversy on issuance of the license has grown since Arlington Attorney J. Carl

JURISDICTION of Maryland's Charles County extends to the high water mark on the Virginia side.

A spokesman for the Freestone Holding Corp., developers of the Mckeldin to help put a stop to

the project. Governor Mckeldin accepted the job with vigor.

He instructed Maryland legislators to work out corrective legislation to present to the 1958 General Assembly session. He suggested either taking the authority to issue gambling and liquor permits away from the counties or simply taking the Potomac River away from them. The river would then be placed under an authority responsible to the Governor.

MR. MCKELDIN is a teetotaler. He has said repeatedly he considers it unneighborly of the state

of Maryland to permit such goings-on as drinking and gambling so close to the state of Virginia when the Old Dominion doesn't approve.

Governor Mckeldin has now called for a bi-state conference to work out solutions to this and other mutual problems. He was unavailable today for comment on the slot machines.

Meantime, the shiny new machines were purchased and arrived aboard the four-deck Tolchester early yesterday evening, just in time for the kickoff party to

day's grand opening of the resort

MORE THAN 1000 guests pumped the "one-armed bandit" ranged on the lower deck and crowded the ship's three bars.

On the deck above the slot machines, diners ate lobsters, steak and other choice foods prepared in the galley which is equipped to feed 300 at a time.

This afternoon, the opening swings into high gear with boat races, exhibition diving, coronation of a "Miss Freestone Point" and dinner and dancing aboard the Tolchester.

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