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## Stanley Opposes Hill Boat

**RICHMOND (AP)**—Top officials of both Virginia and Maryland were on record today in opposition to plans for a Potomac River pleasure boat offering gambling and liquor-by-the-drink off the Virginia shore. But just what they could—or would—do about it was something else again.

Any action that's taken to prevent the floating casino from plying Maryland waters off Freestone Point in Prince William County, Va., apparently will have to come from Maryland officials. Virginia's hands appear legally tied.

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**VIRGINIA** Gov. Thomas B. Stanley made his attitude toward the gambling boat clear yesterday when backers of the boat met with him in his office here. J. Carl Hill, head of the project, painted a glowing picture of the 14-million dollar resort development program of which the pleasure boat is the first step.

Hill said complete plans for the project envision construction of a hotel, a motel, a yacht club, swimming pools and other recreational facilities at Freestone Point to complement the pleasure boat.

A spokesman for Stanley said the Virginia governor told Hill simply that he was "strongly opposed" to any operation which would be illegal under Virginia law. Gambling and whiskey-by-the-drink both are illegal in Virginia.

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**GOV. THEODORE MCKELDIN**, of Maryland, previously had expressed displeasure that Charles County, Md., officials had licensed the floating casino, which would have slot machines and a saloon. Yesterday, the licensing was termed "an interstate matter" by a Maryland legislator, Del. Maurice Cardin, chairman of the