

# Bodies Of Missing Mott Boys Found



### Principals In Bangor Shooting

Merle R. Tapley, 30, of Millinocket, left, is taken to Bangor court to be charged with the murder of Wendall R. Atherton, 52, prominent Bangor attorney, right photo)

### Millinocket Man Held

## Bangor Lawyer Slain In Office

BANGOR (AP)—A short-sight laborer allegedly shot and killed Monday the lawyer who won his wife a divorce decree. Wendell R. Atherton, 52, a former member of Maine's House and Senate, died almost instantly from five pistol bullets. He was shot as he sat at a desk in his downtown office. Tapley was in District Court, charged with murder. He entered no plea at the four-minute arraignment, and Judge Ian McInnes continued the case until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, promising to appoint a capable defense attorney. Secretary Margaret McNally was in Atherton's office when he was shot and presumably witnessed the tragedy. Police would not permit reporters to talk with her. Tapley's wife, Nettie, divorced him last December, obtaining custody of their daughter, Denise. Police said Atherton was her counsel then and at three prior court hearings involving support payments and Tapley had to pay the attorney's fees. Atherton, born in Bangor, was educated at Yale University and Peabody Law School in Portland. He was associate judge of the municipal court here about 10 years, served two terms in the House and was a senator in 1963-64. He lived at East Holden, near Bangor, and leaves his widow, Eleanor, and two children, Patricia, 17, and David, 11.

By GENE L. LETOURNEAU  
Wildlife Reporter  
**ROASTING BROOK CAMP-  
GROUND, BAXTER PARK.**—  
The bodies of two boys, missing  
10 days in the wilderness of  
Baxter State Park, were found  
late Monday shortly before the  
intensive search was to be  
called off.  
Robbie, 17, and Timmy, 3,  
sons of Mr. and Mrs. George H.  
Mott of Rochester, N.Y., were  
13 feet apart on a spruce and  
fir knoll.  
It was irony that they had  
died within a 13 and one-half  
minute walk from Avalanche  
Field where a helicopter crew  
and National Guardsmen had  
been based for nine days of the  
search.  
**THE SEARCHING PARTY**  
which found the bodies consist-  
ed of Warden Arthur Hitch-  
cock of Dover-Pozzort, Roland  
Tarr of Bucksport and Norman  
Gilbert of Harland and Ran-

dolph Smith of Matianawook,  
a Great Northern Paper Co.  
forester, and nine Rochester,  
N.Y., residents who had come  
to help in the search.  
The bodies were nine minutes  
walk from Avalanche Road  
which goes from Roasting Brook  
Campground Road to Katahdin  
Lake. They were a four and  
one half minute walk from the  
Avalanche Road to the Roasting  
Brook Road.  
**SEARCHERS BELIEVE** the  
two boys had walked down the  
Roasting Brook Road to the  
Avalanche Field, a distance of  
less than two miles from their  
campsite, stayed to the Katahdin  
Lake Tote Road, and for  
some unknown reason took to  
the woods on the northeast side  
of the Avalanche Road.  
The discovery followed the  
report from a searching party  
Monday morning consisting of  
Brunswick Naval Air Station  
men that they had seen ravens

circling over this particular  
area.  
**ROBBIE**, who was mentally  
and physically retarded, was  
fully clothed. He had on blue  
and white sneakers, stretch  
shorts, a blue, red and white  
knitted sweater. He was on his  
left side looking in the direc-  
tion of his baby brother.  
Timmy's shoes were off. One  
of the black and white sandies  
was between Timmy and his  
brother, the other was beside  
him. He was wearing a green  
and white sweater and blue  
dungarees.  
Warden Gilbert brought the  
news of the finding to base  
headquarters, reporting the  
bodies had been found at 3:35  
p.m.  
Warden Supervisor David  
Priest, search director, notified  
the parents.  
**MR. AND MRS. MOTT** who  
had held their composure  
throughout the search, bravely

met the news. "Thank God,"  
Mott said, "they have been  
found."  
The bodies were found in  
Township 3, Range 9, which is  
in Piscataquis County, and it  
was necessary to call Medical  
Examiner Norman Nickerson of  
Greenville, 100 miles away, to  
view them.  
It was doubtful whether he  
could arrive at the scene before  
dark.  
It was not ascertained whether  
the bodies would be moved  
Monday night.  
While there was no outward  
evidence of foul play, there was  
a small bundle of deadwood  
stacked near the bodies. This  
could have been done by the  
boys, either as a makeshift or to  
build a fire.  
Neither, however, was be-  
lieved to have carried matches.  
It was indicated that autopsies  
would be performed after  
they had been removed from  
the woods.

# Backers Of Dickey Dam Project Debate Foes Before House Panel

By MAY CRAIG  
WASHINGTON — Support-  
ers of the proposed \$275 million  
Dickey-Lincoln School hydro-  
electric power project on the  
St. John River had their  
day Monday before the Flood  
Control Subcommittee of the  
House Committee on Public  
Works.  
The first opposing private  
power representative, Albert A.  
Cree, chairman of the Central  
Vermont Public Service Corp.,  
started his testimony late in  
the day and went over until  
Tuesday.  
The subcommittee sat from  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and finally  
adjourned until 10 a.m. Tues-  
day.  
First witness was Secretary  
of the Interior Stewart L.  
Caldell, who strongly supported  
the measure.  
**GOV. JOHN H. REED** and

U.S. Rep. Stanley R. Tupper  
and William D. Hathaway ten-  
tatively for the project while  
Sen. Edmund S. Muskie filed  
a statement in its favor.  
**THE ONLY OPPOSITION** to  
the proposed project Monday  
outside of that shown by Cree,  
came from subcommittee mem-  
ber U.S. Rep. Robert McEwen,  
R-New York.  
McEwen was one of three  
GOP representatives asked by  
the upstate New York Chamber  
of Commerce to oppose the Dic-  
key-Lincoln School and other  
government hydroelectric proj-  
ects in the Rivers and Harbors  
Bill because of increased Viet  
Nam war costs.  
McEwen collided with Sub-  
committee Chairman Robert F.  
Jones Jr., D-Ala., when he said  
he thinks there's an "overest-  
imate of what these projects

such as Dickey will do about  
bringing in industries."  
The New York representative  
said he felt the power costs  
would not be lowered enough  
by Dickey-Lincoln School so  
total indifference in New Eng-  
land to the development of  
their streams."  
Jones told McEwen he felt  
it to a direct conflict case be-  
tween Cree and Hathaway.  
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their streams."  
Otherwise, the closest thing  
to a direct conflict case be-  
tween Cree and Hathaway.  
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## Fire Traps 48 In Missile Silo; 4 Bodies Brought Out

SEARCY, Ark. (AP) — Air  
Force personnel began bringing  
bodies out of a Titan 2 missile  
silo Monday night after fire  
broke out in it earlier in the  
day, apparently trapping 48 of  
villain workers inside.  
Four bodies were carried  
from the silo about 7:20 p.m.  
Capt. Douglas Wood, public in-  
formation officer at the silo,  
said another 44 civilians were  
unaccounted for and presumed  
dead.  
Inside the missile complex,  
their fate was unknown.  
Identities of the four casual-  
ties were not available.  
Earlier, heat and smoke had  
unhindered attempts of Air Force  
fire fighters to get down into  
the silo, although they managed  
to extinguish the visible flames.  
President Johnson ordered  
that every effort be made to  
save the missing men, the White  
House announced.  
The Titan missile, designed to  
carry atomic warheads long  
distances, was in position, but  
the Air Force said the missile  
did not burn.  
The Air Force stressed that  
there was no danger of a nuclear  
blast.  
The silo, 13 miles northwest of  
this central Arkansas town, was  
undergoing revisions.  
Only two of the workmen have  
been accounted for. One of them

## Weather Aids Fire Crews In Checking Forest Blaze

NORTHFIELD (AP) — Fire  
fighters aided by the first  
damp weather in weeks, held  
in check Monday the state's  
largest forest fire in 18 years.  
Forest Commissioner Austin  
H. Wilkins said in Augusta that  
the crews spent the day widen-  
ing and strengthening the fire  
line which they succeeded Sun-  
day in throwing around the  
huge fire zone.  
There is "a lot of live fire"  
left inside the perimeter, Wil-  
kins said, but the overcast, fog-  
gy weather allowed the big  
crew to consolidate the control  
line established over the  
fire Sunday night.  
In four days from the time  
it started in a Centerville pea-  
bog, the fire covered an area  
estimated at 11,000 to 13,000



### Discuss Maine Project

Gov. John H. Reed uses a pointer  
as he appears before the House Public  
Works Committee in Washington  
Monday to support the Dickey-Lincoln  
School Project. Others, from left, are

Rep. William D. Hathaway, Rep. Rob-  
ert Jones Jr., D-Ala., committee  
chairman; Interior Secretary Stewart  
Udall, and Rep. Stanley R. Tupper.

### News, Features On The Inside

### The Weather

Cloudy, humid, showers today; clearing Wednesday.  
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**PRESIDENT JOHNSON SIGNS** a \$280-million health-  
research bill and announces plans for developing a set of  
national goals on health. Page 17.

**IN VIET NAM**, the Viet Cong, maintaining a 66-day  
siege, shoot down a U.S. fighter and strike at road-clearing  
parties. Page 18.

**THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT** names the counties in  
which federal registrars will function to see that Negroes  
are registered. Back Page.

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### Prayer For Today

O Lord, open Thou our eyes  
that we may see. In the glory  
of a Heaven our Master dis-  
cerned Thy artistry: in the  
flight of birds Thy care. In  
Thy sight we are of more  
value than these. Let no doubt  
darken our souls this day.  
Trusting in Thy faithfulness,  
may we accept whatever may  
come to us as by appointment  
or permission from Thee, and  
find Thee working in all  
things for good through Christ,  
Amen.  
—Paul S. Wright, Portland, Ore.,  
minister, First Presbyterian  
Church.



### Welcome Showers?

A shopper on Congress Street scurries for cover  
Monday as the first substantial rainfall in almost two  
months fell over a widespread area. The precipita-  
tion, which reduced forest fire danger in some sec-  
tions for the time being, left a high of 1.07 inches in  
Millinocket to a low of .05 inches at Eastport. Port-  
land recorded .65 of an inch at the airport. (Story  
on Page 18.)

## Johnson Gives Senators Candid Viet Nam Review

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presi-  
dent Johnson gave associates  
what one of them described as a  
"frank and candid" briefing on  
Viet Nam Monday.  
Later the chief executive told  
reporters: "We're there to  
stay."  
After meeting nearly two  
hours with about 40 senators at  
the White House, Johnson told  
newsmen he sees no substantial  
division in the nation or Con-  
gress over his policies in the  
war in Viet Nam.  
Johnson said he would brief  
other senators in the evening.  
House members will attend a  
similar briefing this week, and  
Johnson said he will meet with  
representatives of business, lab-  
or and the professions for an-  
other exchange of views on Aug.  
17.  
"We're going to do what we  
need to do to reach agreement  
(in Viet Nam)." The President  
said. "When aggression ceases,  
resistance ceases."  
While Johnson spoke at the  
White House, scores of demon-  
strators against U.S. policy in  
Viet Nam were being arrested  
outside the Capitol.  
The senators heard from, and  
then filed questions at the Presi-  
dent and his top advisers, in-  
cluding Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor,  
retiring U.S. ambassador in  
South Viet Nam.  
In remarks to newsmen,  
Johnson said he thought Tay-  
lor's review of the Viet Nam  
situation was more encouraging  
than press accounts.  
"General Taylor outlined  
things he considered optimistic  
— a long list of them — and  
the things that were pessimistic,"  
the President said. "I would say  
if the list was reasonably well  
balanced. There are serious  
problems there. But also there  
are better in a good many situa-  
tions than we anticipated,"  
Johnson said.  
Sen. John Sherman Cooper, R-  
Ky., described the briefing as  
"frank and candid" while Sen.  
Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., called  
it "the best and most effective  
briefing we've had at the White  
House since I have been going  
there."  
Sen. Mike Mansfield, D-Mont.,  
said the meeting showed no in-  
dication of any shift in Viet  
Nam strategy. He said Johnson  
answered questions "with vigor  
and candor."  
"Describing the briefing, John-  
son said Secretary of Defense  
Robert S. McNamara reviewed  
the military situation in Viet  
Nam while Secretary of State  
Dean Rusk went over the politi-  
cal situation and efforts in the  
past and efforts now to engage  
in unconditional discussions in  
the search for peace.  
There was a report also from  
W. Averell Harriman, Johnson's  
retiring ambassador, who is just  
back from discussions in the  
Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and  
Britain.  
Johnson said Arthur Gold-

### CRONKITE TONIGHT

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Watch  
The CBS Evening News With  
Walter Cronkite Involving  
Channel 11 Newsboat

6:30 P.M.  
Channel 13