

Colleagues berate head of Olympics probe

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — A Senate committee's investigation into problems at the Lake Placid Olympics has apparently run into opposition from several Republican senators who think the panel's Republican chairman may be motivated by a desire for publicity.

Republican sources Tuesday said several GOP senators at a party conference Monday berated Sen. Roy Goodman, chairman of the Committee on Investigation, Taxation and Government Operations, for holding the Olympic hearings.

"Some said not only were the hearings silly, but almost done in extremely poor taste," one source said, adding that a Republican senator indicated at the conference that Goodman, R-Manhattan, should "mind his own business."

"Another senator said to tell him to stay in New York," the source said.

Sen. Ronald Stafford, R-Peru, whose district includes Lake Placid, also circulated a "tongue-in-cheek" resolution asking that Goodman stop the hearings and suggesting he was meddling outside his own di-

strict for publicity purposes.

"The resolution," which was not put to a vote, said it was "unfortunate that a member has been so insensitive as to hold a hearing and simply beat a dead horse which serves no constructive purpose."

It added that "be it finally resolved that the Senate Conference hereby unanimously endorses the re-election bid of Senator Goodman."

At the committee's hearing Tuesday, several state officials contended that the state and the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee were often at

odds prior to the Games because the local group would use intentional delays to better its bargaining position.

Two state budget officials and Environmental Conservation Commissioner Robert Flacke said the delays were so bad that the LPOOC refused to sign a key contract with the state until two days after the Games had begun.

The contract dealt with the LPOOC's use of state land, such as Whiteface Mountain where the alpine ski events were held, and Mt. Van Hoevenberg, where the cross-country skiing,

biathlon, luge and bobsledding events were contested.

The pact required the LPOOC to return the land to the state in an environmentally sound condition and included insurance liability clauses.

Flacke said he had been negotiating the pact for two years, but was unable to receive the signatures of the local organizers until the Games had already begun.

"We should have successfully negotiated a contract about two months before the opening of the Games," Flacke said.

Mark Lawton, deputy director of the state Division of the Budget said local organizers would often delay in negotiating the agreement, knowing they had considerable power because the Games would have to be held.

"North Country folks, that's the way they work," Lawton said.

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ADMIRE DOLL—New York City Mayor Edward Koch admires a Japanese doll presented by Ichiro Takahashi, speaker of Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly during their meeting today Koch flew into Tokyo from China on Tuesday for a two-day stop and ceremonies commemorating the 20th anniversary of "sister city" ties between Tokyo and New York. UPI

Participants in a public hearing on New York's divorce law agree a major reform is necessary, but say they have several views on how to change the law to treat both spouses fairly.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional an Alabama divorce law similar to that of New York, lawmakers have debated whether a new state law should provide "equitable" or "equal" distribution of property acquired during a marriage.

At a public hearing Tuesday by the Senate Minority Task Force on Women's Issues, New York City divorce attorney Doris Sassover said there has been a "dramatic increase" in contested property settlements in New Jersey since a law was enacted providing equitable divisions by judges.

In such settlements, she said, "women come out with far less than half" because judges "are all too prone to devalue a homemaker's contribution," Sassover said.

However, Myrna Felder, a New York City attorney and former president of the New York Women's Bar Association, said a bill providing equitable property distribution by judges should be passed if lawmakers "care about the salvation of women."

The Supreme Court last year declared Alabama's divorce law unconstitutional because it discriminated on the basis of sex by naming the husband as the breadwinner and the wife as the homemaker.

Sen. H. Douglas Barclay, R-Pulaski, and Assemblyman Gordon Burrows, R-Yonkers,

Divorce law changes aired

have introduced a bill allowing judges to make equitable distribution of marital property on the basis of each partner's contribution to the marriage, the probable future financial circumstances of each spouse and other factors.

Sen. Linda Winkow, D-Spring Valley, has introduced a bill to require judges to start with the presumption of equal distribution but allow non-equal divisions in some cases.

Both bills would remove any presumption favoring the wife in child custody decisions, and both would replace alimony with "maintenance" payments intended to encourage the dependent spouse to become self-sufficient.

Under present law, marital property is given to the spouse who holds title to it.

Sherrita Feiger, present of the

New York National Organization for Women, said judges in other states have shown that they consider one-third or less of the marital property to be an equitable settlement for wives.

Albert Goudvis, a Briarcliff Manor attorney, said he believed both bills were inadequate because they would leave settlements "up to the prejudice, or prejudice, or whim, of the judiciary." He added he believed the equitable distribution bill mostly would benefit attorneys for the wealthy.

Martha Greenawalt, a member of the Westchester County Task Force on Women, said her group had met with many women who supported the equitable distribution bill, which she said would "assure a promising new and just future" in divorce cases.

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Notice is hereby given that the following proposed changes in rate schedules have been filed with the Public Service Commission to be effective March 28, 1980.

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Local calling will be introduced between the Mexico and Oswego exchanges eliminating the \$34 toll charge from all non-coin telephones. The \$70 coin toll charge will be replaced by a \$40 local coin charge. From flat rate telephones, no charge applies for local calls; from message rate telephones, each local call is charged at one message unit at \$2 each.
- Changes in Monthly Rates
The monthly rates for Mexico subscribers will be changed as follows:

MEXICO	Present**	Proposed**
Individual Message Rate Business Service	Not Offered	\$ 8.35
Flat Rate Business Service		
Individual Line	\$11.88	18.44
2-Party Line	10.24	Not Offered
Multi-Party Line	6.48	7.70
PBX Trunk	20.87	30.71
Flat Rate Residence Service		
Individual Line	6.02	7.25
2-Party Line	4.80	5.77
Multi-Party Line	4.12	4.85
Semi-Public Service	14.57	Same

*These rates are for day station-to-station, dial type communication effective February 1, 1980.
**In the territory outside the base rate area, all services other than multi-party are subject to security rates in addition to the retail shown.
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Security break helps 3 flee island

NEW YORK (UPI) — Three inmates were able to flee Rikers Island prison because of breakdowns in security, Correction Commissioner Benjamin Ward says.

The breakout Monday was the second escape from the facility in nine days.

Ward said Tuesday that the trio was permitted to go into a ground-floor cell in the Riker's Adolescent Reception and Detention Center Regulations

require that only one person be permitted in a cell at a time.

"Someone obviously failed to make the required checks," Ward said. The breakout occurred between 11:10 p.m. and 11:25 p.m., when an inmate count showed three men were missing after a change in shifts.

Ward said the three Brooklyn men, Donald Cousar, 21, and Robert Ricks and Harry Bonilla, both 18, cut through a three-quarter inch steel bar

with a hacksaw and punched out two horizontal plastic panes to escape.

After climbing over a nine-foot fence, the three hot-wired a blue 1965 Oldsmobile owned by a correction officer and left the parking lot, he said.

Ward said the trio passed three checkpoints on the bridge that crosses the Rikers Island Channel from the facility to Queens.

He said officers on the bridge "say they didn't see a blue Oldsmobile." But he added, "it's very obvious the car didn't swim across. It went over that bridge."

"It looks like we have breaches in security here," he said.

Ward said at least five officers were being questioned but said there was no evidence to indicate collusion.

The stolen car was found about 6 a.m. Tuesday at Kennedy Airport.

A department spokesman said the inmates might have stolen or forged a police badge to make the escape.

The spokesman said Ricks had been convicted of armed robbery and was awaiting transfer to an upstate prison facility to begin serving a five-to-15-year sentence.

Cousar was awaiting trial on a narcotics charge and Bonilla was to face trial on second-degree murder charges.

The three made their getaway about a week after Peter Donohue, the accused killer of a city police officer, fled the island with three other men. Donohue is still at large after swimming across the East River. The other men were later captured.

Helicopter crashes; one dead, three hurt

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (UPI) — An Army Medevac helicopter struck a power line during a light rain Tuesday night and crashed on a highway, killing a woman believed to be the pilot and injuring three men aboard the craft.

An Army spokesman said the were admitted to the post hospital in undetermined condition. Their names plus the name of the dead woman were being withheld pending notification of relatives.

The chopper crashed into the median strip between the northbound and southbound lanes of the Pennike Parkway about 3 miles north of Hopkinsville.

The woman was dead at the

scene. She died of massive head injuries, said Christian County Coroner Alan Beard.

Bates said the helicopter had just completed a routine mission of transporting blood from Nashville to the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville and was enroute back to Fort Campbell when the accident occurred shortly after 8 p.m. EST.

One witness said the power line was "wrapped around" the wreckage. A Hopkinsville radio station, along with numerous residences, lost electrical power for a brief time as a result of the mishap.

The helicopter flipped over on impact, but there was no fire, Bates said.

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NOTICE OF CHANGES IN TELEPHONE COMPANY RATE SCHEDULE

Notice is hereby given that revisions to Tarif P.S.C. No. 800—Telephone have been filed with the Public Service Commission with a proposed effective date of April 8, 1980.

The revisions provide for: (1) the provision of Trunk Answer from Any Station as a standard feature (at no extra charge) with Centrix II service for systems without consoles; (2) the introduction of Trunk Answer from Any Station as an optional feature on Centrix II—Small Business Service for systems without consoles; (3) the introduction of "Pilot" and "Change" for Data Set 1133 and (4) a change in rates for Data Set 1138.

Rates and Charges	Monthly Rate	Installation Charge
Trunk Answer from Any Station on Centrix II—Small Business Service	\$ 1.76*	
*Optional ground central office loop and Local Wiring Charge at tariff rates and charges also apply.		
1133 Data Set		
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**Individually Housed	24.00	165.00
**Individually Housed for grouping with station arrangement	21.00	65.00
**Multiple Mounted requiring common mounting equipment	16.50	30.00
1138 Data Set		
Arranged for use in answer only multiple data station arrangement		
Each answer only data set	23.45	13.50
Common equipment for each group of 20 data sets	86.91	89.50
Cabinets to house up to 20 data sets	18.27	23.25
Cabinet to house up to 120 data sets	41.70	46.50
Optional Data Auxiliary sets for initial 20 data sets	66.41	54.00

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