

Plans Unveiled To Make Portland Jet Age Airport



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Plans to seek \$180,000 from the state to make Portland Municipal Airport "a first-class jet age" port of entry for Maine, were unveiled here Monday.

Rep. Bennett D. Katz, R-H Augusta, put his plan, which has the backing of the Maine Aeronautics Commission, before the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce's Aviation Committee at a meeting here.

This would be in addition to the \$437,000 in improvements already authorized by the Maine Aeronautics Commission.

It would cost the City of Portland little or nothing more than its authorized \$187,800 share of the cost of a new airport terminal building, air-

craft and car parking space, taxiways and new access road.

Up to now the airport improvement program, including the new terminal building, has been pegged at \$1.24 million. Katz's proposal would add approximately \$130,000 to this for a new estimated total of \$1,674,000. At least half, and perhaps more, of these additional funds would be federal.

Katz said the current airport improvement program comes close to making the airport first class, "so let's go all the way and make it first class." In the eyes of the FAA, he added.

KATZ, a former Air Force and commercial airlines pilot, urged speedy consideration of the additional airport improvement proposals.

He also urged an engineer-

ing evaluation of the exact cost so that he could seek Gov. John H. Reed's endorsement for presentation to the special session of the 122nd Legislature early next year.

Approval of the added state funds will allow the MAC to apply for Federal Aviation Agency matching funds for the runway extension, lighting and navigation aids work.

"The timing for Municipal Airport's need 'is of the very highest priority,' for development by the state as its air carrier 'gateway' terminal.

"It may be called Portland Municipal Airport," he said, "but it is vital to all of Maine."

"The timing for Municipal Airport's need to put this airport into the jet age is all-important. And the time is now."

The additional improvements called for by Katz and the

MAC and enthusiastically welcomed by the chamber aviation committee, principally involve the two main runways.

THE FIRST would extend the airport's principal 8,500-foot east-west runway to 8,500 feet, in compliance with FAA recommendations, at an estimated cost of \$350,000.

This would include \$140,000 for relocating landing lights and instrument landing system electronics. Johnson Road would not be affected. There were no plans for this runway's extension in the authorized airport improvement program.

THE SECOND would lengthen the relocated north-south runway to 8,000 feet at an estimated cost of \$450,000. This would be angled 11 de-

grees to avoid the Boy's Training Center. It originally was planned for 8,400 feet, but a shortage of state funds caused it to be cut to 4,500 feet. The MAC has learned, however, that the FAA is unlikely to furnish matching funds for construction of runways less than 8,000 feet.

THE THIRD proposal is to seek FAA installation of all additional navigation and communication aids necessary to make Portland an all-weather airport. The airport already has an instrument landing system and high intensity approach lighting.

The chamber aviation committee, headed by O. William Robertson, agreed the city, now selecting engineers to design the relocation of the north-south runway, should

have cost studies made of the east-west runway extension proposed so that detailed costs could be presented to the legislature.

C. Peter Blouin of Augusta, chairman of the MAC, explained the precedent in the committee's cooperation with Katz and the backing of his proposed additional improvements.

In the past the commission has assisted committees on improvements of air carrier facilities on a one-fourth of cost basis for those projects where the FAA provides the other half.

The commission also has acted privately through a committee, headed by O. William Robertson, agreed the city, now selecting engineers to design the relocation of the north-south runway, should

"But over the years, the problem with this has been that some cities that needed airport improvements, but did not so after their financially enabled other cities to get airport improvements not as badly needed." The result has been uneven airport development, he said.

Availability of local funds for airport development has played a major role in the readiness of communities to sponsor local airport improvements and pay one-fourth or one-half of their cost, Blouin noted.

Consequently, the MAC has decided to underwrite the community's share of air carrier facilities improvements at some airports.

It is legally empowered to do this, but hasn't up to now. Continued on Page 15; 3th Col.

Astronauts Get 'Go' For 3rd Day, Catch Up With Phantom Satellite

MANNED SPACE CENTER, Houston, Tex. (AP) — America's Gemini 5 astronauts embarked on a mammoth sky hunt Monday, and after a 40,000-mile chase caught up with a ghost satellite. This is an essential maneuver if man's dream of reaching the moon is ever to come true.

For 2 hours and 15 minutes, L. Gordon Cooper Jr. and Charles

Conrad Jr. engaged in the delicate business of lowering their orbit and aiming at a theoretical target floating at 17,500 miles above Earth.

Long before, Cooper and Conrad had been given the nod for another 24 hours in space, but this has now become almost routine.

No doubt about it: Having racked up a million miles on

their 3.12-million mile journey, they're abounding for 121 orbits and a record eight days and 7½ hours, EST. They had completed 37 orbits.

Both astronauts were feeling well on this third day, so much so that Conrad sang the first song in the instrument panel and in space for photography and other experiments. The pilots were trying to fix it; if they can't, some experiments will have to be curtailed.

The make-believe satellite chase was an attempt to salvage part of an experiment that had to be abandoned when Gemini 5 ran into power problems early on the first day.

The astronauts had tumbled along a 76-pound satellite and had elected it, but in view of the pressing power problems the plan for a rendezvous had to be scuttled.

Monday, the astronauts fired their jet thrusters four times during their 13½-minute experiment. This lowered their orbit,

and the lower the orbit the more quickly one orbits about the earth.

The ghostly satellite was fired theoretically at 477 miles away. By lowering the high point of their orbit from 207 miles to 183 miles, Cooper and Conrad, at least in theory, are within 17 miles of their target.

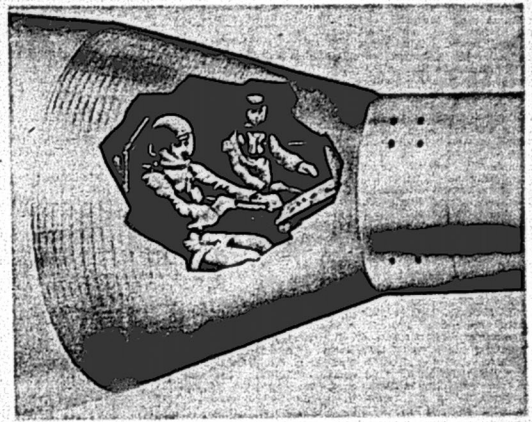
After all the technical talk, Cooper's comment after the first firing was down to earth: "Right on the money," he said.

Flight officials had to work to describe the maneuver: "Excellent."

An analysis expert, Gerald Boatlick, told a news conference: "I think everyone can say, 'Good show for the crew.'" In addition to chasing phantoms, the astronauts performed several other space chores.

They photographed land features and storm systems around the world, helped out with several medical checks, and tried to determine more accurately

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Inflight Exercise

This drawing of the Gemini-5 shows an astronaut exercising with an elasticized cord. Both astronauts will exercise with the cord four times a day. Doctors said the 60-pound pull on the cord is an effort to make the heart work harder in the easy-living space environment of weightlessness and inactivity.

U.S. Planes Again Blast No. Viet Dam, Hydro Plant

By RONALD I. DEUTSCH
SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — U.S. planes bombed a North Vietnamese dam and hydroelectric plant for the third straight day, damaging both, a U.S. military spokesman reported Monday.

The site is at Ban Thach on

the Song Chu River 80 miles southwest of Hanoi, the Red capital.

The U.S. spokesman in Saigon said the jet planes struck twice at the hydroelectric plant, damaging a generator.

The pilots reported that the dam, said to have been heavily

damaged in raids Saturday and Sunday, received hits in its lock system. The dam was described as 60 feet wide and eight feet high. The lock system is used for the movement of small boats.

The spokesman made no mention of flooding in the dam area.

The Song Chu River flows past Thanh Hoa, near the coast and into the Gulf of Tonkin. Thanh Hoa has been a target of previous U.S. air strikes against North Viet Nam.

The United States calls the chief aim of its air strikes to cut the flow of arms, men and supplies from the North for the Viet Cong's war against South Viet Nam.

The Ban Thach site is the first reported by U.S. officials to have come under attack since the air strikes began against the North Feb. 7.

Twenty-four planes took part in Monday's attack, Eight U.S. Air Force F-4 Phantom jets, eight F104 Starfighters and four support planes hit the site in the afternoon after four other Phantoms hit it earlier in the day.

All planes were reported to have returned safely.

Eleven planes hit the site Saturday and 11 others Sunday. Pilots in those raids reported

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Sharp Earthquake Jolts Wide Central Mexico Area

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An earthquake jolted hundreds of square miles of central Mexico on Monday, rocking buildings in Mexico City and elsewhere but

apparently inflicting little damage.

The first shock hit Mexico City, a sprawling capital of 5.5 million, at 1:50 p.m., Central Standard Time. Many residents said they were seized by slight dizziness and queasiness as the city trembled for two minutes.

The quake broke wall plaster and windows and caused some buildings to sag slightly but there were no reports of casualties.

Although the tourist-packed capital took the tremor in stride, residents rushed into the streets in near panic in Jalapa, capital of the Gulf Coast state of Veracruz. Sharp jolts also were felt in Oaxaca, Veracruz City, Juarez and Puebla.

The epicenter was located in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, the narrowest section of the country, about 350 miles southeast of Mexico City. Seismologists reported the earthquake ranged in strength between 6 and 7 on the Richter scale.

In Pasadena, Calif., the California Institute of Technology's seismological laboratory recorded an earthquake of magnitude on the Richter scale.

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U.S. Plane, 71 Aboard, Crashes In Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — An American military aircraft with 71 passengers reported aboard crashed into the sea Tuesday shortly after takeoff here, the Hong Kong government reported.

A government spokesman said rescue operations were under way by firemen. First reports said seven passengers were rescued.

The spokesman did not identify the type of plane. He said only one wing and one engine could still be seen above water.

Divers also were called in to assist in the rescue operations.

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Shoppers Ignore Pickets At Springfield Stores

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (UPI) — Civil rights demonstrators picketed downtown stores Monday urging shoppers to take their business elsewhere until police brutality charges are resolved.

The pickets, most of them Negro teen-agers, paraded up and down Main Street in the aftermath of Sunday's mass demonstration in the heart of this racially troubled city.

Most shoppers ignored the pickets, who displayed signs calling for a boycott of Springfield stores.

Civil rights leaders urged the boycott to bring pressure on city officials to act on a series of Negro demands for police reforms to curb alleged police brutality against Negroes.

"Money talks," said Benjamin Swan, bearded 31-year-old vice chairman of the local chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). He said it was hoped the pickets would distract shoppers.

Oscar Bright, chairman of the Springfield chapter of CORE, termed Sunday's march by 850 demonstrators in this racially tense city "a tremendous success."

"The march is not the climax of our campaign, I don't think," the city officials are going to like it, but maybe now they will realize that we're not just a few radical people. We are solidified in our aims," Bright said.

Bright promised that the civil rights drive would continue here until several policemen accused of brutality against Negroes are "found innocent or guilty."

LBJ Spurs Public School Total Desegregation Drive

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson Monday put the force of the presidency behind efforts to see that every U.S. public school district makes at least a start this fall toward total racial desegregation.

The nation's approximately 15,000 public school districts, only 184 have not yet submitted a desegregation plan, a court order to desegregate, or a statement that they have desegregated their schools. These assurances of compliance with the civil rights law are required before the districts can get federal funds.

Another 800 school districts hard upon letters sent, the 184

recalcitrant districts last Friday by Education Commissioner Francis Keppel. He gave them until Aug. 31 to file desegregation plans with the Office of Education if they wish to share in the \$1.3 billion education aid program.

The Office of Education is requiring that schools which respect to qualify for federal money must desegregate at least three grades this fall and the rest within two years.

Prayer For Today

Trush us, O God, to spend each day as a gift from Thee. We know not the number of our years, but we know that Thy goodness and mercy endure forever. Through all the experiences of life bring us closer to Thee. Help us to measure our growth by the peace of Thy forgiveness and the victory of our service by the nearness of Thy presence in Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

—General Ruppenthal, First World War, president American Legion, California.

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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY, ignoring pickets carrying placards reading "Get Out of Viet Nam," tells students at University of Wisconsin: "The right to be heard doesn't include the right to be taken seriously." Back Page.

WITH THE STEEL STRIKE deadline only eight days away, the federal government's top mediator waits in the wings as union and management negotiators meet; the steel community lays plans for a shutdown. Back Page.

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Lucky King Neptune

The Maine Seafood Festival's King Neptune, Keith Patten of Rockland, shows visiting royalty how to catch fish. From left are Dairy Queen Arlyth Martin of Gorham, Blueberry Queen Shirley Hawes of Union, Maple Queen Barbara Barrows of Farmington, and Bea Goddess Susan Ames of Bangor.

Voters To Decide Nov. 2 On Spending \$37.53 Million

AUGUSTA (AP) — Maine voters will decide Nov. 2 in a statewide referendum on granting permission for spending \$37.53 million in bond issues.

The State Election Division published Monday a pamphlet stating the nine questions referred to the voters by the 1965 legislature. The pamphlet includes brief statements by the sponsors of each of the questions.

SIX OF THE QUESTIONS concern bond issues for specific purposes:

- \$3.96 million for housing and dining facilities at state teachers colleges and vocational-technical institutes; these bonds would be "self-liquidating" and would be serviced and retired with fees for use of the property to be built;
- \$9.6 million for state highway and bridge construction;
- \$300,000 to finance one or more vocational education centers in York County, in conjunction with existing high schools;
- \$500,000 for building and renovations at the Boys Training Center in South Portland;
- \$100,000 for the Maine State Prison in Thomaston;
- \$500,000 to finance one or more vocational education centers in York County, in conjunction with existing high schools.

THREE CONSTITUTIONAL amendment questions also are being submitted.

One would eliminate the provision which now bars passage of a bond issue.

The second would extend the state loan insurance program on industrial buildings to include personal property, such as machinery and other equipment, as well as real estate.

The third would create a new loan insurance program to provide state backing for

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It's easy to recognize a man who owns his own home — he's always coming out of a hardware store.

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