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CONSERVATIONISTS POSE QUESTIONS

Jetport Gets I-75 But Wildlife Fate Cloudy

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Miami News Reporter

One solid answer and many questions unanswered came out of a double-barreled poke into the problems of a huge jetport in the Everglades yesterday.

The solid answer came from state road officials who said the Tampa-Miami leg of Interstate 75 definitely will be placed where it provides access to the new jetport.

The unanswered questions came out of a long meeting of county, state and federal officials and private citizens taking a hard look at what the jetport might do to South Florida's natural resources.

The Dade Port Authority is planning the new jetport for a site of more than 39 square miles on the Dade-Collier County line north of the Tamiami Trail about 40 miles west of Miami.

In Fort Lauderdale, State Road Board Chairman O'Neil announced that the I-75 east-west leg will be placed in the vicinity of the Tamiami Trail, instead of near the Alligator Alley toll-road to the north.

O'Neil said U.S. Transportation Secretary John Volpe assured him of the Tamiami routing. The location was recommended earlier by the road board, but Alan Boyd, transportation secretary under President Johnson, decided in favor of the Alligator Alley route.

In Miami Springs, meanwhile, more than 100 interested persons gathered for an exhaustive quiz of Port Authority officials and others on the jetport plan.

The questions focused on possible hazards of pollution and destruction of Florida fish, plant and wildlife through operation of the jetport and what is expected to be the residential-industrial-commercial development around it.

Special concern was expressed for the well-being of Everglades National Park, which lies south of the jetport site.

Although O'Neil's official statement in Fort Lauderdale had not yet been made, Port Authority officials at the Miami Springs meeting displayed a map of the jetport plan showing the Tamiami Trail alignment of Interstate 75.

This was welcomed by officials of the Flood Control District as well as by private conservation groups, who had objected earlier to a map showing the jetport access route crossing the FCD's Conservation Area 3, east of the jetport.

Although the current I-75 plan calls for a 300-foot right of way, Port Authority officials said they hope it can be widened to 500 feet, to make use of newly emerging techniques of rapid transit and cargo transport from Miami to the jetport.

Very little else of the information furnished by the Port Authority appeared to satisfy private and public conservationists, including officials from the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington.

Richard Judy, deputy director of the Port Authority and removed of the jetport project, fielded most of the questions himself and reiterated his own concern about protection of natural resources.

Possibly the two most significant problems explored were those of water management — so Everglades National Park will not be cut off from its water supply to the north — and restrictions on development around the jetport — so that the natural ecology of the whole area is not wiped out.

Plans to cope with those problems were inadequate, the conservationists said.

As a result, they said, they will press strongly for creation of an entirely new, multi-governmental agency to oversee planning and control of the project.

Top officials present at the meeting said such an agency will probably require state legislative action and this, in turn, poses new problems.

The Port Authority is building the jetport with part of a $50 million-plus bond issue backed by revenues without requiring use of tax funds.

GUARDSMEN with bayonetted rifles and sheriff's deputies used tear gas and a pepper fogger gas machine to disperse strikers late yesterday at the University of California campus in Berkeley. About 75 pickets blocked the main entrance to the campus while roving gangs shattered windows.
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'Shakeup' Hits Rulers In Syria

The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Defense Minister Hafez Assad appeared to have come out on top in a bloodless power struggle in Syria, informed sources said today.

President Noureddin Atassi and Gen. Salah Jadid, until now the real power behind the ruling Baath Socialist party, appear to have lost out, the sources said.

But reports saying the two men have been arrested by Assad were described as "exaggerated." There was no official word on their whereabouts.

Damascus Radio did not report any changes, omitting news of Syria in its morning newscasts.

Damascus appeared normal. Syrians were winding up the Moslem Bairam feast. Troops were guarding key installations, but this has become normal in Syria since the June 1967 war.

The sources reported no military units were used in the dispute which apparently occurred within the framework of the party of which Assad is a leading member.

There were no reports that any of the three protagonists suffered a change of post. Assad, besides being defense minister, is also commander of the air force, which lost two planes in dogfights with Israeli jets on Monday.

The exact nature of the differences between the three men were not known. But since last October the Middle East has buzzed with rumors that a showdown was imminent between Assad and the two party men.

Atassi is secretary general of the party and Jadid holds the title of assistant secretary general, but he wielded more power than the president.

Following the last party congress in October, it became evident that Assad was making his weight felt. The defense minister is believed to want more fighting and less talking about Israel. But at the same time, he wants less reliance on the Soviet Union, Syria's arms supplier.

Following the October congress, former Prime Minister Youssef Zayyen and Foreign Minister Ibrahim Makhous — two Communist-leaning Baathists — were ousted from their posts.

One of the subjects which precipitated today's reported showdown, the sources said, was a demand by Assad that all Communists in the administration be purged. Syria is the only Arab country with a Communist minister in its Cabinet.

CLEARED OF J.F.K. PLOT

Shaw Is Found Innocent

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Headquarters, was himself part of the conspiracy.

Garrison maintained that the CIA knew who was involved in the plot.

As Garrison made one charge after another about the alleged conspiracy, a variety of people drawn into bewildering twists and turns of the case grew, including a lawyer who had defended Oswald, a private detective, a mystery woman, a flying instructor.

A succession of witnesses were questioned as the investigations went on, many of them quickly dropped out of the picture and did not appear again.

Others variously could not be traced, had died or left town. In the end, only Clay Shaw was brought before the court.

Shaw took the stand Feb. 27 and testified he never took part in any plot against Kennedy and said he was a supporter of the late president.

He methodically denied all Garrison's charges during two hours of testimony.

He said he never knew Oswald, Ferrie or the prosecution's star witness, Perry Raymond Russo.

He said he did not attend a party at Ferrie's apartment in September 1963 at which Russo said the assassination was discussed.

He also denied that he was ever in Clinton, La., where some state witnesses said they saw him with Ferrie and Oswald.

Although much of the prosecution case was built around Russo's testimony, the 27-year-old book salesman admitted Feb. 11 that he never heard Shaw or Oswald actually agree to kill the president.

He had pointed out Shaw in court the day before as the man he heard discussing the assassination at a party.

The prosecution wound up its case against the former manager of the New Orleans Trade Mart yesterday.

The last two prosecution witnesses were a doctor who testified earlier and a photographer for the New Orleans coroner's office.

The doctor, pathologist John Nichols of the University of Kansas, testified that the fatal bullet could not have struck President Kennedy in the back of the neck as stated by the Warren Commission. He said if the shot had hit the President from the angle stated by the commission, it would have struck bone.

The defense based part of its case on the Warren Commission finding that the President was fatally wounded by bullets fired from behind the presidential motorcade as it passed through Dallas.

The photographer, Peter Schuster, testified about a set of mystery photographs but was not allowed to say when or where the pictures were taken. According to the prosecution, the photographs were intended to prove Kennedy was struck by bullets fired from other than behind him.

'You First,' Coeds Answer Nude Dare

The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—Male students sprinted in the nude around classroom buildings and women's dorms at the University of Maryland this week.

The nocturnal nudity began Tuesday during a panty raid when a coed ran naked along the fringe of a crowd.

Wednesday, a few men took the plunge.

Thursday night nine men were counted darting nude across campus, seven of them running in a pack. The other two were solitary runners, one wearing a ski mask and bright orange socks.

Shortly before midnight a group of clothed males stood outside a dorm and challenged the coeds to a nude foot race.

The girls demanded to see the boys' racing attire, and when the most any of the males would do was pull off a sweatshirt, the race never materialized.

Deer Slayer Freed

The Associated Press

LA BELLE, Fla. — Charges against a man accused of shooting Prince, a pet deer, while it grazed with cattle on a ranch near Clewiston, have been dismissed in Hendry County Court.

Judge Broward Parsons said he found no statute covering the offense with which Richard de Bussey Jr., 27, of Jupiter was charged.

The counts against De Bussey were "wilfully and maliciously" killing a deer belonging to rancher Joe Hilliard, and illegally discharging a firearm in a public place on Dec. 8.

Parsons said, however, "There was a moral wrong committed."

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