

Building Assured Soon On Sibley Hospital Site

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Residents near the site of the old Sibley Hospital were assured yesterday that construction of 246 public housing units there probably will get under way in early October.

Walter Washington, director of the National Capital Housing Authority, told a crowd of about 75 who gathered on the site at Pierce and North Capitol Streets that a delay in transfer of title to the land had held up construction in the past.

"By October, something is going to happen on this site," Washington said. "We're going to start building. But I'm not coming out here and promising the world."

The noontime rally had been called by the Urban League Citizens Advisory Council. The Council in recent weeks has been urging immediate construction at the site and inclusion of local residents in planning of stages of demolition and construction in the area.

Washington told the rally that title to the land was still held by the Redevelopment Land Agency, but that he had been assured by RLA that transfer would be made "within two weeks."

He said that announcement of bids on construction is scheduled for Sept. 1 and that the bids would probably be let by Oct. 6.

An RLA official yesterday, however, said that the "process of advertising the bids doesn't hinge" on the transfer of title.

Melvin Mister, project director for the Northwest Urban Renewal Project, added that "Both RLA and NCHA have gotten together and agreed on a schedule."

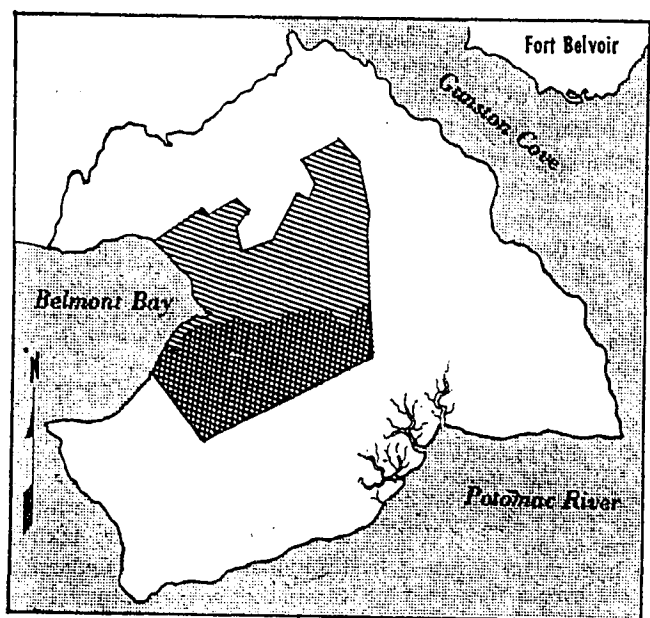
Demolition of a fur storage plant across from the Sibley site was delayed past the April 1 RLA deadline by leasing problems. The slowdown in destruction of the storage plant apparently sparked concern among residents that the renewal project itself might not get under way.

Washington said yesterday that he understood the warehouse will be available by November and that construction planning can begin in the meantime without delay.

Also yesterday, the League's Neighborhood Advisory Council issued a lengthy report calling for an overhaul of relocation practices by RLA, NCHA and "other appropriate agencies" in the District.

The study was based on the relocation experience of some 56 families at the Pierce Street edge of the Sibley site.

Among the recommendations in the report were: Use of local residents as aides to the professional staff of the relocation offices to help allay residents' fears, changing office hours to match the free time of working residents of the area, better police protection in the partially-relocated areas lowering rents during transfer periods, increase of relocation benefits and the purchase of more private housing by NCHA to "eliminate the further segregation of the poor in 'projects'."



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PARK PLANNED—Virginia Park authorities propose to purchase a total of 1800 acres for a state park in Mason Neck, Fairfax County. The purchase will be made in two parcels of about 900 acres each. Parcel one is the northern part of the shaded area and parcel two, the southern.

Bandits Hit Mark— But Find He Hits Back

The last time somebody held up Hylon Jones, 50, was about a year ago in his home and he remembers it well but not favorably.

The bandits cuffed him around that time and made themselves wholly obnoxious and Jones has never liked bandits since.

But here he was about 1:45 p.m. yesterday, sitting in his own Cadillac between two of them. The man who had stuck the gun in his back as he left the bank at North Capitol and H sts. ne. was now driving north on North Capitol Street and Jones didn't even like the way he handled the car.

But he also didn't want to get cuffed around again, so he made some conversation. "Look, take the money," Jones told them, "and take the car, too, but just let me out of here."

He might better have saved his breath because the bandit who was riding shotgun said, "Oh, a smart aleck!" and smacked Jones across the face a pretty good one.

That did it. Outweighed by at least 200 pounds, Jones nevertheless lashed out with his own fists to both the right and the left, catching each of the bandits some pretty good ones.

About that time, the Cadillac got bogged down in traffic and both bandits jumped out of the car and ran through a vacant lot on the south side of K Street and into another car which sped east on K Street, apparently driven by an accomplice.

They left Jones still hanging bandits, but feeling a little better about it all because the bank bag with the \$100 worth of change he had gotten for his Super Carry Out Shop at 1424 New Jersey ave. nw. was still on the seat beside him and traffic was moving and he was driving his car again.

And all the way to police headquarters he couldn't help but notice how much better he was handling the car than the fellow who had stuck the gun in his back.

Hyattsville Woman Dies In Plane Crash, 2 Saved

From News Dispatches

A West Hyattsville mother of three was killed and two men were rescued yesterday in the crash of a private airplane in Sinepuxent Bay near Assateague Island.

The body of Mrs. Marvin R. Fullmer, 40, of 1808 Jasmine ter., was found floating 2 1/2 miles from the site of the crash about 1 p.m. Fullmer, who had gone to the scene after hearing a radio report of the accident, identified his wife's body.

Wallace T. Garrett, 26, of Bethel, Del., and Robert High, 42, of Beltsville, lifelong friends of the Fullmers, were admitted to Peninsula General Hospital in Salisbury and treated for shock.

High was reportedly piloting the plane from Atlantic City, N.J., to Ocean City, Md., when it crashed shortly after 6 a.m.

On shore, Wilfred Johnson, whose home overlooks the bay, heard cries for help. Two of his sons, Allan, 22, and Carl, 24, paddled into the bay on surfboards and found Garrett and High bobbing in the water.

Allan Johnson gave his surfboard to the men to support themselves while he tried unsuccessfully to find Mrs. Fullmer in the submerged plane.

The Coast Guard pulled the plane from the water and had it hauled to Ocean City on a commercial trawler. A sports fishing boat took Garrett and High ashore, where they were transferred to an ambulance.

Suspect Admits 5000 Abortions

BOULDER, Colo., Aug. 19 (UPI)—Police said today that they were holding a 38-year-old man who admitted performing 5000 "free" abortions on area women—mostly university coeds—in the past five years.

The suspect, John Louis Siverly, a real estate dealer and former ball bondsman, turned himself in to District Attorney Rex Scott. Scott said there may be more arrests.

Officials said Siverly told officers he treated the women at his home north of Boulder or at a prearranged location.

One officer said: "He said he felt sorry for the girls and wanted to help them. He said he sometimes accepted donations from grateful girls." The officer said the average donation was \$175.

\$15,000 Awaiting Escapee's Return

DENVER, Aug. 19 (UPI) Officials said today they were looking for a 44-year-old World War II veteran who escaped nine years ago from the Colorado State Hospital. They want to give him \$15,000 in Army disability pay.

James P. Eakins of the Colorado State Parole Department said the man, Glenn Terry, was committed to the hospital in 1957 for treatment as an alcoholic.

If he comes back, he can have the money, Eakins said, and he won't be forced to return to the hospital.

Early Birds Sing of Flying Exploits in Reunion at Aviation's Nest



MEMORIES—Maj. Gen. Benjamin Foulois and Mrs. Paul Garber unveil plaque commemorating first flights.

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Like all pioneer aviators, Bill Diehl has a favorite story to tell.

It's about that hot day in 1919 when he soared down New York's 42d Street, at rooftop level, with a man standing on the wing.

Diehl, 74, and a dozen other Early Birds—an organization of pilots who soloed before Dec. 17, 1916—were swapping reminiscences yesterday during a plaque dedication ceremony on the drill field of Fort Myer's South Post.

"I was doing some stunt flying for Pathe News," recalled Diehl, who lives in North Bergen, N.J.

"I was to dip under the Brooklyn Bridge with a stunt man named Mort St. Clair standing on the top wing of my biplane. Pathe had a movie crew flying above us in a DeHavilland DR-4.

"We made it under the bridge all right. But with Mort up there, I couldn't rise.

"So we kept going, under the Manhattan Bridge and then the Williamsburg Bridge. I headed for Jersey but we still couldn't get up.

"That's how we got to 42d Street. Mort was still stand-



BERNARD WHELAN



COL. FRANCIS T. EVANS



BILL DIEHL

... at a reunion of Early Bird pilots, there are checked hats and reminiscences.

ing up on top, waving to folks in the windows, I guess.

"Fortunately, when we got to the Hudson River, he got tired and lay down on the wing. This reduced the resistance and we were just able to skim over the Palisades. We landed in a field about 1000 feet from the cliff."

Bill Denebie, 74, of DeKalb, Ill., recalled that he first soloed in 1911 in California. "But there were no witnesses, so I had to do it again the next year, to make it official."

Denebie and a buddy founded one of the Nation's first commercial airlines, the Continental Air Express, which served several California cities.

"We were the first, as far as I know, to serve free meals to our passengers," Denebie said. "It was the idea of a Hollywood press agent we hired, and I didn't go for it at first. But it went over big."

Continental thrived for 11 months but went down in the financial crash of 1929.

Pete Goff, 69, qualified as an Air Force jet pilot in 1957, a few weeks before his 60th birthday. He retired that year.

"I've flown all over, most of my life, and it was one big pleasant experience, but really, nothing much ever happened to me," Goff said.

"I never shot at anybody and was never shot at. I suppose the biggest thrill of my career was a cute little Vietnamese gal I met in Saigon."

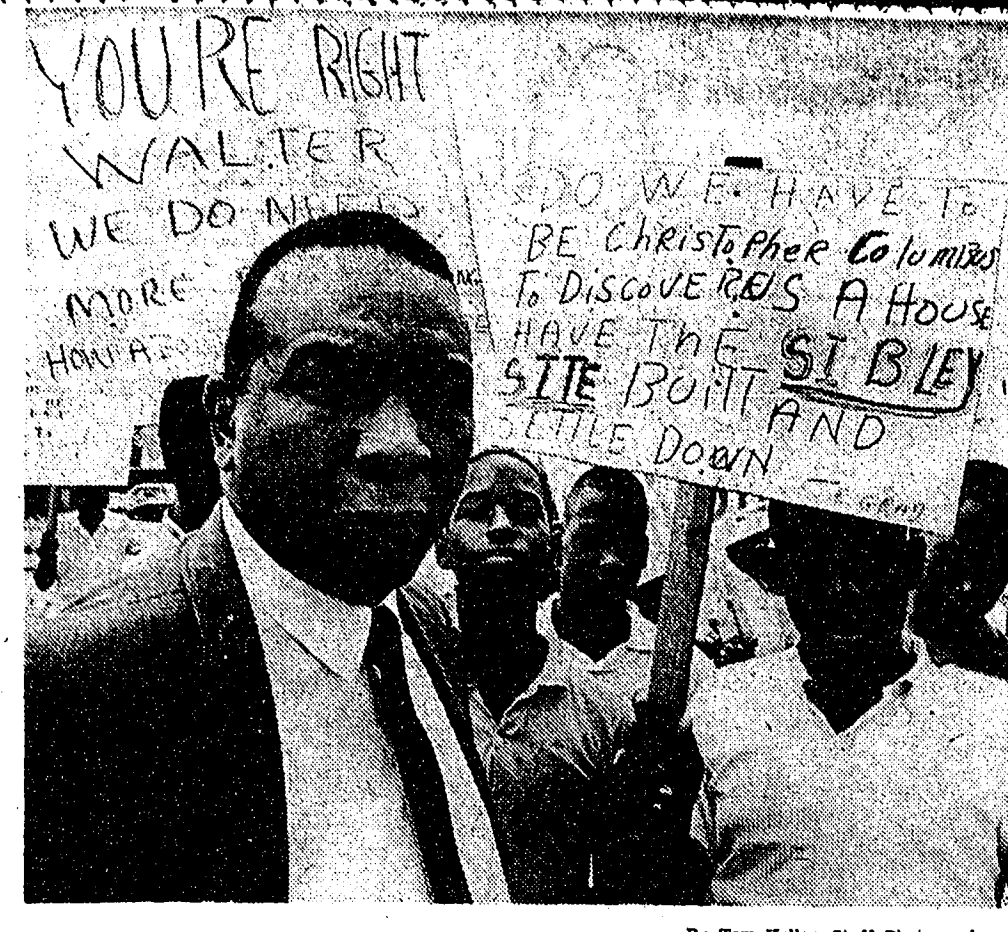
Retired Marine Col. Francis T. Evans, 80, of 7854 Southdown rd., Alexandria, doesn't hear as well as he used to, so his wife talked for him.

"He was Marine aviator no. 4. He won the DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross) after he did a loop-the-loop in a seaplane. It was considered mathematically impossible until he did it," she said with pride.

The Early Birds went to the drill field to present a plaque marking the field's importance in the history of aviation.

Among other things, it was the take-off point for Orville Wright in 1908, when he set a speed record of 42 miles an hour over a ten-mile course to Alexandria.

Retired Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois, now 86, was a lieutenant when he went along with Wright as an observer. Foulois unveiled the plaque yesterday and as he did so the Army Band played, "Come Josephine, in my Flying Machine."



Walter E. Washington of the Housing Authority answers questions at the rally.

Goldstein Denies Any Profit From Land Deal

Maryland Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein yesterday issued a formal explanation of his part in a Dorchester County land transaction and assailed a political rival, C. Meredith Boyce, who brought the matter to light.

Goldstein said the Boyce, running for the Democratic nomination for Comptroller on the slate headed by Rep. Carlton R. Sickles for Governor, presented a "completely distorted picture" of the deal.

Boyce said Tuesday that Goldstein, running for re-election on the ticket headed by Attorney General Thomas B. Finan, made \$74,000 profit by buying the land from, and selling it to, contracting firms that do substantial business with the State.

Goldstein, releasing copies of the settlement sheets on the transactions, said he and his wife bought one-quarter interest in the property, which is marsh land used for hunting, in 1962.

Goldstein said three other persons also bought one-quarter interests. He identified them as Victor Franklin Jr., Louis Grasmick and Paul Hampshire. Goldstein said he acted as trustee for the other investors.

Goldstein said the purchase price for the property on Barren Island, was \$60,000, with \$10,000 paid in cash and a \$50,000 mortgage given by the Consolidated Engineering Co., Inc., which sold the land.

Each investor paid \$2500, Goldstein said. In 1963, he said, he and his wife bought Grasmick's interest for \$2751.52, which represented Grasmick's original investment and his subsequent expenses.

In 1964, Goldstein continued, he and his wife sold their half-interest in the property to Baltimore Contractors, Inc., for \$18,189.02, which represented their total investment, including mortgage payments and the cost of maintenance.

Goldstein added that Baltimore Contractors was represented in the transaction by the Baltimore law firm of Tydings and Rosenberg, in which Sen. Joseph D. Tydings (D-Md.) was active before his election in 1964. Tydings is supporting Sickles for Governor.

Boyce, in his statement Tuesday, said his interpretation of the transactions was based on land records in the Dorchester County Courthouse. Boyce said the land deals "may have been perfectly legal and above board" but were "incriminating" and required explanation.

Goldstein accused Boyce yesterday of "a cheap attempt to grab a few headlines for political advantage."

He said his purchase of the property was noted in local newspapers at the time and asserted that Boyce "is either guilty of fraud and misrepresentation or is so utterly irresponsible that he doesn't deserve the right to be considered for statewide office."

Cause Sought In Bus Crash Fatal to Nine

From News Dispatches

ALTAVISTA, Va., Aug. 19 An intensive investigation still was under way here today to determine the cause of Thursday's pre-dawn collision between a Trailways bus and a Railway Express Agency tractor-trailer.

Nine persons were killed and 32 injured in the crash, which took place near here on a two-lane stretch of U.S. Rte. 29. The ninth fatality was identified today as Flora Wakfield, 59, of Manchester, Conn. State police tentatively listed the address of another victim, Mollie Taylor of Washington, D.C., as 1524 Howard rd. se.

Three passengers in the Florida-Washington-New York bus were on the critical list in Lynchburg General Hospital and two more were in serious condition.

State Police and investigators of the Interstate and State Commerce Commissions probed the wreckage today and interviewed passengers and local residents. Officials of Trailways, REA and insurance firms also were on the scene.

United Press International quoted authorities as saying the REA driver apparently let his southbound vehicle cross three feet over the center line. Both drivers were among those killed in the head-on collision, which occurred at 4:45 a.m. in hazy weather.

State Police in Appomattox said they still could not give the cause of the crash or the speeds at which the vehicles were traveling.

Senators Debate Change ... And Decide to Pocket It

By Elsie Carper
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Members of the Senate held their annual squabble yesterday over the rights and wrongs of hanging on to their unused stationery allowances and then voted to keep the money.

Sen. John J. Williams (R-Del.) urged his colleagues to turn down the conference report on the Legislative Appropriations Bill and insist on House agreement to a proviso returning unused stationery funds to the Treasury.

The Senate rejected the Williams plea and adopted the conference report 81 to 16. Williams was defeated in a similar effort last year.

"Under the present practice," Williams said, "the unused money can go into a members pocket Do members want to continue the practice of putting that money in their pockets?"

But Sen. John O. Pastore (D-R.I.) declared members have many office expenses—such as the purchase of home-

state newspapers for which they are not compensated.

"There is no need to create a scandalous atmosphere here," Pastore exclaimed. "I do not think that any man who has reached the high position of the Senate is ready to steal nickels and dimes and that is what we are talking about."

The conference report also contained a provision putting a freeze on new expenditures for extending and rebuilding the West Front of the Capitol.

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.) said members of Congress "will be given a chance in the future to vote on whether the extension should go ahead."

"It is sincerely hoped by most of the conferees that an opportunity will be given for taking extensive testimony on the conditions of the West Front foundations, and for consideration of the ultimate cost of rebuilding the West Front on the present foundation lines," Monroney declared.

County to Honor Namesake Ship

The USS Arlington, a reconverted headquarters communication ship, will be presented with a silver candelabrum by its Northern Virginia namesake when it sets to sea next Saturday.

Arlington County Board Chairman Leo Urbanske Jr. and Board members Kenneth M. Haggerty and Thomas W. Richards will present the gift at the Norfolk Naval Yard.

The candelabrum was especially designed and handcrafted to symbolize Arlington County, the Navy and the ship's special function. The ship was the carrier Saipan during World War II.

County Progress Seen Delayed Over Zoning

Spending of more than \$100 million in Prince George's County is being stalled by a backlog of zoning applications pending at the County's Planning Board, five candidates for County Commissioner charged yesterday.

The five are members of a Democratic slate supporting gubernatorial candidate George P. Mahoney. They include former County Commissioner A. Preston Perrie.

Perrie, the spokesman for the slate, said the County's policy of accepting rezoning petitions only two months a year has "tied up a fortune in money and a basketful of jobs in Prince George's." The policy was instituted three years ago.

A moratorium imposed by the County Commissioner, which cancelled one of two zoning periods this year, made the situation worse, Perrie said.

"It should be possible to get a yes or no decision more quickly than the Commission is able to process applications now," he said. "One big step forward would be to eliminate the idea that applications can only be filed in January and July. Let the applications come in throughout the year and deal with them as they come."

Other candidates on the slate are Frederick B. Lauterbach, Frederick M. Coxen, Edwin M. Ball and J. Everett Mattingly.

RLA Cuts Sale Price Of SW Project Again To Bring Rent Down

Washington's Redevelopment Land Agency cut the sale price of a Southwest apartment project for the second time yesterday in an attempt to reduce the rents for moderate-income families.

Affected by the action of the Agency's directors is the Kober-Sternberg apartments at the foot of Delaware Avenue sw, near Ft. McNair.

When the Agency first bought the 107-unit project for \$770,000, it intended to resell it at cost to a cooperative corporation that would rehabilitate the apartments and charge modest rents.

Negotiations dragged on and problems built up. Notable among these was the question of how high the Federal Housing Administration standards would be as a condition for financing the renovation. Finally, in February, 1965, the Land Agency cut the price to \$700,000.

When St. James Mutual Homes, Inc., the cooperative, recently won an FHA commitment, the budget provided for monthly rentals ranging from \$87.50 for the cheapest one-bedroom unit to \$135 for three-bedroom units.

This raised questions whether "these rentals are inconsistent with the original objective—to provide housing for the lower-middle income group," according to a Land Agency memorandum released yesterday.

To cut rents to a range from \$79 to \$119, the Agency's board agreed to reduce the sale price to \$500,000. It set a public hearing for 11 a.m. Aug. 31 at its office, 919 19th st. nw.

State Police Death Probe Questioned

The father of an 8-year-old girl who was shot fatally last summer near Germantown, Md., has written to Maryland Attorney General Thomas B. Finan questioning the findings of State Police in the case.

After an inquiry earlier this month, State Police accepted the conclusion of Montgomery County investigators that the death of Jacoba Hendrika Hoeve was accidental.

In a letter mailed to Finan yesterday, Dr. Cornelis A. J. Hoeve, the girl's father, asked how State Police could make their determination "without approaching me to learn what the basis is of my criticism."

State Police Superintendent Carey Jarman said last night that "we didn't consult with any additional witnesses because we weren't directed to do anything of that sort." He stressed that State investigators interviewed County police and Montgomery State's Attorney Leonard Z. Kardy.

Dr. Hoeve, a Dutch citizen who lives in Rockville, contends that the report made by County police contains contradictory statements.

The State Police review was ordered by Gov. J. Millard Tawes after Hoeve aired his criticism of the Montgomery police investigation in the Dutch press.

Jacoba was struck in the head by a bullet last Aug. 31 in a peach orchard where she had gone on an outing with her parents. Police said the fatal shot came from a carbine fired three-quarters of a mile away by a group of five who were target shooting.