GOV. SARGENT HALTS LOGAN EXPANSION

Strong opposition from Governor Sargent has put a stop to the proposed new $45 million runway at Logan Airport.

The governor has also seriously challenged other expansion plans at the airport and called for a sweeping program of noise abatement.

In a policy statement last Thursday night, Sargent announced his opposition to construction of the runway and a proposed $45 million South Terminal.

The strongly-worded speech came some hours before a public hearing was to be held by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Aviation Administration to consider whether the new runway should be built. The Mass. Port Authority, in turn, got permission to withdraw its application for the hearing.

The hearing promised to draw as many as 1000 citizens, most of them opposing the runway. Various elected officials and departments of the city and state were prepared to argue against the project.

Prior to the speech, Sargent’s position on the runway and Logan Airport in general were a well-kept secret. Sargent had been pushed for over a year by local officials and civic groups to take a stand on the airport, and he had responded with only a temporary “moratorium.”

He stated Thursday, “The case against the new runway is compelling today...cost, demonstrable failure to meet its own goals, disruption of present airport operation, undeniable increase in airport noise impact, especially during the four-year construction period.”

Strong reaction from the front lines: governor’s new policy great, but...

by Lisa Jones, Marie DiFlumeri, and Mossik Hacobian

Reactions to Sargent’s statement and the Port Authority’s response by residents in St. Mary’s Parish area range from total scepticism to cautious and qualified optimism.

In interviews Sunday with Community News reporters, residents of Coleridge, Bennington, Horace, and Homer Streets questioned the ability of anyone to stop Logan Airport’s expansion, and Governor Sargent’s motives and convictions in opposing construction of the parallel runway and expansion of the airport.

The people in this area of East Boston live directly under the flight path of the proposed runway. They, and residents of Point Shirley in Winthrop, would have suffered the worst noise exposure.

Following are statements by residents:

Mrs. Mary Cummings, 148 Coleridge St.: “No one can stop the airport. You can stop them to a certain degree, but after a while they’ll expand again. If people are willing to sell their houses, the Port Authority will keep buying them and expand.”

Joseph Guarnaccia, 56 Homer St.: “This is the first right move by Sargent. I see it as the first ray of light. If he sticks by what he said, this is a victory for East Boston.”

Card of Thanks - This sign on a building on Meridian Street greeted tunnel traffic Saturday.

Joseph Guarnaccia: “The first ray of light.”

“People will always fight as long as they’re here. This is everything we’ve got; where are we going to go? I’m putting in a 24-foot square swimming pool here, so I intend to stay. They’re not scaring me.”

(REACTIONS, cont. p.2)

‘Victory party’ Thursday at E. Boston Stadium

East Boston will celebrate its victory over the Port Authority all day Thursday and Thursday night at East Boston Stadium.

Bands, games for children and Summertime events will fill the day on the stadium grounds, just inside the airport entrance.

Gov. Sargent, Mayor White, local legislators, Sen. Kennedy and other politicians will be the main attraction of an evening event starting at 8 p.m.

Girls’ softball teams will play all day, and the Park Department is organizing games for children. Neighborhood Youth Corps Workers are being let off for the day “to keep things rolling,” according to Little City Hall.

Martin Coughlin of Little City Hall, one of the organizers, said, “We’re trying to get back a little bit of that feeling we had at Wood Island Park.”
Sarge promises noise limits, soundproofing, land replacement

People's query: how long will it last?

- REACTION cont'd from p. 1

Mrs. Mary Scigliano, 149 Coloridge St.:

"I doubt that withdrawal of the request for the permit in a turning point. Most people here think that someone's going to take their homes away from them.

"It's necessary to know what Mass. Port is doing in order for people to stop them. We need a place that a person can call if he sees someone doing something there.

"An individual can't do anything by himself. This isn't a well-knit community where everyone gets together and does things."

Guy Canocho, 569 Bennington St.:

"Can't stop progress. After a few months the fight will start all over again.

"The governor's statement is just a political pitch. There's no way of stopping the airport.

"If you put restrictions on plans, you may be jeopardizing the lives of passengers and people in East Boston (due to unsafe procedures)."

Fred Lane: "The people of East Boston gotta keep fighting."

Mr. Bernard Ballan, 163 Coloridge St.:

"I think it's a good thing, but I don't know how long it will last.

People's query: how long will it last?

Fred Lane, 57 Horace St.:

"It's good if the runway's been stopped. Stopping the airport's expansion is a victory but the people of East Boston gotta keep fighting. The Port Authority is pretty strong."

Jim Goodwin, 30 Horace St.:

"They can't take my house away from me!

Residents of other areas of East Boston echoed the sentiments of people who would have been affected by the new runway.

Sam Tassone, 237 Chelsea St.:

"I think it's a good thing, but I don't know how long it will last."

E. BOSTON LEGISLATORS COMMENT

Sen. Mario Umana

"As far as I am concerned, the Governor gave the people of East Boston a long needed morale boost.

"It's high time someone in a position of authority for that land taken for the airport."

MARY CUMMINGS: "No one can stop the airport."

Bernard Ballan: "This isn't a well-knit community."

"Everyone is on an ecology kick. "Governor Sargent didn't do it for us, he did it because he had to."

Alice Ravaro, 192 Marion St.:

"The Governor's stand is good for us as Logan won't take any more houses. East Boston will be nil if they keep expanding."

"They're spending millions and can't be first compared to other airports.

"This is near election time. I believe it's only a temporary measure."

PRIVATE SECRETARY

To work in East Boston area.

Must have experience, shorthand, typing. Good salary. State your qualifications.

Reply to Box no. 101, News Office 2IA Bennington Street, East Boston

Sen. Mario Umana

"As far as I am concerned, the Governor gave the people of East Boston a long needed morale boost.

"It's high time someone in a position of authority for that land taken for the airport."

Evelyn Picardi, 34 Horace St.:

"The governor's statement is just a political pitch. There's no way of stopping the airport."

"If you put restrictions on plans, you may be jeopardizing the lives of passengers and people in East Boston (due to unsafe procedures)."

"Governor Sargent didn't do it for us, he did it because he had to."

Alice Ravaro, 192 Marion St.:

"The Governor's stand is good for us as Logan won't take any more houses. East Boston will be nil if they keep expanding."

"They're spending millions and can't be first compared to other airports.

"This is near election time. I believe it's only a temporary measure."

"At that time we met with a great deal of pessimism...It has been a long uphill struggle...today's victory is a justification for all the hard work in the past few years."

"It is indeed encouraging to know that the Governor, who was so long silent, has raised his voice strongly, loudly, and courageously in our support.

However, we cannot relax for this is by no means the end of the struggle."

Rep. Emanuel Serra

"The Governor's statement is what we've been hoping and working for."

"In effect it has stopped a runway from being built. Equally important is that it has diluted the attitude that it was useless to fight the power of the Mass. Port Authority."

"The Governor is to be applauded for his statement. It took a great deal of personal courage to make such a commitment..."

"Without dispelling the hope that we all must feel at this point, it would be foolish if we dropped our guard and became complacent. We haven't pulled their claws, only dulled them."

Community News, July 13, 1971
MPA will bow to Sargent, or he'll fight

by Moshek Habobian and Peter Sheyath

The Mass. Port Authority seems to have a new strategy with such Gov. Sargent's strong opposition to its plans for the future of Logan Airport.

In a press conference Friday, MPA board chairman John Larkin Thompson summed up his reaction to a batch of proposals and directives from the governor:

"If there are better ways to do something, we're prepared to do it."

"He, like King, said the conference Friday, seemed to gloss over the fact that the runway proposal, even though dead for now, should be reviewed by the federal government - - on the off chance that the runway is what the MPA says it is, something that would reduce noise by bringing in more flights over the ocean.

And Sargent's new Secretary of Transportation, Alan Altshuler, said on WHDH-TV Saturday night that the runway could be built if the MPA proves it would be environmentally beneficial.

"We find this hard to believe," said Altshuler, "but should the MPA be able to prove it to our satisfaction, we'll be open to that consideration."

MPA cooperative

Other MPA statements suggest that the authority is going to be cooperative with the governor, at least to some extent. Port Authority director Edward J. King Monday morning said that he was open to changing plans for the terminals - and that the MPA would "certainly consider" the governor's proposal for double-decking a present terminal rather than building the new South Terminal. He said a re-study has "already begun."

However, Thompson, in the press conference Friday, seemed to gloss over the fact that Sargent had taken such a strong stand. He, like King, said the terminal projects were "already being reconsidered." The fact is, that up to a week ago, plans for a completely new South Terminal were going full speed ahead.

Thompson also dwelled on Sargent's promise that the runway proposal, even though dead for now, should be reviewed by the federal government. The MPA chairman said the authority will be holding its own hearing on the runway sometime in the near future.

Sargent and the top MPA brass met several times prior to the governor's speech, and it's very likely that they hit on this "federal review" as a compromise and face-saving device.

What the "federal review" may end up being is simply the federal government for the $160,000 "environmental impact" study done two months ago on the runway by consultants Landrum and Brown. To date, the government has been reluctant to give the MPA some of its airport planning money for this grant - under pressure from aides to Mayor White, who contended the study was a farce and were willing to go to court to prove it.

Salvucci: Sarge will fight if need be

"White aide Fred Salvucci was involved in much of the negotiations that led to Sargent's policy decision. He trusts the governor's sincerity and thinks the MPA will have little chance of getting him to back down.

"Thompson is still playing as if somehow he's going to handle this problem with public relations. It's too early to tell what the MPA is going to do, but I'd say that if they try to fight him (the governor), they're dead. He's been so explicit and complete that we're sure he's prepared to fight the thing out if he has to."

OLD CAR DRIVING YOU MAD?

DEAL DIRECT - FACTORY TO YOU

FRANCIS J. VELARDO

"East Boston's Own"

10 J-7946

7-6-3436

ALSO, EXPERT CEMETERY LETTERING

NODDLE LIQUORS

"Where parking is no problem... and we never run out of ice cubes."

Gragnano Wine Vinegar

Produced and bottled in Italy

Albano's Flower Shop

Flowers for all occasions

567-3440

253 Meridian St., East Boston

Broadway Stationers

CARDS

STATIONERY

SCHOOL & OFFICE SUPPLIES

567-1568

569-0807

CALLING OFF THE HEARING - The two top MPA executives, director Edward King and board chairman John Thompson, sounded cooperative as they agreed to cancel runway hearing.

Calm Down, Brighten Up! Steer Here for a Loan

Feel like bashing in that old car? And you've really had it? You need soothing — and a low-cost Automobile loan. You need us. Come in, talk it over.

FOR YOUR BAR-B-QUE AND COOKOUTS

100% pure pork Italian sausages

• Salami Abruzzese • Salami Genoa • Hormel Piccata

• Aurichio Provoloni • Imported Danish Ham

• Fresh Bread and Rolls Daily • Italian Sausage • Ricotta

• Oil Cured and Sicilian Olives • Party Platters

987 Bennington St.

East Boston Orient Heights

567-9038

"Cold cuts so fresh...you have to spank 'em"

VETERANS

If you were honorably discharged after January 1955, you are entitled to 100% tuition reimbursement for over 200 courses, including high school diploma courses, with the International Correspondence Schools.

NON-VETS MAY ALSO APPLY

PAUL MARIANO 265-3299

CALL 569-1394

OR COME IN DURING BUSINESS HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12. (Open Monday and Friday nights from 6 to 8 p.m.)

CALL 569-1394

FOR YOUR BAR-B-QUE AND COOKOUTS

100% pure pork Italian sausages

• Salami Abruzzese • Salami Genoa • Hormel Piccata

• Aurichio Provoloni • Imported Danish Ham

• Fresh Bread and Rolls Daily • Italian Sausage • Ricotta

• Oil Cured and Sicilian Olives • Party Platters

987 Bennington St.

East Boston Orient Heights

567-9038

"Cold cuts so fresh...you have to spank 'em"

VETERANS

If you were honorably discharged after January 1955, you are entitled to 100% tuition reimbursement for over 200 courses, including high school diploma courses, with the International Correspondence Schools.

NON-VETS MAY ALSO APPLY

PAUL MARIANO 265-3299

CALL 569-1394

OR COME IN DURING BUSINESS HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12. (Open Monday and Friday nights from 6 to 8 p.m.)

OLD CAR DRIVING YOU MAD?
**All in all, it was a mighty fine week**

Last week should go down in East Boston's history as one of its greatest weeks.

The Governor's statement on Thursday and the MPA's step-back, mark the first major setback in the steamrolling expansion of Logan Airport. East Boston and neighboring communities appear to have won a great victory.

Also, on Thursday, the Mayor's Office announced that the elderly housing project for Maverick Square had finally been approved by the federal government and $3.1 million set aside for purchase and development of the 9.6-acre waterfront site. This is also a victory for East Boston residents who have been lobbying for years to get some housing for the elderly here. With one of the highest concentrations of senior citizens among Boston's neighborhoods, East Boston is one of the few without any housing for the elderly.

On Friday, July 9, the East Boston Neighborhood Council's Impact Project received formal notice of approval of a $1.3 million grant from the federal Office of Economic Opportunity for establishment of a local Community Development Corporation (CDC).

At a celebration party at the Impact office on Friday, Mrs. Anna DeFronzo of Lamson East Boston, asked with obvious joy and relief, "Can you believe it? Can you believe it?" Sargent has shot down a number of projects that the MPA has been working on for years.

**News commentary**

Sargent has certainly lost favor with the powerful staff of the MPA, the powerful bondholders of the MPA and businessmen who enjoy the convenience of Logan. The same token, he can get good political mileage out of being the first governor to seriously challenge the power of the MPA in regard to the operation of Boston's greatest single menace - to health and sanity.

Economics, too, say that Sargent's decision is going to stick. The airlines are in a big depression, and there are no signs of things getting better. Now runways and terminals aren't a very good investment right now for the state, the federal government or the airlines.

And it doesn't look like public money is going to be invested in air travel in the future. There's been a 25-year gravy train for the airlines - with a lot of the expense of developing new planes and building new terminals coming out of the public coffers. The gravy train stopped with the unfunding of the SST.

Massachusetts may be one of the first states to try to get these funds redirected into a more sane transportation system. Sargent, to his credit, has been a leader among governors in pushing for a good high speed rail line down the East Coast.

As for the promised noise reductions, those look like other than just a pipe dream. What Sargent proposes to do here is just what California has already done - enacted laws that say airplanes must take off with such and such a noise level, and no higher, or the airline faces prosecution.

John Vitagliano of MAPMAG, who has been in contact with the governor's office at least a hundred times in the past year, and who is privy to some inside information, thinks Sargent should be taken seriously.

"We want people to get over the cynicism that this is just another grandstand play," he said. "There's a fundamental change here."

---

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE**


**APARTMENT WANTED**

FOUR FURNISHED ROOMS - all utilities included. One child, $20 per month. 569-3930. Ask for Barbara.

**HELP WANTED**

SALESMAN WANTED - No experience necessary. For amazing new product. Also opportunity to start your own business. For information phone Mr. Cutter, 395-1399.

---

**FLO'S BEAUTY DEN**

Specializing in Coloring and Permanents

Wed., Thurs., & Sat...9:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday ... til 9:00 p.m.

355 Chelsea St. (Day Sq.)...567-0418

---

**Having a party?**

**Let us do the catering**

**Only $19.99**

Includes meats, cheeses, potato salad, pickles, olives, 50 rolls. Ample for 25.

---

**KING COLD CUTS**

Gloria Foods 86 Cottage St. 567-6373 East Boston