

Coffin Hints He May Re-Enter Maine Political Scene

By RONALD H. KNIGHT

Former U. S. Rep. Frank M. Coffin said here Friday he "certainly would not rule out" the possibility of his returning to Maine to run for public office.

Coffin, permanent U. S. representative to the Development Assistance Committee in Paris, said at a news conference at WQAN-TV he does not have his eye on any particular office or campaign year, but has a "strong desire to engage in public service."

The Lewiston Democrat, in Maine for a visit and to speak Sunday at Gorham State Teachers College commencement, said any decision he makes would depend also on the "conviction of others." He apparently was referring to the state Democratic party leaders. One who had been involved in

politics as long as he has, said Coffin, "doesn't easily forget it."

"My own bent is for public service," he added.

Coffin left the House after two terms to run for governor in 1960. He was defeated by Gov. John H. Reed in an election that saw Coffin poll 197,447, the largest total received by a Democratic gubernatorial candidate in the state's history.

HE SAID HE has thought seriously of returning to Maine, perhaps next year. He indicated that he probably would leave his Paris post a year from now after serving out the "conviction of others." Turning to the world scene, Coffin said Europeans view the

U. S. as a "tremendous force in world leadership."

"They have a great deal of faith in the United States," he said, adding that Europeans "seem 'care just as deeply as Americans do about the strength of the U. S. as a nation."

The 13 - nation DAC is attempting through persuasion and example to help underdeveloped countries use foreign aid wisely, said Coffin, by increasing the flow of resources, seeking better interest terms and improving the effectiveness of the aid.

It is hoped that the wide economic gap between the rich and poor nations will begin to close within the next two generations as the aid programs take effect.

Coffin observed that it is a popular misconception that the U. S. carries the largest foreign aid burden. Although the U. S. is the leader in "absolute amount of aid funds, France contributes twice as great of the U. S. in terms of its gross national product, he said.

"We are often criticized for giving aid to too many countries," said Coffin. He noted, however, that Germany is assisting 90 nations and Canada, 60. France has 50,000 foreign aid workers, many of them teachers in former colonies compared with 5,000 Americans connected with overseas programs, Coffin noted.

Economic aid from the Western powers is often "far more significant" than that from the Communist bloc, he said.

Although the Communist capacity to give aid is "extremely limited," said Coffin, they have increased it from \$495 million to \$1.5 billion in the past year. They are well aware of its great political value, he said, adding that the "Prings-Moscow concentration is part of it." Coffin said world trade would become chaotic if the current "Kennedy round" of negotiations doesn't succeed in obtaining "significant" across-the-board tariff cuts. The issue, especially between the Common Market and so-called Outer Seven nations in Europe, will be decided within a year or so, he said.

"There is reason to hope that the Common Market will be outward looking" in the tariff talks, he said. "It is one of the most serious questions we have to settle."



By Staff Photographer Merril Frank M. Coffin

LBJ Planning Action To Aid U.S. Negroes

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson said Friday evening he will call a White House conference this fall aimed at helping Negroes achieve the rights that "endless years of hatred and hopelessness" have denied them.

3 Bank Employees Slain In 'Old-Time' Robbery

BIG SPRINGS, Neb. (AP)—Three employees of a Western Nebraska country bank died of bullets in the bank Friday and a fourth was wounded three times by a trigger-happy robber who fled into the sparsely settled area around this cattle town.

Prayer For Today

O Holy Spirit, refresh our hearts and lives. As Spirit of Truth unlock and release all our sins and set us free. As Comforter lead us to the only Source of our salvation and as Comforter and heavenly Guide prod us to act even in uncomfortable matters according to Thy directings and the Father's will, in Jesus' name, Amen.

McDivitt Sees Object With 'Big Arms' As Gemini-4 Continues Sailing Along

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI)—Astronaut Michael Smith spotted a space object with "big arms sticking out" apparently another satellite—as he and Edward White sailed along Friday on their record-breaking, 62-orbit mission.

Space agency officials ordered an immediate check to see what the object was. They noted that it could possibly have been Pegasus-2, a huge ball-like meteoroid detection satellite launched on May 23 by Saturn-1 super rocket. The Pegasus has "wings" 96 feet wide to sweep space for meteoroids.

The Gemini-4 went into its 21st orbit at 6:55 p.m. EDT. WHITE ASLEEP

McDivitt spotted his object during the 20th orbit, as the spacecraft was whirling across the United States. White was asleep at the time.

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It had big arms sticking out of it. It looked like it had only been seen for about a minute, and had taken pictures with a movie camera although the position of the sun made picture-taking difficult.

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which keeps track of man-made objects in space, is currently following 1,301 of them. Object No. 1390 is Gemini-4, and object No. 1391 is its burned out second stage rocket booster.

This was the second space "neighbor" to be spotted by the Gemini-4 astronauts as they sped through the second day of their four-day trip. At various times around the globe they have sighted the burned-out booster of the Titan II rocket that lifted them into space Thursday morning.

The new object, however, was unexpected.

Mission control said McDivitt took motion pictures of whatever he saw, but had difficulty doing so because of the angle of the sun.

Kraft said the control center would ask for more information from McDivitt.

He was asked if space officials worried about satellites bumping, and replied: "As long as they don't bump with ours, we don't worry about it."

The odds of such a thing happening are high, he said, because ground officials keep the track of the path of all satellites.

Soviet spacewalker Alexei Leonov reported after his flight last March that he and his space pilot also had spotted another satellite during their one-day journey.

McDivitt's spotting of the apparent satellite came after he and White, bolstered by chatty conversations with their wives, had set one new world space record and were given a tentative okay for a full four-day mission.

Despite some minor problems, mostly to do with communications, Kraft said in mid-afternoon that "I don't see anything at this moment to keep us from going four days..."

His comment came as Gemini-4 sailed through its 19th orbit en route to a planned landing in the Atlantic next Monday afternoon after a 62-orbit voyage.

The start of the 18th orbit put spacewalker White and command pilot McDivitt in a class all by themselves. It was the longest of all the multi-manned flights, beating the 11-orbit record set by Soviet spacewalker Alexei Leonov and his pilot Pavel Belayev, last March 18.

It was at about this time that McDivitt and White carried out a conversation with their wives—both named Patricia. It was a talk that included such family familiarities as "Be a good boy now, kid" (to McDivitt) and "I can't wait to talk to you about it" (to White).

Meanwhile, the astronauts themselves were pronounced in fine shape after more than a day in orbit, and after Thursday's exhilarating but strenuous day that included White's 20th orbit.

Maine Lawmakers Complete Record Budget, Are Pressing Toward Speedy Adjournment

By ROBERT M. CROCKER

AUGUSTA (AP)—Maine's first Democratic-controlled legislature since 1911-12 neared adjournment Friday night after completing a record budget and long strides in education with only major new taxes.

The 22-week session was the shortest in eight years, although it passed the target date of May 30.

Most of the last day was devoted to spending the last available million and a half dollars—and to killing legislation which would have cost three times that much, for lack of funds.

The last day produced passage of four major education items: A new method of paying state school subsidies, a bill to finance rapid expansion of the

state constitution, a \$7 million U. S. constitution bond issue and a \$500,000 issue for a vocational training center in York County. Also passed was a state minimum wage law.

All but the minimum wage was boosted from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour in stages with coverage broadened. Red asked for most of these changes in his January message to the lawmakers.

In the development field Red got his requested expansion of state loan insurance for industrial and recreational property, some of it subject to referendum approval in referendum next November.

Sunday liquor sales were approved, but a "dry" group has started a referendum drive. Red didn't ask for that change but approved it.

An act was passed to forbid racial or religious discrimination in the rental of housing. Republican Gov. Reed came to agreement with the Democratic legislative majority May 20 and in fact announced the "compromise" then to newsmen.

So he and the Republican legislative minority have been in agreement with the Democrats on the broad outlines of the budget for some time.

Scores of spending items were presented to Reed as the Republican cleared his appropriations table on the final day.

Other matters not involving money also were passed and there was at least one which no one expected him to approve.

Airmen 'Chute Safely In Crash At Topsham

SABATTUS, Maine (UPI)—An Air Force Reserve C-119 cargo plane participating in a Continental Air Command training mission, crashed in a plowfield near this tiny central Maine community late Friday.

The pilot and three crewmen aboard bailed out safely.

State police in the "wasp-tailed" "Flying Boxcar" narrow-body aircraft, piloted by a 34-year-old boy on a tractor who was in the field between Route 126 and the Maine Turnpike.

John Vachon of Webster, Maine, said the plane crashed with a "thud that shook everything." The youth said the wreckage came to a halt some 50 feet from the tractor he was riding.

There were no injuries authorized. Two of the crewmen who bailed out were picked up immediately by state police on the Maine Turnpike and the other two landed near the plane.

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John Vachon Plane Missed Him

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