

Thomas S. Hey Elected School Committee Chairman

By CHARLES C. SUTTON
Education Reporter

Thomas S. Hey, 47, of 542 Stevens Ave., was elected chairman of the Portland School Committee Monday during a special organization meeting at City Hall.

Hey, a veteran of five years on the panel, was chairman in 1963.

He succeeds Curtis B. Laughlin who was defeated for re-election.

In a brief acceptance speech, Hey promised to lend "a keen ear" to the problems of the teachers. "They are on the firing line," he added. "We only make policy decisions."

For a few moments the election of a new chairman appeared to be headed for a con-

test between Hey and Edward I. Bernstein. But Bernstein, who was nominated by John W. Sturgis, said "due to circumstances beyond my control" he didn't wish to be considered.

Hey received the committee's endorsement. He abstained from voting.

A graduate of Portland Junior College and Boston University, Hey worked many years in the hardware business but since 1943 has been a special agent for the Internal Revenue Service.

Hey said becoming chairman again was an extra privilege because Portland is on the "doorstep of tremendous things" for its schools.

Referring to increased fed-

eral aid to education, Hey said the system will be able to make improvements which have been only dreams up to now because of inadequate finances.

He also promised to continue the implementation of the elementary education survey and the organization plan of 1964.

Hey also asked members not to speak individually for the "entire" committee.

Hey also was elected to the subcommittees on finance, rules and regulations, special education, and federal programs.

The subcommittee on federal programs was approved during the meeting at the request of Mrs. June Gridley. She said there was a need for

such a committee to set priorities and make evaluations of proposals under federal legislation.

Another motion of Mrs. Gridley's — to have all the subcommittees reviewed for their effectiveness — also was approved.

Other members of the subcommittee on federal programs will be Mrs. Gridley, chairman, and Mrs. Sturgis.

OTHER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS approved by the members are:

Building and Supplies — Sturgis, chairman; exceptional child — Dr. Stanley B. Sylvester, chairman; Mrs. Helen Andrews, Mrs. Gridley; elementary schools and

kindergartens — Bernstein, chairman, Mrs. Gridley and Dr. Sylvester; finance — Dr. Henry Pollard, chairman, Hey and Dr. Sylvester.

Junior High Schools — Mrs. Gridley, chairman, Dr. Pollard and Sturgis; rules and regulations — Mrs. Andrews, Bernstein, Mrs. Gridley and Dr. Pollard; school athletics, physical education and health — Sturgis, chairman, Bernstein and Dr. Sylvester; secondary schools — Mrs. Andrews, chairman, Bernstein and Hey; special education — Hey, chairman, Mrs. Andrews and Sturgis; stadium committee — Bernstein.

The committee also re-elected these administrators: Mrs. Pauline B. High, assistant to the superintendent; Everett B. Boynton, business manager; and Fred M. West, director of buildings and grounds.

THE RULES and regulations as amended for 1966 were adopted by a six to nothing vote with one abstaining. Dr. Sylvester, a newly elected committee member, said he couldn't vote for the rules and regulations because school officials hadn't given him a copy.

The committee also went on record in favor of the city purchasing a 50 by 100-foot lot at 510 Stevens Ave. to be used to extend the play area at Lincoln Junior High School.

The committee will meet again at 7 p.m. Dec. 20.



Thomas S. Hey, right, new chairman of the Portland School Committee, and Dr. Stanley B. Sylvester, newly-elected member of the panel, congratulate each other at Monday's session.

NASA Tags Cause Of Gemini 6 Failure



Plug In Tail, Dust Cover Are Blamed

MANNED SPACE CENTER, Houston, Tex. (AP) — A plastic dust cover left in a fuel line would have blocked the launch Sunday of the Gemini 6 spacecraft even if an electrical plug had not fallen out of the tail of the Titan 2 booster rocket.

And, if astronaut Frank Borman and James A. Lovell Jr. had not been allowed to strip off their space suits at the same time, there might have been some doubt they could endure the discomforts of 14 days in space in the Gemini 7.

These disclosures came Monday as Borman and Lovell rode the Gemini 7 on toward more endurance records, and got the morale-boosting news that their rendezvous with Gemini 6 probably would be made, at last, on Wednesday.

Gemini 7 entered its 136th orbit at 2:48 p.m. EST.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said a review of Sunday's launch failure disclosed that one of the Titan's engines was malfunctioning when a signal went out from both of them to shut down after ignition.

The erroneous signal was given when an electrical plug, which tells the computer when the rocket leaves the pad, fell out of the booster. Because the computer knew the rocket was still on the pad, it issued a trouble and ordered a shutdown.

But NASA said that even if this command had not been given, another would have gone out 1/10 seconds later because of a malfunction in one engine caused by the dust cover.

The Titan normally is held bolted to the pad for 38 seconds after its engines build up sufficient thrust for the climb into space and while launch crews make certain all systems are functioning correctly.

When the dust cover was found in the exit inlet port to a gas generator, the system was shut down.

He said Philip Laflin, a Democrat, the same candidate who opposed him two years ago.

Incumbent City Clerk William L. Clarke, a Republican, was the apparent winner in a contest with Democrat Charles D. Vallancourt.

Unofficial returns showed Flint with 1,916 votes and Laflin with 1,843.

The 10-year-old Westbrook sewerage District was voted out by about a two-to-one margin.

Flint beat Laflin two years ago by 32 votes.

The winner's first major storm held the total down.

Special Session Called For 10 A.M., Jan 17

By ROBERT M. CROCKER

AUGUSTA (AP) — The Maine Legislature will be called into special session at 10 a.m. Jan. 17, Gov. Reed announced Monday.

He disclosed the date of the session after a meeting with legislative leaders of both parties.

He said that about 40 items of proposed legislation have been brought to his attention for possible action at the session.

Senate President Carlton Day Reed Jr., D-Woolwich, said he has his official call for the session. These would be placed before the lawmakers automatically, without the necessity of "screening."

Neither the governor nor the legislature discussed who legislation is being considered.

One item is a foreclosures bill. The principal reason for holding a special session is to consider a loan insurance bill.

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"A genuine feeling of equality" "a better understanding" "it will take many years"

City Unveils \$4.3 Million Airport Expansion Plan

By WILLIAM H. WILLIAMSON
City Hall Reporter

A \$4.3 million expansion program for Portland Municipal Airport was unveiled Monday afternoon at an informal City Council session in City Hall.

The proposal — much more ambitious than expansion plans discussed in the past — would cost \$2.4 million more than so far has been appropriated for the project.

Portland, which has set aside \$188,000 for it, would have to come up with an additional \$199,000 for a total of \$387,000.

There apparently is no difficulty anticipated in getting the federal funds.

The state will decide if it wants to appropriate the additional money at the special legislative session in January.

Gov. John H. Reed, who met with legislative leaders Monday afternoon to go over special session items, was asked to

give favorable consideration to the project. The request was in a letter from Portland City Manager Graham W. Wait.

THE LETTER ALSO included an alternate proposal, to allow the expansion over several years.

If this were selected, the first phase would call for \$2,161,400 in 1966.

The city's share still would include another \$188,000, as in the complete plan, but the state and federal shares would be reduced.

Under the alternate plan, the state would have to come up with another \$705,350 — just about half the amount called for in the larger, over all plan.

The federal government would have to provide \$978,650, as compared to the \$1.7 million called for in the original version.

Basically, the only difference between the two plans can be found in proposed taxiways to service both of the airport's runways.

The plan for a \$550,000 terminal building remains the same in both. An aircraft parking apron, car parking facilities and a service road are included in both plans.

THE MAINE AERONAUTICS Commission, which will recommend a specific airport budget to Gov. Reed for the special session, is meeting in Augusta Tuesday morning.

It is likely the less expensive alternate plan will be recommended for this session.

Since the city has agreed to

'Renewal' Of Church Objective Of Council, Says Bishop Feeney

By JOSEPH E. COYNE
Church Editor

The Vatican Ecumenical Council, recently adjourned after four years of historic sessions, resulted from a recognition by the Roman Catholic Church that it had to undergo a "renewal" to meet the challenges of the age.

The Most Rev. Daniel J. Feeney, D.D., bishop of Portland, who returned Dec. 9 from the final session of the council, said this renewal was the principal objective of the council.

The prelate, head of the 215,000-member Portland Diocese, said that so far-reaching are the decrees of the council it will take many years to put them into effect and, many more years to see the effects.

"SOME BISHOPS have estimated it might take 200 years," said Bishop Feeney.

One of the realities the bishops faced in the council was that the church has been losing ground in recent years.

"If we are to have an effect on the rest of the world," Bishop Feeney declared, "we have got to lead the way in better understanding."

He cited the decree on religious liberty and the declaration on the Jews as two of the vital documents produced by the council.

While the ideal of religious liberty has been proclaimed by the council and ratified by the Pope, Bishop Feeney said it is a long way from being implemented in many parts of the world.

He said Roman Catholics and other Christians are persecuted in Africa by the Moslems, and noted that in some "countries called Catholic, like Spain and some nations of Latin America," members of the evangelical type churches are persecuted.

BISHOP FEENEY said the church and the governments in these countries "resent the activities of these fringe groups."

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Flint Re-Elected To Second Term At Westbrook

WESTBROOK — Mayor Leif W. Flint won a second term in the municipal election here Monday by the unofficial margin of 73 votes of 3,760.

He beat Philip Laflin, a Democrat, the same candidate who opposed him two years ago.

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LBJ To Confer With Three Foreign Leaders This Week

By MERRIMAN SMITH

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson made final preparations Monday for a week of personal negotiations on crucial issues with three foreign leaders, beginning with the visit of Pakistani Prime Minister Mohammed Ayub Khan Tuesday.

Back in the White House from his Texas ranch for the first time since Nov. 19, Johnson cleared his desk of routine paper work in anticipation of successive consultations with Ayub Khan, British Prime Minister Harold Wilson and West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard.

The President will confer with Ayub Tuesday and Wednesday, with Wilson on Friday and with Erhard Sunday and Monday.

A broad spectrum of world problems will be under discussion, with the Viet Nam war overshadowing them all.

Here are the topics which undoubtedly will be explored:

Ayub: The Pakistani leader has recently learned how to deal with the Chinese. He has just completed talks with Wilson and may develop into a key intermediary if any peace negotiations with North Viet Nam and Red China developed. Johnson was expected to stress U.S. willingness to end the mounting conflict at the conference table rather than the battlefield.

The President also will work toward settlement of the long-festering Pakistan-India dispute over Kashmir, which broke out in fighting last September. Prospects for resumption of U.S. foreign aid to the two rival nations will be on the agenda.

Wilson: With the British leader, the question of restoring better relations with the Kremlin will arise. The structure of NATO and the attitudes of French President Charles de Gaulle will be

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U.S. MARINES and South Vietnamese troops ease into the mopping up stage of Operation Harvest Moon. Ground and air strikes are believed to have killed 1,000 Communists. Page 16.

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Get Rid Of Ice Balls Fast, Health Official Warns

AUGUSTA — Sealed plastic "ice balls" that have been sold all over Maine as drink coolers are dangerous and should be destroyed or returned to stores unused, a state health official said Monday.

Dr. Charles H. Oakley of the State Health and Welfare Department said tests made Sunday night showed two of four of the foreign-made novelty items had "definite contamination."

Samples of the balls poured into state and municipal health offices all over the state Monday. Local officials indicated the balls would be sent to Augusta for tests.

But Dr. Oakley, director of the state department's diagnostic laboratory, said further tests would be unnecessary.

THE DANGER was brought to light Saturday when an Arkansas health officer said the ice balls were badly contaminated and could cause typhoid fever or dysentery.

Dr. Oakley stressed that his laboratory followed standard procedure and tested for contamination rather than trying to isolate typhoid bacteria as such.

"It's just a matter of probability," Dr. Oakley said. "If you tested enough of these contaminated balls, sooner or later you'd find one containing typhoid bacteria."

Contamination means only the presence of "coli" or organisms in water contained in the plastic balls.

Dr. Oakley advised anyone who has consumed the liquid in the balls to go to his doctor, destroy any other balls or take

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10 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

CHRISTMAS SEALS 1965 AND OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES

TONIGHT!

Leonard Bernstein
New York
Philharmonic
Young People's
Concert
7:30 P.M.
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