

problems of pollution and flood damage to man-made developments in the downstream basin.

d. Need of permanent protection for a natural wildlife refuge for feeding and resting waterfowl and other birds during migration. Many species of birds, including wood duck, nest there; and along with mammals, all need permanent protection from encroaching magalopolis.

Local support from public officials, educational institutions, civic groups and residents was exceptionally strong. The testimony of the President of Bell Telephone Laboratories sums up very well the feelings of the bulk of the people at the public hearing (page 180 of hearing transcript).

The only person to speak at the public hearing in opposition to the proposal was Mr. Joel R. Jacobsen, President of the Jersey Council AFL-CIO (page 169 of hearing transcript), who favored the jet airport because "... the establishment of an airport in New Jersey would mean providing ... a total of 60,000 jobs ... with an annual payroll in excess of \$300,000,000."

2. *Communications from citizens*

Communications from individuals totalled 6,212. Only two statements were opposed to the proposal.

Those in favor generally supported the proposal for one or more of the reasons presented in "1" above.

Statements in opposition were:

a. "The sudden interest in conservation is exhibited by selfish and affluent landholders near the Great Swamp who ... want the jetport somewhere else." (Statement No. 2090)

b. "There seems to be no doubt that another jetport is needed in the metropolitan area. ..." "... many individuals want both metropolitan and rural advantages. ..." "People living near a metropolis should not block the needs of the metropolis." (Statement No. 1528)

3. *Communications from organizations*

Communications from organizations totalled 245, ranging from the Wilderness Society, Sierra Club, and other national, state, and local conservation organizations to Chambers of Commerce, educational institutions, school boards, clubs, civic and social groups, large and small companies, and private conservation groups.

All such communications were in favor of wilderness classification.

4. *Comments of elected officials*

Elected officials commented strongly in support of the project. None are on record as opposed.

Included are:

Commissioner Robert A. Roe, State of New Jersey, Department of Conservation, representing Governor Hughes, New Jersey.

U.S. Senator Clifford P. Case.

U.S. Senator Harrison A. Williams.

U.S. Congressman Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen.

State Senator Thomas Hillery.

James C. Pitney, Acting Mayor, Harding Township.

Max A. Hasse, Jr., Mayor, Teaneck Township.

James H. Plante, Mayor, Chatham Township.

A total of 30 communications were reviewed from elected and appointed officials of counties and towns, all of which favored the wilderness proposal.

5. *State agencies*

The New Jersey Department of Conservation and Division of Fish and Game supported the proposal at the public hearing.

6. *Federal agencies*

The Honorable Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, responding to the public hearing notice by letter, noting that nothing in the proposal would conflict with Department of Agriculture programs.

Mr. George W. Davis, Assistant Regional Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, appeared at the public hearing and read a statement for the record in support of the proposal.

A communication from the National Park Service, Northeast Region, supported the proposal.