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EMERGEnCy PLANNING

Early in October Maine industry expressed interest in an emergency planning conference sponsored by the Office of Civil Defense and Public Safety and Associated Industries of Maine, scheduled for November 30 in Augusta.

When the Cuban affair erupted the CD office received many requests for an earlier date, CD Director Leslie H. Stanley said. But the date could not be advanced because speakers from out of state had been committed.

Industrialists, business men and others interested in protection of their enterprises during an emergency are welcome to attend the seminar in the St. Marks Episcopal Church Rectory, Augusta, November 30. Such may obtain further information from the CD office in the State House Office Building or from Associated Industries of Maine, 154 State Street, Augusta.

Stanley said bankers and industrial executives would be among the speakers, as well as government officials. He said that most large industries, including several in Maine, have emergency plans in readiness, such as the microfilming of records and provision for a place of safe keeping.

Three Workshops

The seminar will include three workshops: one on financial institutions and plans for money and credit, one on industrial problems including manpower and retraining, and one on public utilities including communications and transportation.

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What can my company do to plan for its survival? What essential records should be protected? How expensive would a shelter program for my plant be?


MAINE PRESIDENTS

Maine’s Secretary of State Paul A. MacDonald was elected president of Region 1 of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, meeting in Washington recently. Other Maine presidents of the Region have been former Secretaries of State Harold I. Goss and Frederick Robey.

Maine Enters Moon Race

Two baker’s dozens of Government and big corporation executives flew in from as far away as California to spend four mid-October days in Maine telling representatives of Maine industries how they can qualify for sub contracts to manufacture space hardware for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and its prime contractors.

After two days of formal sessions in the State House the visitors formed into teams of from two to four men each and fanned out over the state to inspect the plants of Maine concerns which had expressed an interest in qualifying for some of this business. Approximately 130 Maine executives attended the sessions, representing 49 companies.

The program resulted from the efforts of Senator Margaret Chase Smith, who is a ranking member of the Senate Aeronautics and Space Committee. Governor John H. Reed bestowed the State’s official greetings, DED Commissioner Lloyd K. Allen moderated the sessions and three Maine banks and three Maine power companies were lunch- and dinner hosts.

These were the Canal National Bank, Casco Bank & Trust Company, Depositor’s Trust Company, Central Maine Power Company, Bangor Hydro Electric Company and Maine Public Service Company.

Opportunities

Principal speaker Frank Godsey, consultant to the administrator of NASA, explained that the opportunities for Maine concerns to participate in the program lie chiefly in the field of production of components for the big prime contractors, who receive something like 90 per cent of NASA’s $3½ billion-dollar business.

The following prime contractors sent representatives to Maine to explain their requirements: Aerojet General Corporation, Chrysler Corporation, Douglas Aircraft, Boeing, Lockheed, North American Aviation.

A very large part of the work in the space program is in research and development, which requires large staffs of engineers and scientists. This is the principal reason why most of the prime contracts go to large corporations, which can afford to maintain such staffs.

However, Mr. Godsey echoed Senator Smith’s belief that several Maine concerns have the skilled labor and the equipment to manufacture some of the thousands upon thousands of parts which comprise, say, a moon rocket. Some Maine companies already are making these things. There’s room for more, which was the purpose of the four-day program.

The best and quickest way for a Maine manufacturer or engineering service to get into the swim is to write to Mr. Franklyn Phillips, Director, NASA Northeast Office; 30 Memorial Drive; Cambridge 42, Mass.

The Maine press exhibited unusual interest in the four-day program. The nearby picture was taken by DED Photographer Milt Huntington at a press conference. Left to right are Franklyn Phillips and Frank Godsey and Senator Smith, mentioned above, with UPI State House correspondent Jack O’Brien taking notes; and Commissioner Allen.

AP’s State House staffer Bob Crocker also covered the press conference and WGAN sent a crew from Portland to provide television coverage.
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No wonder Commissioner Lloyd K. Allen was surprised when the nun asked him where he could get hold of all those eels. Maine people were to notice it, but Americans have sort of turned against eels, lately. This is a great pity because the demand for Maine eels is down to about one-tenth of what it used to be—a mere 31,970 pounds landed last year, valued at $7,435. And this is why it’s no wonder that Commissioner Allen was surprised when a man phoned DED wanting to know where he could get hold of 2 million pounds of eels, live, right away.

“What do you know about eels?” the commissioner asked Deputy Commissioner Philip J. Macy, seated across the desk from him.

“The eel is a fish without ventral fins,” his head ends where his tail begins, replied Macy, who had composed this rare couplet in the exhuberance of youth and replied that he was delighted to have an excuse for quoting it after all these years.

“Why do you want with all those eels?” the commissioner asked the man on the other end of the phone who had identified himself as Mr. Herbert Brown, secretary of the Eastport Chamber of Commerce.

EELS FOR EXPORT

“I don’t want ‘em,” Mr. Brown replied. “I don’t like eels, personally. But there’s a cargo of the slithering scavengers, live, to build up the Maine export business and quite a feather in your cap.”

I don’t want ‘em,” Mr. Brown replied. “I hear where the DED is interested in a new small industry and a new market for eels. Thus would Washington County gain a station in Eastport or nearby where eels can be collected from miles around and retained in contentment until there are enough of them to provide a cargo for the converted Dutch tanker which would make scheduled calls to receive them.

A NEW INDUSTRY

There was a time when as many as 300,000 pounds of Maine live eels were shipped to New York City during the Christmas season, but the demand has been declining steadily. Only one New York buyer for Maine eels remains, and he cannot begin to handle the potential supply. Eels are trapped in weirs or nets, mostly in streams, and shipped to market, live, in tank trucks. Washington County now is the principal source.

Thirty-five cents per pound is about the highest price ever recorded for eels in Maine. This was far above the normal price. Capt. Kuyten said he probably would pay between 10 and 20 cents per pound.

STACKED EELS

Eels, incidentally, are funny critters. Frozen, they remain dormant for long periods, still as pokers, to become as slithery as ever when thawed out again. (finis nes in next column)

LET’S TALK MAINE

“Let’s talk about Maine,” says the legend on the Maine exhibit in this picture. Exhibits of this kind have been or are being displayed at shows and conventions from Canada to Florida and Texas, to drum up trade for the Maine recreational business and for industrial expansion.

This is the first time a Maine exhibit has been used to recruit personnel for a Maine state department.

The display was taken to the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting in Toronto by Dr. William E. Schumacher, Maine Department of Health and Welfare, to interest psychiatrists to come to Maine and take jobs in the H & W department and in Maine institutions, where they’re needed.

Dr. Schumacher said the display aroused interest among the 4,300 conference, some of whom may accept the invitation. In the picture are APA President-elect Hardin Branch, M.D., Utah; Dr. Schumacher; retiring President Walter Barton, M.D., Massachusetts, and Mrs. Barton.

GE’S MAINE DAY

Maine played a prominent role at General Electric Company’s Somersworth, New Hampshire, meter manufacturing plant as GE celebrated a production milestone.

Witnessing the ‘Maine Day’ presentation were the 310 Maine residents currently employed in the Somersworth plant. They were surprised to find that the total number of workers there, and draw a combined annual wage of about $2 million. Selectmen from the 11 Maine towns in which the GE employees reside were invited to attend the presentation, together with Central Maine Power officials.

Recognizing General Electric Company’s employment of Maine people, purchases of Maine-made materials and in addition to their contributions to better living, Commissioner Allen expressed the wish that GE become a permanent member of the state community with the establishment of a plant in Maine. He cited such successful electronic manufacturers in Maine as Sylvan in Waldoboro and Raytheon in Lewiston.

RENEWAL WORKSHOPS

An average of 35 urban renewal trustees and others interested in the program have been attending a series of ten workshops held on Wednesday evenings in the Maine Division Office Building in Augusta from September 12 through November 14. They came from as far away as Houlton.

Richard F. Cahill, DED Research and Planning Division, in charge of the program, said the attendance indicated there is growing interest in urban renewal in Maine. He told the state now has approximately a dozen programs in motion, with about eight others in the various stages of getting started.