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LONG WITH improvements prom-A ised by the Ground Transportation Act, Senator Pell makes sound proposals for immediate abatement of both surface and aerial traffic jams. To limit the monumental automobile traffic jams spreading throughout whole urban regions, he endorses the principle of demand pricing—raising bridge, tunnel, and turnpike tolls at periods of peak demand. There is both economic justice and practical sense in this principle. Because it is needed only four or five hours a day, marginal roadway capacity designed for rush-hour traffic (e.g., the \$95-million third tube of the Lincoln Tunnel) costs far more on a car-mile basis than the basic roadway. Yet in a fatuous inversion of the demand-pricing principle that normally rules our economy, the Port of New York Authority halves the trans-Hudson tolls for regular workbound motorists, thus encouraging the traffic jams that multiply hazardous air pollutants and squander thousands of man-hours of bus riders trapped in the crawling traffic. Doubling the normal toll at rush hours to \$1 per car, instead of reducing it to a quarter, could benefit everyone concerned. Pricing the marginal drivers out of their cars and getting them into busses or trains would accelerate traffic flow and thus help the small minority of motorists who really need their cars and are willing to pay the premium price for the privilege of

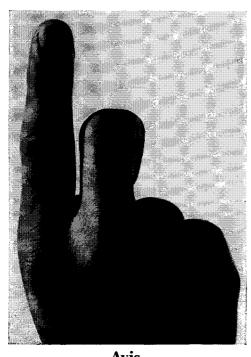
For the air-traffic jams, which

in addition to causing hazards are delaying landings in New York by as much as two hours, Senator Pell endorses the commercial airlines' proposal for restricting private planes to satellite airports, leaving the major airports free for commercial operations. If Federal legislation were amended to permit such restriction, the Port of New York Authority could relent in its search for a fourth major airport, which it has attempted to force on North Jerseyans.

Here Senator Pell gets an assist from the Regional Plan Association's recent proposal to remove "general aviation" (air taxis and corporate and private planes) from the three major New York airports during peak hours. The RPA compares these operations with "letting private motorboats tie up at oceanliner piers while the Queen Mary is waiting in the harbor, or allowing people to bring private railroad cars onto the subway tracks during rush hours." Unscheduled small planes preempt more than twenty per cent of the key landing and takeoff time at Kennedy, La Guardia, and Newark; yet they carry only two per cent of the passengers. Since these general-aviation operations are growing much faster than commercial operations, the RPA proposes shifting them to a network of smaller airports. Construction of these airports, at relatively slight cost, could relieve the need for a fourth jetport at least until 1980. By that date, the Port Authority's own projections indicate nearly as many peak-hour landings and takeoffs for general aviation as for commercial airlines.

In presenting the case for inflicting another noise- and traffic-generating jetport on the public to benefit a handful of flying aristocrats, the Port Authority apparently considers their claim absolute. In response to proposals for shifting inefficient small planes to other airports or diverting short-haul air passengers to other modes of transportation, the Port Authority argues that they would not find it "equally convenient" or "would still rather fly." This solicitude for the elite minority conforms to the narrow view of the public interest that has always guided this public agency.

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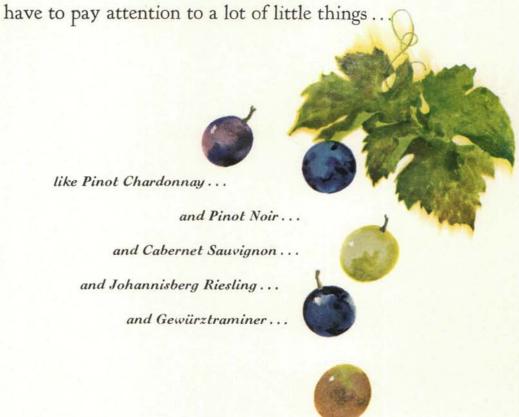
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