

# Official Denies Scouts Plan to Move Camp

Roslyn—The Nassau Boy Scout Council has no intention of abandoning its camp facilities in Suffolk County, a leading council official said today. Another scout executive had said after a jetliner crash near the camp last month that the facilities would be closed as quickly as possible in the interest of safety.

Morris Rochman, a vice president of the council and chairman of its finance committee, said "there is no present intention" to abandon Camp Wauwepex at Wading River. In an address prepared for delivery at the council's annual fellowship barbecue here today, Rochman said the possibility of abandoning Wauwepex had never come before the council.

"Admittedly, questions of safety extend in every activity in life," Rochman said. "The best information presently available to us does not indicate any greater danger than exists presently at Bethpage, Farmingdale, LaGuardia (Airport) or Idlewild (Airport)." But he said the council "must be committed to the maintenance of a continuous and persistent vigil, ever prepared to make a change should circumstances so indicate." Rochman said the council would develop its two upstate campsites "with all possible speed."

A Boeing 707 jetliner crashed in a potato field in Calverton Aug. 15 at a point Rochman said was 4.9 miles from Camp Wauwepex. Richard A. Blauvelt, executive secretary of the council, said Sept. 20 that the Suffolk camp would be closed as quickly as possible because of the fear of possible jet crashes involving planes operating at the Grumman airfield in Calverton. The scout camp is less than five miles from the Grumman runways and is in a direct line with them.