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COMING EVENTS

- June 1-2 Seneca, West Virginia No beginners
- 9 Carderock, Md.
- 15-16 Seneca Rocks, W. Va. This trip is designed to get our beginners acquainted with Seneca. All climbers (beginners and otherwise) should sign up with chairman Ed Worrell to insure that all climbing parties can be sufficiently strong. E. Worrell, Phone RI 4-5112 (Baltimore, Md.)
- 20 Deadline for UP ROPE
- 23 Sugarloaf, Md.
- 30 Great Falls, Va. Juliet's Balcony Area
- July 6-7 Seneca Rocks, W. Va.
- 14 Carderock, Md.

THE POTOMAC INTERCEPTOR SEWER

This is the second of a series of articles which the P.A.T.C. Conservation Committee has been invited to contribute to UP ROPE. These articles deal with developments affecting outdoor recreation and conservation of natural resources, particularly in the Potomac Valley.

When the huge Dulles International Airport was first planned for the vicinity of Chantilly, Va., athwart the Fairfax-Loudoun County line, provision was made for construction of a small sewage treatment plant to process waste from the installation. The effluent, or treated sewage, was to be discharged into a small creek which enters the Potomac upstream from Seneca, above the intake of the Washington water supply system and that of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Because of this threat to water supplies, as well as the likelihood that real estate developments would occur in the vicinity of the airport causing additional sewage disposal problems, public pressure built up for a trunk sewer from Dulles to Washington or to a Fairfax County treatment plant near Alexandria.

Congress eventually authorized the District of Columbia Department of Sanitary Engineering to construct the Potomac Interceptor from the Dulles International Airport to Washington at a cost of about \$26,000,000. The route selected parallels Virginia