

Cambridge Jail to Be Demolished, Prisoners Moved

The East Cambridge Jail, located near the Middlesex County Courthouse in Cambridge, is to be demolished and the 110 prisoners will be transferred to the Middlesex County Jail and House of Correction in Billerica, County Commissioner Chairman William G. Andrew of Cambridge announced last night.

The decision to move the prisoners and tear down the over 100-year-old buildings was made yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the three County Commissioners, Andrew said.

Transfer of the prisoners and equipment will start Dec. 31. The 100 employees at the jail will be distributed to other county institutions by Sheriff Howard Fitzpatrick.

The move has been planned for some time for reasons of economy, efficiency and accommodations, Andrew said. The buildings will be torn down to provide a much needed parking space next to the courthouse, according to the Commissioners.

The jail has a capacity of 300 prisoners. The jail in Billerica has accommodations for 400 prisoners, but only 200 are in it at present.

Portuguest Macau on the South China coast, once notorious for gaming, now permits only one gambling establishment, according to the National Geographic Society. That operates under government supervision in a 14-story hotel.