Estimate Board Denies Protests On College Site

Mahon Jeered by Crowd

"Mr. Goldsmith to You," Realty Man Chides Mayor

In the face of strenuous protests, the Board of Estimate, sitting as the committee of the whole, jammed through the bill that would have the effect of buying for the College site. The bill was put through on a "straight" vote of 14 to 12.

The proposed contract would have cost $350,000 for the purchase of a forty-two-acre tract in Brooklyn from the Greater New York Development Company.

Federal Loan Plan Required

It is also a condition of the proposal that the Board of Estimate and the city will make a Federal loan of $2,500,000 to the city to help finance the project.

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Calls Contractors Pawnbrokers

Long Island Railroad freight charges and electric power and light bills are being charged to the city, and a large amount of money is being spent on the project.

The Citizens Union, contending that the objectionable contract was unwise in several respects, contended that the contract was a shrewd move on the taxpayers' part of the time of year.

Moreover, it was a departure from a hundred-year-old policy to permit a company to have a contract to build school structures. Mr. Mc Dermott's objection to the plan was that the contract was a "learned contract," offering the city a property under a contract obligating the city to pay $5,000,000 over a period of five years.

The Citizens Union spokesman doubted the Public Works Administration would lend money to a private corporation for a school building project.
"Why shouldn't Brooklyn have stadium?" asked Mr. Tierman.

"Because it isn't right in times like these," Mr. McDonnell replied readily. Of course, if you are a tax-eater and not a taxpayer, you won't be interested in the facts. I can assure you that there are property owners, many of them widows, who have been paying taxes for this property for three years. There are other things more important than saving those taxes.

It was two other speakers, however, who stirred up the liveliest rumpus. One was Mr. Javaid, another member of the Board of Aldermen, who jumped to Mr. Talley's support. "You can't assai! a man like Judge Taley," Mr. Mahon shouted. "These Community Councils, who don't mean a thing to you, don't grind, all of them I know them."

Immediately the crowded committee room roared with laughter, as Mr. Talley shouted, "You were defeated, some one shouted. "That's your own song, cried anger.

Mr. Mahon lost his seat in the Board of Aldermen from the 9th District to his political rival, Mr. Taley. Joseph Goldsmith, president of the Council of Real Estate Associations, indicated that the talks might be something behind the scenes to explain this last-minute rush.

"Why not delay action and let the immediate applications be dealt with this?" Mr. Goldsmith asked.

"Goldsmith, the Mayor replied, realizing my efforts. I've warned you about interrupting.

"Mr. Goldsmith to you. Mr. Mayor."

The speaker was Dr. William J. Boylan, president of the Brooklyn City College, and Mr. Talley urged that the Community Councils be acting upon the Wood-Harmon proposal. Mr. Russell asked Dr. Boylan why the matter had suddenly become so pressing.

"You've been toying with it for the last three weeks, you know. Now you're trying to jam it through in the last days of this administration."

Site Available in Prospect Park

One of the objections to the purchase of Prospect Park was that the city had not possessed a suitable one near the Brooklyn Museum in Prospect Park. An abandoned reservoir in the park, it was urged, could be readily developed as a campus for the college.

The principal argument of the defenders of the project was that the city is paying $300,000 a year in rental for quarters for the college, and the cost under the Wood-Harmon plan would be no greater.

As the cost of the Wood-Harmon site is to be borne by the taxpayers, the property already owned, was $300,000, or about $30,000,000, or about $80,000,000. However, said that the cost would not be less than $15,000,000, of which about $80,000,000 would be covered by a Federal grant.

When the motion to report the project favorably was finally passed by the committee, the works of financial advisor, Mr. Comptroller George McMeneny, and John J. Halloran, Commissioner of Purchases, were loudly voted in the negative. H. Warren, publisher of the New York Post, for Samuel Levy, Borough President of Manhattan, was recorded as not voting. The vote stood 14 to 4. 