

SUIT OPPOSES COLLEGE SITE FOR BROOKLYN

**Community Councils Wants
City to Use Reservoir Land
It Now Owns.**

Samuel Douglas, attorney for the Community Councils, announced today that he has requested Secretary Ickes not to grant money to New York City for work on the Wood-Harmon site approved for the new Brooklyn College by the Board of Estimate yesterday.

The Community Councils instituted a taxpayer's suit in the Supreme Court yesterday to block purchase of the Wood-Harmon site on Avenue N, Brooklyn. It served the Comptroller and Corporation Counsel with summons and complaint.

The Board of Estimate, however, appropriated \$1,625,528 to pay for the site for erection of the \$5,500,000 college. Comptroller Taylor assured Mayor La Guardia that the sum was \$286,000 below the property's assessed valuation.

Wait for PWA Loan.

Construction of the college will begin upon formal completion of a contract with the federal government for a grant and loan.

Mr. Douglas declared he was confident, however, that Secretary Ickes would make no grant while the property was being tied up in litigation.

An injunction to restrain the Board of Estimate from entering upon the contract pending results of the suit would be sought in a few days, he said.

The city was required to file an answer to the suit within twenty days, he said.

Filed by Mrs. Boulton.

The complaint was filed by Mrs. Frances Boulton, daughter of a former Mayor of Brooklyn and treasurer of the Community Councils.

The court was asked in it to prevent the purchase of private owned lands while city-owned land is available. The council's contention is that the city should use the "reservoir site," which it declares is now a "white elephant" and should be utilized. It is on Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Ave.

The Wood-Harmon site is not worth more than \$400,000, the complaint said.

Mr. Douglas said he would take the fight to the highest court in the State.