CITY REJECTS FUND FOR A POWER PLANT
La Guardia, Refused Again on Brooklyn College Project, Plans to Fight On
TO WORK FOR NEW GRANT
Mayor and Ingersoll the Only Members of Board to Vote for Generating Unit

The Board of Estimate reaffirmed its stand yesterday against the proposed construction of an electric generating plant at Brooklyn College, but Mayor La Guardia, last year's first responder to the mayoralty of the power project, announced that he had not yet given up his fight.

Passing on a request by the Mayor that definite action be taken either to accept or to refuse the Federal Public Works offer of $180,000 as a reserve towards the construction of the project, the board rejected the offer, the votes of Mr. La Guardia and Borough President Raymond V. Ingersoll of Brooklyn being the only 'no' votes.

The board then unanimously approved an appropriation of $400,000 for miscellaneous costs which Dr. William A. Boylan, president of Brooklyn College, said would be used solely for equipment for the new college, plant and student work.

Unwilling, however, to lose the Federal outright grant which the Government had scheduled for the project, the Mayor, voting in opposition, asked the Federal Government to reissue its offer by providing the $180,000 to Brooklyn College.

Turning to Controller Frank J. Taylor, the chief opponent on the Board of Estimate of the power plant, the Mayor asked:

"Mr. Controller, now that all of this money has been designated for college equipment, would you object if I could obtain another $180,000 from the Federal Government for the generation of power at the Brooklyn College site?"

Mr. Taylor declined to recede from his position taken last fall, when he argued that the cost of operating the plant would be as great as, if not greater than, that of buying electricity from a utility, as interested in power plants," the Controller said.

"I am interested only in making substantial savings in the public finances. I believe we should put first things first."

"Very well, then," the Mayor reported, closing the discussion. To have presented you with the proposed generating facility would of been unbearable," he said.

Therefore, it is, according to our understanding, I am going to try legal and Federal Public Works Administrators for the power project for further investigation.