

\$2.2 Million In Capital Improvements Urged

By WILLIAM H. WILLIAMSON
City Hall, operating a recent capital improvement program (CIP) of \$2,267,350 has been recommended by the Portland Planning Board—the first in the city's history to exceed \$2 million.

The preliminary CIP has been presented to the city councilors, and will be discussed at a joint council-planning board meeting next Tuesday.

Besides, being the largest CIP ever recommended by the planners, it also is the earliest to reach councilors. Traditionally the CIP is prepared the

first of the year, and reaches the council in final form sometime in February.

THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, councilors asked the planners' recommendations early in the fall. They want to get the CIP approved early, to allow projects to go out for bids at an advantageous time.

In the past, approval of the CIP in late winter or early spring meant bids were sought at a time when contractors have heavy work loads, and bids come in fairly high.

By putting projects out to

bids earlier, the city hopes to get more favorable bids because of greater competition for jobs among the contractors.

OF THE RECORD CIP proposed, more than half is found under the general heading of urban renewal—\$12 million. This includes \$450,000 for Downtown 2 program and \$750,000 for arterial roads on the peninsula.

Only \$120,000 is actually a new appropriation for Downtown 2. That's because the council has taken \$220,000 from this account to pay for other projects this year.

THE LION'S SHARE. \$200,000, was transferred from the renewal account this week to finance the addition of 10 or 14 classrooms at the Lyman Elementary School.

The remaining \$400,000 was taken to provide water and sewer service for an industrial firm moving into the Riverside Industrial Park.

Both were accompanied by pledges to return the borrowed funds to the downtown renewal account in the 1966 CIP.

The Portland Renewal Authority reportedly asked that a new appropriation of \$150,000

be added to the replaced funds, but settled for \$130,000.

THE RENEWAL ACCOUNT must be built up if the city is going to be able to embark on a downtown project in the near future. Unless the city has appropriated its share, there would be no program.

The \$150,000 in the 1964 arterial road account isn't strictly in the urban renewal category, at least insofar as the PIA is concerned. The overall cost to the city for these roads will be about \$3 million, spread over four years, and only a

portion of the overall project falls into the province of the renewal authority.

THE BIGGEST SINGLE PROJECT listed in the proposed CIP is \$188,000 for rehabilitation of the City Hall Auditorium.

That project will cost \$263,000, of which \$175,000 was appropriated in this year's CIP. By scheduling the entire project for 1966, planners hope to realize substantial savings. The theory goes that contractor can offer better bids if the

project is to be done all at once.

Also, the auditorium would be closed for one period only, instead of losing its use several times over a period of several years.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES remodeling of the old auditorium—new seats, lighting wiring and acoustical design. It is generally felt to be inadequate in its present condition.

Another major item in the CIP proposal is development of the

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Klan Chief Ducks Answers Maine Congressmen Hail Senate OK Of Dickey Power Project

WASHINGTON (AP)—phone calls, cross burnings on their property, beatings, bombings, and, yes, even death, said Donald T. Appell, chief committee investigator.

The big House caucus room was crowded with spectators, newsmen, and photographers. Extra policemen were stationed in the room and outside. A plainclothesman sat facing the audience in the center aisle, watching for any disturbance, but there was none.

The morning session was devoted to an elaborate presentation by committee staffers of the history of the Klan since it was founded after the Civil War, its long record of violence, and its spread in the South and a few Northern states in the past two years.

Maps of each Southern state were flashed on a large screen, with dots representing the various "klaverns" or local Klan clubs. At the end of the investigation, the committee wheeled up its



Showdown Slated In House Today

By MAY CRAIG
WASHINGTON—Maine Congressmen hailed Tuesday's Senate approval of authorization of the big Dickey-Lincoln School power project and cheered on an expected showdown toward vote in the House Wednesday.

The Senate passed and sent to the House a compromise \$2 billion catch-all public works authorization bill that includes the \$22 million St. John River project. The measure breeched through the upper chamber after a brief hitch.

House action is expected Wednesday and it will be on a "take it or leave it" basis because the House, on the verge of adjournment, has adopted a rule that will allow no amendments or recommendations on bills on Dickey and will seek to shorten debate on all bills it takes up.

In another development, the Senate Appropriations Committee voted Wednesday to appropriate \$115,000 for Dickey project planning by Army Engineers during the current fiscal year.

The action came on the motion of Sen. Margaret Chase Smith to amend the supplemental appropriations bill to include the funds.

Progress on the hydroelectric power project led Sen. Edmund S. Muskie to say Tuesday, "We are on the eve of what I'm hopeful will be the day of final session in the House for the Dickey-Lincoln School project."

TODAY'S TWO achievements should improve our chances tomorrow, noted Sen. Muskie, a Democrat, noted that Republican Sen.

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Guam B52 Bombers Pound Cong Just North Of Saigon

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—U.S. B52 jet bombers from Guam struck Tuesday at a suspected Viet Cong installation in the Ho Bo woods, 30 miles northeast of Saigon.

There were setbacks in other phases of the air war.

A military spokesman announced North Vietnamese gunners shot down on a bridge 40 miles west of Vinh on Monday and his two crewmen were presumed captured.

Five American raiders had been lost over the weekend in accelerated strikes against Red targets in the North. The Phantom was the 11th plane to be officially written off in the 8-month-old campaign against North Viet Nam.

Klan Wizard On Stand

Robert Shelton, left, Imperial wizard of the nation's biggest Klan, looks over a paper while on the witness stand before the House Un-American Activities Committee Tuesday. His attorney, Lester V. Chalmers, is beside him.

White Supremacy Issue Delays Trial Of Klansman

HAYNEVILLE, Ala. (AP)—The trial judge, T. Worth Thaxard, recessed the trial until Wednesday morning to give Flowers time to go to the Supreme Court after Thaxard had Klansman's murder trial that rejected the attorney general's claim that the prospective jurors should be disqualified for prejudice.

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Cuban Refugee Exodus Comes To Sudden Halt

small boat exodus of refugees from Communist Cuba stopped Tuesday. Cuban radio here feared that Fidel Castro had announced his "open door" at least temporarily.

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Today's Chuckle

Whatever happened to the little old white-haired grandmother of yesterday? Only her hairdresser knows.

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GIANT COMET now only 10 million miles from sun and streaking at 300,000 miles an hour toward rendezvous expected to produce great sky spectacle. Astronomers tell how to get best view. Back Page.
PRESIDENT JOHNSON takes a stroll of more than a mile on the hospital grounds and says he feels "pretty good." Back Page.

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Dr. Robert G. Albion, Noted Educator, Rescued As Skiff Overturns In Harbor

SOUTH PORTLAND — Dr. Robert G. Albion, 69, of 15 E. St., widely known educator, was rescued from the Mill Creek Cove Tuesday night by local police and Coast Guardsmen after his skiff overturned.

Officials said he spent about 15 minutes in the water, and was treated for exposure at Maine Medical Center. His condition was listed as good.

Dr. Albion was rowing to his sailing craft, "Mud Hen," moored off the east end of E Street, shortly after 7 p.m. when the skiff overturned in the cove.

Police received a call from a neighbor who heard shouts for help coming from the water.

Patrolman John Nelson cut the chain of a punt at the water's edge, and with the help of an unidentified bystander, rode to Dr. Albion and his overturned skiff.

Police said Nelson grabbed Dr. Albion just as he was about to go under water. Nelson was unable to pull him into the punt and held him until a Coast Guard craft arrived.

Dr. Albion, who is Gardiner



Dr. Robert G. Albion, professor of oceanic history at Harvard University, was taken to the Coast Guard base and then to Maine Medical Center by police ambulance. Officials described him as rescued and well.

Dr. Albion's course at Har-

Hoover Hints Reds Behind Protest Spree

WASHINGTON (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover hinted Tuesday night that a Communist youth league in the Bronx, N.Y., might be behind a recent nationwide demonstration against U.S. policy in Viet Nam.

Leaders of the W.E.B. DuBois Club of America, the FBI's most prominent Communist youth leadership group sponsored by the party, stepped up campaign of recruitment and agitation among youth.

"Already this fall, there are signs that the United States has begun to bear fruit in the form of a defiant protest against law and authority," he said.

Hoover described the DuBois club as "an ultimate spawn received by the Communist party and nurtured by a trusted band of youth."

The club, Hoover said, are "standing in the forefront of the Communist campaign to recruit in the minds of the young thinking and win the support of our young people."

Hoover, in a speech for the Supreme Council of 32nd Degree Masons at the Lincoln Hotel, did not specifically name the DuBois club to the recent rash of anti-Viet Nam demonstrations that have erupted across the nation. But these days have paramount

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