

BIG AREA MAY BE ANNEXED BY LOS ANGELES

OUTLYING DISTRICTS SEEK
CONSOLIDATION

PROPOSED ARROYO SECO PARK
IS INCLUDED

If Plan Submitted Carries Way Will
Be Paved to Acquisition
of Alhambra in the
Future

The long pending project of conserving the great Arroyo Seco natural park for recreation purposes and of transforming it into the most beautiful link in the chain of the many extensive parks for which Los Angeles is famous, yesterday assumed a more promising aspect and, incidentally, the ever-expanding City of the Angels took another important step toward the acquisition of a new and desirable territory.

The special committee appointed by citizens of North and West Highland Park, Hermosa, South Pasadena, Alhambra, Belvidere and Rose Hill, to investigate the feasibility of annexing a strip of territory to the north and west of Highland Park and Garvanza for the purpose of embracing Belvidere, Rose Hill, Hermosa and several interlying districts in the Los Angeles city limits and to extend those limits to South Pasadena and Alhambra so that, if desirable, the latter cities may be annexed to Los Angeles at a later date, yesterday appeared before the newly elected board of directors of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce and requested their endorsement of the project.

Park Commissioner C. H. Randall of Highland Park aided the committee in its work.

J. G. Baird of Hermosa, chairman of the committee, Alfred W. Allen of Rose Hill, secretary; Dr. T. C. Horton and J. Stewart Ross of West Highland Park, Prof. L. A. Handley of North Highland Park, A. E. Nicholls of Belvidere and H. L. Hopkins of Belvidere have promoted the plans for a special election to be held before April 15, if possible, to enable the population represented to be included in the next census. They have investigated carefully and urge that the project be carried.

Aside from the importance of the plan to annex the Highland Park and Hermosa territory the project paves the way to the future annexation of Alhambra, which is declared by the committee to be ultimately desired by Alhambra's citizens. The people of Alhambra have been working diligently to launch the present annexation scheme, because its success means that the city limits of Los Angeles will extend to West Alhambra, making the two cities contiguous and later permitting the annexation of Alhambra if decided upon.

In the strip of territory involved in the present project there is a population of about 15,000 or 16,000 people. The population of Belvidere alone is given at 10,000, and scattered throughout the rest of the area, including several small settlements like Hermosa and Rose Hill, there is a population of at least 5000.

Arroyo Outside City
The law passed by the last California legislature provides that a city may condemn a tract of land for park purposes if the land is, of course, inside the city limits. This law was urged by citizens of Los Angeles lobbying at Sacramento for the purpose of acquiring the Arroyo Seco region, extending from Sycamore Grove to a point about opposite Pollard street, which is the northeastern city limits; but after the adoption of the law it was learned that the most desirable portion of the Arroyo Seco lies outside the city limits, so only by annexing this area can the city hope to acquire it for a park.

The strip which it is proposed to annex begins at West Highland Park at about Avenue Fifty and includes North Highland Park, the line extending northerly by a point about opposite Meridian street, Garvanza, to the South Pasadena city limits, thence to and including Mineral Park and the Arroyo Seco, westerly to and including Hermosa.

The proposed outer line of annexation extends also from a point near the Cawston ostrich farm along the South Pasadena city limits and along the West Alhambra city limits to the junction of the Pacific Electric railway tracks and thence to the Alhambra line, including Belvidere and Rose Hill, and thence along the east city limits to Belvidere.

The South Pasadena and Alhambra committees are heartily in favor of making these cities contiguous to Los Angeles. The Alhambra board of directors recently adopted resolutions favoring the plan, so that future annexation to Los Angeles would be made possible, but declined to urge such annexation until that issue had been more thoroughly discussed by the people of Alhambra.

The Los Angeles county highway commission, it is said, is to immediately improve the roads in the area it is proposed to annex.

Excited by a few residents of the Arroyo Seco it is said the plan is favored by every one directly concerned. Only the question of property rights and the problem of what valuations will be declared in the event of condemnation proceedings prevents property owners of the Arroyo Seco from withholding their endorsement.

The chamber of commerce directors referred the request for their sanction to a committee, and a report is expected at the next meeting.

Promoters of the plan say it has received the endorsement of nearly all the prominent civic bodies.

PLANS CIRCUIT OF MOTORDROMES

MOSKOVICS TO EXTEND HIS
DEL REY EXPERIMENT

ALSO WILL INVITE AVIATORS TO
EXHIBIT HERE

Fortified with Ten Patents, Local
Promoter Will Try to Found
Great Aviation Center
Here

After having fortified his position by applying for patents on ten claims in the name of himself and Jack Prince, F. E. Moskovics left last night for San Francisco to make preliminary arrangements to construct a motordrome on the plan of the one being built in Los Angeles, and if the track here proves a success for racing purposes to extend a chain of tracks throughout the country, with Los Angeles the first link.

He also will visit all the big aviators and aeroplane manufacturers of the Los Angeles for practice.

Moskovics will look over the ground at San Francisco, select a site, if possible, confer with persons already interested and make early plans for the work to go ahead just as soon as the Los Angeles motordrome has been completed and tried out. If private trials over the track are satisfactory, showing that speed can be made over the track without difficulty, the order for the lumber will be issued at once for the San Francisco track.

After passing a day or two at San Francisco Moskovics will go east to make arrangements for lining up the big drivers and cars for his opening negotiations have been carried on by mail and telegram, and most of the contracts are agreed upon, but one or two cases are yet in the air, and Moskovics hopes to settle these things quickly.

Oldfield is not yet in line for a race with De Palma and also expects to look as though the big Benz driver will be hard to bring in. He has already refused a flattering offer, and word from the east says he objects to taking part in the race here.

Moskovics believes that a personal interview will straighten things out, and he goes prepared to do business. In the east he also expects to explain his track to the A. A. A. officials and give all the details, so that there will be nothing lacking so far as sanction goes. The auto racing officials want to know all about it, and Moskovics is ready to deal out the information.

Another mission which Moskovics will carry out is to visit all the aeroplane manufacturers and aviators, in the effort to interest them in Los Angeles as the greatest place on earth in which to construct cars and machines and try them out. He goes as the authorized representative of the Aero club of California and will make whatever deals are possible to convey to all the aviators and inventors a standing invitation from the Aero club to come out here for their work and be the guests of the club at its new home at the motordrome.

Moskovics will explain to the eastern aviators the plan to make this a great station for aerial research and experiment, which Frank A. Garbutt, as a member of the Aero club of California, is to carry out with the assistance of the club. He believes that the project will appeal to them so forcibly that many of them will come out here within the next few months and help to get this locality started as the center of aeronautics.

Invitations are to be taken to the Wright brothers, Glenn H. Curtiss and others associated with them or independent. All the facilities of the Aero club at the motordrome, which includes machine shop and housing sheds, are to be opened to these men as guests, and to members of the club.

The Aero club is prepared to carry out the scheme of Frank Garbutt under his direction, and plans are being worked up with that end in view.

**EDWARD HAYES DIRECTS
PASSION PLAY CHORUS**

A rehearsal of the Passion Play chorus was held on the stage of Temple auditorium last night under the direction of Edward Hayes, who is instructing the singers. At the same time William Stoerner was rehearsing his cast at St. Joseph's hall, assisted by Leonard Nattkanper and J. Edward McCurdy. The two latter young men are ably assisting Mr. Stoerner in preparing for the great production which is to be given at Temple auditorium the week of March 14. Both have had considerable experience in dramatic work. Mr. Nattkanper is at present head of the department of oratory at the Young Men's Christian association. Before coming here he played in stock in Chicago. He is a graduate of the College of Oratory, Chicago, and he holds four medals won in oratorical contests.

Mr. McCurdy is a graduate of St. Vincent's, and he also is the holder of a medal won for dramatic work in that institution.

CHINESE PLEADS GUILTY
Quong Him, whose fondness for games of chance led him to purchase a quantity of lottery tickets for sale in which he was prevented from participating because of his arrest by members of the Chinatown squad, pleaded guilty in Police Judge Williams' court yesterday to a charge of violating the lottery ordinance and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25.

WOMAN IS ACCUSED
A complaint was issued by deputy district attorneys yesterday against Maria B. Rosario, accused of having made threats against the life of Sarah M. Hartie of 2517 Malabar street. The Rosario woman is alleged to have become angered because Mrs. Hartie insisted that the contract for property which was purchased by Mrs. Rosario called for interest.

BEAL IS ARRAIGNED
Frank Beal, alias John Page, said by the police to be a clever burglar, was arraigned in Police Judge Williams' court yesterday afternoon on a charge of robbing the home of Edward Curry. This is the third charge of burglary that has been issued against Beal since his arrest a short time ago.

The management of the Belasco theater announced last night that George Broadhurst's famous play, "The Man of the Hour," is to be continued for a fifth week commencing next Monday night.

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FINED FOR SMOKING
That certain persons are arrested for violating the city ordinance prohibiting smoking on the front end of street cars and that others who violate the same ordinance are not molested, was the declaration of G. W. Currier, an aged man, who was fined \$3 by Police Judge Williams yesterday morning. A counter charge of attempted bribery was made by Patrolman Claiborne, who said that Currier offered him \$2 to settle the matter.

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