

DePascale Man Target May Upset Hoboken Health Directorship

By PETER LA VILLA
Department of health and welfare in Hoboken is set to be abolished and later consolidated with the department of public works under the directorship of Raphael Vitale, who now holds that position, when the council meets on Dec. 1.
Confirming Hudson Dispatch reports, Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan will sponsor the enabling ordinance. Brennan reportedly visited the office of Law Director E. Norman Wilson on Wednesday and presented the ordinance for filing.
Lineup on Vote
To achieve such a move, the council needs a 5-4 vote. Seen voting in favor of the consolidation are Councilmen Brennan, Steve Cappiello, Anthony Romano, Vincent J. Fusilli, Louis Francane, and independent Edward McLaughlin.
Seen opposing the move are Council President Thomas Gallo and Councilmen Bernard Scrivani and Steve Mongiello.
The move, if it comes about, would be a major upset for Mayor Louis DePascale since councilmen Romano and Francane split with him over the appointment of Francis Finnelly as director of health and welfare and his predecessor, Anthony Damato, who was appointed as county undersheriff earlier this month.
Francane openly admitted he wanted the job as undersheriff, and it was rumored that Romano wanted the post as director of health and welfare. It was also rumored that DePascale did not confer with either councilman on the appointment of Finnelly, and as a result, coupled with their own ambitions, they moved over to the Cappiello team, then the minority bloc.
Savings Seen
However, council members of the majority declared last night that the move to consolidate the two departments is a step toward saving the taxpayers money. The post Finnelly holds pays \$12,000 a year.
Vitale, as director of public works, now receives \$12,000 annually, and is not seen getting more money although he will assume the added responsibility of Health and Welfare.
In 1963, when Edward J. Borrono took over as president of the city council he managed to sponsor and pass an ordinance that saw the consolidation of the department of public works and the department of public safety, under the directorship of Wilson, the present law director.
However, sometime later, when Mayor DePascale gained control of the council, he put the department of public works back under a single director and consolidated the public safety department with the law department, as they remain today.
Question Arises
The question now in the back of the minds of most observers is will Mayor DePascale remove Vitale as head of the two departments and replace him with Finnelly? Vitale is the brother-in-law of Francane, who is now at odds with the mayor.
Cappiello stated, "The mayor could not fire Vitale unless council approves it. And at the moment the mayor does not

Bond Issue To Help Fund New Mains

Hoboken will begin seeking an engineering firm to draw up formal plans and specifications for a new water main system as soon as it receives written notification of a \$2.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.
The grant amounts to 90 per cent of the estimated cost of the project. Hoboken must put up \$300,000 as the city's share.
DePascale said the city will get the \$300,000 through a bond issue rather than trying to raise it as a lump sum in the city's 1972 municipal budget.
"Engineering estimates indicate that the new sewer lines will save the city some \$98,000 a year, which is now being lost through breaks in the existing mains," the mayor said.
"This will be more than double the expected annual cost of our bonded indebtedness for the project, which will be around \$40,000."
The mayor added that the grant would cover the cost of a new chlorination plant and filtering plant as well as the installation of new water mains from Observer Highway to Sixth Street and new cross connections in several areas of the city, including areas in the northwest section.
DePascale added that the \$2.7 million grant was only half of what the city needed to update the entire water system. Present planned construction will be completed within two years, and engineering plans will be drawn up during that period in order to acquire funds to build a completely new system for the remaining sections of the city, he said.

U.S. Housing Official Sees Hoboken Aid Chance Good

By JACK ECKHARDT
A top U.S. federal housing commissioner indicated yesterday that Hoboken has received a positive response to requests for funds to rehabilitate present dwellings. The government official told Mayor Louis DePascale his application for such funds "looks good."
Indicating there are hundreds of thousands of dollars to be divided among some 25 heavily populated American cities in an effort to rehabilitate existing dwellings and vacant buildings, Rehabilitation Commissioner Robert Philpott said, "I feel that within two weeks we'll send a positive letter back to Mayor DePascale, and that he will endeavor to respond to our plans on rehabilitation."
Following a two and a half hour conference yesterday at Stevens Tech, Philpott made a tour of Hoboken with Model Cities Director Michael J. Coleman. He was quoted as saying, "I'm impressed with the need for dwelling rehabilitation."
Coleman, who arranged yesterday's conference with federal authorities, said, "I feel confident that our efforts are to be rewarded with much-needed federal support."
While the press was not invited to the housing rehabilitation conference, it was learned that such areas as the multi-apartment projects on Willow av. between 12th and 13th sts. are to be part of the rehabilitation program.
Instead of demolishing present run-down buildings, it is the goal of the current program to modernize them.
Sites for Rehabilitation
It was further learned that apartment dwellings located on lower Washington st. opposite the modern Shop-Rite Supermarket may be rehabilitated, as will those on upper Washington st. between 12th and 13th sts., in addition to others in the western area of the city.

Hoboken Unit Will Lay Out New School

Mayo, Lynch and Associates, an architectural firm located at 84 Washington st., Hoboken, was selected last night to draw up cost estimates, preliminary plans and sketches for the construction of a new school to house children from kindergarten through the sixth grades at 524 Park av., Hoboken.
Board of Education President Melvin Christie said during a special session that the cost estimates will be submitted to them by Nov. 29, after which, the board would forward the costs to the Board of School Estimate for its consideration and approval.
Christie said that after that procedure is followed it is then up to the city council to approve the architect's plans. He stressed that the council must act by Dec. 15, otherwise the project would be in jeopardy.
According to Christie this is part of an agreement between the city and the state, which is giving the city \$1.6 million dollars to construct the school.
Another agreement is that the city must raise a bond issue in that amount only to have the state reimburse the city including interest charges if any.
It was pointed out last week when the news on the proposed school was revealed that the cost to build the new school will not cost the city taxpayers an added cent.
Christie said that the Hoboken firm was chosen over several other firms and will receive a fee of 7 per cent of the total cost of the building.

Hoboken's Library Adds 411 Books

A total of 411 new books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, according to Lucille Cunningham, director. Many of the new volumes have been delivered and are now available to library members.
Some of the new books are:
The Winds of War: A Novel by Herman Wouk; Eleanor and Franklin by Joseph P. Lash; Honor Thy Father by Gay Talese; The Blood Oranges: A Novel by John Hawkes; My Way of Life: An Autobiography by Joan Crawford; On Growing Up Tough: An Irreverent Memoir by Taylor Caldwell; A World Beyond yond, by Ruth Montgomery; The Lost Angel: A Novel by Elizabeth Goudge; Beyond Freedom and Dignity by B.F. Skinner.
The Jesus Myth by Andrew M. Greeley; The Outline of History: The Whole Story of Man by H.G. Wells; Matata: A Novel by Malcolm McConnell; The Tenants by Bernard Malamud; Our Gang by Philip Roth; An Afternoon Walk by Dorothy Eden; Verlaque: A Biography by Joanna Richardson; The Fall of the House of Savoy by Robert Katz; The Last Whole Earth Catalog by Portola Institute.
The Doctor's Second Love by Elizabeth Seifert; The Truth about Rhythmic Care by John J. Calabro, M.D.; The Morning After: Selected Essays and Reviews by Wilfrid Sheed; Ecology: Science of Survival, Laurence Pringle; Wonderland: A Novel by Joyce Carol Oates; Event 1000: A Novel by David Lavallee; Up And Down And Around: A Publisher Recollects The Time of His Life by Cass Canfield.
A Meaningful Life: A Novel by L.J. Davis; Russians In Space by Evgeny Riabchikov; How To Play Hockey by Tom Watt; Decorating With Plant Crafts and Natural Materials by Phyllis Pautz; The Mafia Is Not An Equal Opportunity Employer by Nicholas Gage; Korea: The Third Republic by Kyung Cho Chung; The Civil War Day By Day: An Almanac 1861-1865 by E.B. Long with Barbara Long.
The American Nightmare by Sidney J. Slomich; The Time Bomb: Today's China From The Inside by Norman Barrymaine; Enjoying Food On A Diabetic Diet by Edith M. Meyer; Henry VIII: The Mask of Royalty by Lacey Baldwin Smith; The Great Wine River by Creighton Churchill; Gateways and Caravans: A Portrait of Turkey by Freya Stark and Fulvio Poiter.

Century Firm Will Locate In Hoboken

The long idle Eisen Brothers building at 16th st. and Willow av. in Hoboken will soon be occupied by one of the largest furniture manufacturing firms in United States, it was announced Thursday.
Donald P. Lynch, president of Hoboken Development Corp., with offices at 80 Washington st., said the Century Case Goods Co. will begin its operation late this month. It is expected the firm will employ at least 50 local residents.
Mayor Louis DePascale, who helped coordinate the factory occupancy operation with authorities of the development corporation during recent months, insured local resident taxpayers that terms of the factory lease to Century Case Goods Co. does not involve a tax abatement to the factory owner.
It is reported the building is owned by Sam Caspert, who owns other large properties in Hoboken.

Hoboken Workers To Get Increase In EEA Wages

A number of Hoboken city employees will get unexpected pay raises, due mostly to the recent U.S. Emergency Employment Act of 1971, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.
"The salary increases will be an attempt at putting city employees on an equal footing with those new employees being hired under the emergency employment program," the mayor said.
"It was brought to our attention that many of the jobs being offered under the new program carry higher salaries than similar existing city jobs. This was unfair to the city employee who has been working for a few years and finds that a new employee doing the same type of job is making more money."
The mayor said he met with Marino DeGennaro and members of the city council to discuss the situation and jointly worked out the pay raise solution.
The emergency employment program has stirred up some resentment among city employees because of the difference in pay structure. A few employees even went so far as to ask to be relieved of their city job so they could apply for positions under the program doing the same work but at a higher pay scale.
Other threatened to quit their city jobs unless they were given parity with the EEA employees. DePascale said the city was reviewing the program to see what jobs existed and what ones would be coming in the future, and then compare the results with similar city positions to make sure the job duties were the same or nearly the same.
The mayor added that the raise would not be for all city employees, but only for those working at positions comparable to those within the EEA program.
He said the minimum starting salary for these jobs would be upped to equal that for such jobs within the EEA and would vary from position to position.
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Hoboken to Honor Chilean Ambassador

Our new ambassador to Chile, career diplomat Nathaniel Davis, who grew up in Hoboken, will be happy to receive an accolade from Hoboken the next time he comes north.
Davis so states in a letter to the Hoboken Chapter of Unico National.
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City Employees Open Negotiations

The Hoboken Municipal Employees Association has begun negotiations with the city for a pay increase and additional benefits.
Frank Lally, association president, said the unit is seeking a 5.5 per cent across the board wage increase for all non-uniformed personnel which would be within the Phase II guide line of President Nixon's wage-price freeze.
"We are also looking for a revision of the longevity program," he said. "The association wants the same system used by the police and fire departments which is a two per cent increase every three years instead of two percent every five years."
Police are on the two per cent every three years system which brings them to the 10 per cent maximum in 15 years instead of 25.
Lally said that the association was also seeking revisions in the overtime pay for civilian employees.
"The city currently bases our weekly earnings on a seven-day week, rather than a five-day week as do most private firms," he said. "As a result when an employee works overtime, he is she winds up getting paid at the seven-day rate. This means that they are actually getting less an hour for working overtime than they get for working their regular hours."
Lally said that the association presented its demands to the mayor yesterday. The negotiations will continue next week.

Bigger Projects Suggested Plan for Renaming Street After Sinatra Hits Bumps

The proposal to rename a Hoboken thoroughfare "Sinatra st." may not be an "Easy st." for Mayor Louis DePascale.
The mayor said yesterday that he has ordered the city law department to draw up an ordinance redesignating Newark st. in honor of the famous singer and added that he will urge the City Council to approve such a measure at its December meeting.
But, DePascale may run into a few roadblocks in the process.
Stressing his intention of honoring Sinatra, who now lives in retirement in California, the mayor said, "I feel confident the City Council members will favor such an ordinance in tribute to one of our famous native sons who has attained the top in America's entertainment field."
Appraised that there are pro and con thoughts about such a proposal among members of a newly aligned 5-4 and possibly 6-3 antiadministration bloc on the City Council, the mayor said sternly, "This is not politics. We are interested in honoring a young man who has attained international fame. I cannot imagine any member of City Council bickering about a proposal to honor Frankie Sinatra."

Hoboken Tiff

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Damato who was appointed a Hudson County undersheriff.
DePascale veto requires a majority vote of the Council to sustain it.
When City Council met this month, it voted down Finnelly's acting directorship by a 6-3 majority, and further voted not to pay his salary although Finnelly continues to serve in the post.
The council move was initiated by incumbent Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan who defeated Finnelly in the Hoboken elections in May of this year. Brennan's opposition to Finnelly is supported by Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano and Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francane. The latter two city officials defected from Mayor DePascale's ranks recently.
In his veto statement to the City Council, Mayor DePascale said in part:
"It is almost inconceivable that any legislative body would attempt to create a department in which one person acting as director would be responsible for the supervision of so many divisions of the city government, namely: Board of Health, Housing Squad, Public Health Nursing Service, Health Officer, City Physician, Health Warden, Baby Welfare Station, Poor Administration, Local Assistance Board, Hospital Services, Public Parks, Playground and Recreation Centers, and all of the administrative functions and powers and duties relating thereto, together with City Engineer and Bureau of Engineering, Public Buildings, Demolition of Buildings, City Garage, Bureau of Sewage Treatment and Disposal, Water Department, Public Streets, Sewers, Collection and Disposal of Ashes and Garbage, Removal of Dead Animals and Street Lighting, and all of the administrative functions and powers and duties relating thereto.
"It is perfectly obvious that with this enlarged additional responsibility the supervision of the Director of the Department of Public Works would be spread out so thin as to make it ineffective."

Hoboken Tiff Grows

In a strongly worded statement made public yesterday, Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale vetoed action by the anti-administration city council to abolish the city's department of health and welfare.
Claiming that such action, which calls for the merger of the health and welfare department with the existing public works department, thus eliminating

Voicing his opinion of the mayor's proposal, Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, who now heads the majority Council bloc (Sixth Ward Councilman Edward McLaughlin votes as an independent) said, "I'm prejudiced. I've known the Sinatra family for years, personally."
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know Frankie, and I love him as one of our own. But I want to sit with the mayor and discuss a feasible plan for such an honor. There are other major projects in Hoboken worthy of Sinatra's tribute, such as the proposed Hoboken Community Center. I want to talk more about it."

Another Viewpoint
Hoboken City Clerk Anthony Amoroso said, "I'm opposed to naming a street after Frank Sinatra. He's never recognized Hoboken, in fact he's ridiculed Hoboken and condemned his own home town here. Sinatra hasn't done anything for Hoboken since he hit the big time, except ignore us."
James T. Lucey, personnel manager at Maxwell House Coffee plant on upper Hudson st., said, "It's a wonderful idea to honor the success of Frankie Sinatra by having one of city streets named after him. I feel worthy of speaking for 100 per cent of the Maxwell employees. They feel the same. I hope it comes true."

Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce President Frank G. Boye said, "Great! It's about time somebody has recognized a long overdue tribute to Frankie Sinatra in Hoboken. After all, look at all the places throughout the world, including Hoboken, which have dedicated streets, boulevards and stadiums in the memory of late President John F. Kennedy. I'm for it!"

Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan, a member of Cappiello's anti-DePascale majority bloc, said, "I agree on a tribute to Frankie Sinatra as one of our native sons, but I feel the redesignation of a present city street will face complications. I feel the naming of a new school or a proposed apartment project downtown would be more feasible. We'll have to discuss it."

Hoboken Banker Donald Lynch who is vice president at First Jersey National Bank at Hudson and Newark sts., whose bank stationery would be affected by the change to "Sinatra st." said:
"We in Hoboken should accept the proposal without exception, as a deserving tribute to Frank Sinatra's international success as one of our native born residents. I back the street name change proposal with keen interest."

Between now and the time members of Hoboken City Council caucus to discuss the proposed tribute to Frank Sinatra, it is reported another alternate plan will be suggested.
Harry Cuneo, veteran Hoboken tavern owner and past Hudson County Tavern Owner Assn. president, said "I'd be thrilled to have Newark st. redesignated as 'Frank Sinatra st.' but I feel a more worthy tribute would be to rename Hudson Place as 'Sinatra Square' or 'Sinatra Plaza'."

Nathaniel, 43, lived on the Stevens campus during his early years. He attended Stevens Academy but did not attend Stevens Institute.
The mayor replied that he would be "happy to participate."

PROBLEMS? Women to Explore Theirs

A Committee for Hoboken Women's Affairs has been formed to explore the problems of women in an urban area.
The committee was organized yesterday during a meeting hosted by Mrs. Joan White, president of the association of Stevens Dames, in the Stevens Institute Center Building. Mrs. Audrey Borg called the participants together and chaired the meeting.
The gathering was initiated at the request of Mrs. Dorothy Mery, director of the women's division, Department of Community Affairs. The committee will set up a conference for all Hoboken women. The conference will be co-sponsored by the women's division and Stevens Institute of Technology and will occur on Feb. 15.
It will offer a panel of Hoboken women, representative of as

many segments of community life as possible, so that information may be shared and that the problems of women's existence in an urban area may be explored. The results from this meeting will form a basis for possible statewide action by the newly formed women's division of the state. Legislation also may be required to handle some of the women's problems.
The new committee also includes: Mrs. Bernice Friedman, Mrs. Usha Gandhi, Mrs. Nancy Jermakian, Mrs. Helen Manogue and Mrs. Agnes Spadavecchia.
The next meeting for planning the conference will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m. in the Stevens Center Building. Representatives of any women's group or any individual woman interested in participating in the work of the committee may call Mrs. Borg at 658-5580.

De Pascale Among Wolfe's Guests at Christmas Party

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken led off the array of political figures at last night's old-fashioned Christmas party given by the Freeholder William J. Wolfe Association in Jersey City.
Sixty-two men and women members of the county committee were special guests of Wolfe at the gala in the Hudson City Regular Democratic Club at 397 Central Ave.
Other political leaders attending were State Sen. Frank J. Guarini, Register Maurice Brady, Assemblyman-elect Silvio Failla, Assemblyman Michael Esposito and councilmen Frank Quilty, Aniello Pecoraro and John Jarowski.
Wolfe, who is Democratic zone leader, presented appreciation awards to singers Whitney Murray and Lucille Coppinger for performing through the year at his parties for children.
Assisting Wolfe were co-leaders Rita Kenny Hannigan and Helen Stone. John Perry was Santa.



DOWN MEMORY LANE—Retiring president Frank G. Boyle, at right, accepts sketch of Hoboken points of interest at last night's dinner of Hoboken-North Hudson area Chamber of Commerce at Union Club. Incoming president John M. Stanton, at left, displays his approval of the sketches while Paul Myers, the artist, is "happy that his effort is well taken."



DAMATO TRIBUTE—Anthony Damato of Hoboken, second left, Hudson County under-sheriff, receives badge of office from Sheriff George M. Bonelli, right, at reception in Damato's honor at Louis' Restaurant, Union City. Joining in tribute are County Clerk James Quinn, left, and Mayor Louis De Pascale of Hoboken.

Two 'Teen Post' Centers Slated to Open in February

Two "Teen Post" centers which will give Hoboken's teenagers a place of their own are due to open in the city by Feb. 1, a spokesman for the Hoboken Model Cities Agency said today.

About \$100,000 is being allotted for them for the first year. One will be in the city's Jefferson Recreation Center at 117 Jefferson St., the other somewhere on First Street.

The teen posts are part of a \$346,000 program which is being funded by the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Agency, (LEAA), the state Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA), and Model Cities. The LEAA has already awarded the city \$96,000 as its share of the program. Model Cities will contribute \$100,000, while the remaining \$150,000 is expected to be granted shortly by SLEPA.

"We are negotiating for a

location for a Teen Post center on First Street," the Model Cities spokesman said.

The centers will be staffed with one general supervisor, two center supervisors — one for each teen post — two aides for each, and a secretary.

Both teen posts will be furnished and will have equipment for entertaining the youngsters. Both will have funds for activities that meet the approval of the general supervisor and the Model Cities Neighborhood Planning Council which designed the project.

A second activity of the \$346,000 program will be a drug education and prevention program, probably conducted in the building to be leased for the teen post on First Street.

That program, which will cost \$90,000 to run, will have a director, two counselors, an education and training specialist, an

outreach worker and a secretary.

The last and most expensive portion of the \$346,000 project will be a tutoring and counseling service.

This will include expansion of the existing tutoring and counseling program now under way at 624 Washington St. Part of the expansion will be to establish a "coffee house" in cooperation with POPE (Peace On Planet Earth), a local youth organization concerned with recreation activities in Hoboken.

The Model Cities spokesman said it was planned to open the coffee house on Washington Street, hopefully at the Open Ear, 8th and Washington Street, which is already a coffee house, owned and operated by St. Matthew's-Trinity Lutheran Parish. Model Cities would operate the enterprise on a large scale.

Mayor Cool on Housing at Todd Site

By PETE HALLAM

Is residential construction a possibility for the Hoboken part of the old Todd Shipyard?

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale said today that it would be almost impossible to put up housing on the property because of the extreme high cost involved, and the peculiarities of the site.

"As it is, only a small portion of the property is dry land," he explained. "The majority of it is under water. The city isn't about to subdivide it, so who ever buys

it will have to take the whole thing.

"While they will be able to build on the dry land, they will be paying taxes on that portion as well as the portion that is under water."

"The area could be filled in, but this would involve something like a \$10,000,000 investment for the developers before they can even start to think about building."

DePascale said that figure was used by Supermarine during its negotiations with the city for the property.

"Hoboken would have no ob-

jection to seeing the area developed with residential buildings," he continued, "but there are a number of drawbacks that haven't been considered."

"First I don't know of any developers of either low or moderate or middle-income housing who would want to become involved in an initial outlay of more than \$10,000,000 just to get the area ready to build."

"And secondly, developers of high middle-income or luxury apartment buildings won't find the surrounding area to their

liking. It is primarily industrial and not at all conducive to residential developers."

The mayor, responding to a suggestion in a Jersey Journal editorial that the possibility of residential development be explored, added that his door was always open to anyone interested in developing the property, either as an industrial complex or for apartment houses.

"Above all, my main concern is to see the Todd property back on the tax rolls, regardless of what it is being used for," he said.



CONGRATULATIONS—Freeholder Louis DePascale (right) congratulates Richard Scott of Weehawken on his appointment yesterday to the Hudson County Police Department at swearing ceremonies in the Administration Building, Jersey City. Looking on from left are, new appointee Patrick Russo, Weehawken; Chief Frank Robbins; appointees Angel Sepolveda and Robert Connolly, both of Hoboken. Sixteen men were added to the county police department. (Story on Page 13)



CONGRATULATIONS DUE—Angel Sepolveda, left, and Robert Connolly, both of Hoboken, receive congratulatory from Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken, right, after they were sworn in as members of the Hudson County Police Department.

Christmas Gift for Hoboken: Rehabilitation for 5,000 Units

Hoboken is due to be designed as a "Project Rehab City" before Christmas, thus becoming eligible for the rehabilitation of 4,500 to 5,000 dwelling units, Michael Coleman, director of the Hoboken Model Cities agency, said today.

The last stumbling block to the city's participation in the program and designation was expected to be removed tonight when the council takes action on a resolution pledging its cooperation.

That cooperation will include a tax break package for sponsors and developers who eventually participate in the HUD program. Instead of paying the regular property taxes on the buildings that come into the project, the owners will pay 15 per cent of the annual gross shelter rents.

The council is also expected to approve authorization for the city's housing authority to begin the leased housing program with the same tax break for property owners leasing apartments under the program.

Through funds made available to the housing authority by HUD (the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development), up to 300 units of housing will be leased, renovated and then subleased to low income families.

One of the two tabled resolutions dealing with the city's planned new Neighborhood Facility Center at 2nd and Adams Streets will be reintroduced.

The resolution authorizes a contract between Mayo, Lynch and Associates, a local engineering firm, and Model Cities for drawing up plans and specifications for the center.

But the second resolution, tabled last month by the council, remains tabled. It authorizes Model Cities to begin acquiring land for the project along Grand and Adams Streets. The council tabled it until it found out from the assessor the effect the project would have on surrounding property values.

The assessor has yet to appear before the council to answer its questions and the council has been content to let the resolution stay tabled until he does.

However, Coleman said that he is arranging for a briefing for the council which should provide the answers to all of its inquiries about the project. No date has been set for the meeting, he said, but it will be held before the end of the month.

The council will also act on resolutions that:

Authorize payment of \$2,250 to Vincent J. Indelicato for an audit on Church Towers.

Authorize a contract between Model Cities and Aspira Inc. for a second action year tutoring and counseling program at Hoboken High School.

Retain the bond counselling firm of Sullivan, Donovan McGovern, Hanrahan and Lane in connection with the sale and issuance of \$1,607,000 in bonds.

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A Christmas Gift: 'Project Rehab City'

Continued from Page 1 for the new elementary school at 514 Park Ave.

Award a \$398,400 contract to the LaFera Contracting Co. of Newark for the city's 1972 garbage collections. The contract reflects a \$14,000 increase over the cost of the 1971 contract.

Authorize acceptance of bids at the Jan. 5 council meeting for

the demolition of the building at 59 Park Ave.

Reappoint Dean Richard Eversen of Stevens Institute of Technology to a five-year term on the city's parking authority.

Scheduled to be introduced for its first reading is an ordinance appropriating \$1,607,000 for the new school on Park Avenue and authorizing the issuance of bonds to cover the amount.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.



ELECTED MAYOR'S AIDE—Pedro Milan of Hoboken is on the receiving end of a victory kiss from his wife Vidalina, after it was announced last night that he was the winner of a special elections as aide to Mayor Louis DePascale on Puerto Rican affairs, beating out four other candidates. In background are some of his supporters.

863 Latins Cast Ballots

Milan Beats 4 in Hoboken To Become Aide to Mayor

By PETER LAVILLA

Pedro Milan, a 40-year-old self-employed truckman, was elected yesterday to the post of mayor's aide on Puerto Rican affairs in Hoboken.

Milan bested four other Puerto Rican opponents as 863 Spanish-speaking voters went to the polls in a special election. Milan totaled 278 votes. His nearest rival, Abraham Lao, totaled 210 votes. Other candidates, Jaime Munoz totaled 174 votes, Ruben Caligas 107 votes and Juan Guzman reached 94 votes.

The post of mayor's aide to Mayor Louis DePascale is an outgrowth of the riots during the Labor Day holiday. The post pays an annual salary of \$8,400 and is expected to get into full swing after the New Year. Mayor DePascale said last night that he would recognize the winner of the election because he said it is the expressed will of the Puerto Rican people.

In addition, the mayor said

he will announce his appointment to the post of director of the soon-to-be created Human Rights Commission after the New Year.

Rivers Seen Choice
The post on the rights commission also is an outgrowth of the riots. It pays \$12,000 annually.

Although the mayor would not disclose his choice, it was reliably learned last night that Manny Rivers, a Puerto Rican businessman, is his choice.

On Dec. 2, Hudson Dispatch reported that Rivers would be selected by the mayor. Rivers is very active in civic affairs

and well liked and respected by the Puerto Rican community.

According to our source, Rivers has been given a copy of the budget on the rights commission, the okay to negotiate for office space, and permission to select office equipment.

Although it is not clear what the duties of the mayor's aide on Puerto Rican affairs would entail, it was reported that they would consist of finding proper housing and employment for Puerto Ricans, as well as listening to their complaints on any given

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subject, and report back to the mayor.

Full details will be made available when Milan meets with Mayor DePascale in his office on Monday.

Combined Office

The office of the mayor's aide will be combined with the rights commission at First St. and Park Ave. The rights commission will be staffed with a clerk-typist at an annual salary of \$5,700, and two field investigators at an annual salary of \$7,500 each.

The office of the rights commission was made available through a grant of \$30,000 by the state, along with additional funds from the city, Model Cities, and the Emergency Employment Act.

The director of the rights commission is to be bilingual, the clerk-typist is to be bilingual, and one of the field workers is to be bilingual, a second field worker is to be white.

The primary functions of the commission will be to keep abreast of troubled situations within the city and report back to the mayor and city officials in an attempt to head off any further outbursts.



TRYING HARDER—Hoboken Patrolman Robert Gallagher, seated, receives Police Department's second-highest commendation from Mayor Louis DePascale, right, while Police Chief George Crimmins, left, and E. Norman Wilson, director of Law and Public Safety Department, look on. Gallagher received the award for action taken during a liquor store holdup.

Election Bridges Over Old Rivalries

Hoboken Latin Unity Seen

By PETER LAVILLA

The special city-wide election last Thursday, which saw 863 Spanish-speaking residents of Hoboken elect one of five Puerto Ricans to the post of mayor's aide on Puerto Rican affairs, could perhaps signify the beginning of a new era of unity among the Spanish-speaking citizens.

By no means was the turnout of 863 voters of great significance in terms of power nor was it impressive because there are approximately 15,000 to 20,000 Puerto Ricans living in Hoboken.

The election Thursday proved that the Puerto Rican community has learned from its errors and did something about them.

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there was the merger of two rival groups. In the past, one group would select a member of its organization for the post, and the other would select a member of its group for the post, and the battle would begin, with neither group making headway.

Evidence of this was witnessed in the autumn of 1970 when two rival groups attempted to elect members to the advisory board on the bilingual program. It turned into a fiasco, which ultimately saw the bilingual directorship pulled away from Hoboken.

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donated by city merchants and other donors. Each rival group selected the men it hoped would best qualify for the post. The election got

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underway without incident.

When the polls closed at 8 p.m., all of the five candidates met in a store where the votes were tallied and the winner announced. When Pedro Milan, the 40-year-old self-employed truckman, was announced the winner, he was greeted by a handshake from his opponents.

His victory speech contained the words that asked for help and cooperation from the entire city, Puerto Ricans and non-Puerto Ricans. Those who opposed him stated that they would work together with him.

It was also stated the night of the election that all parties were going to accept the appointment of a Puerto Rican as director of the soon-to-be Human Rights Commission no matter who Mayor Louis DePascale selects.

In the past, particularly after the three riots of last year and this year, opposition was always voiced when the city tried to negotiate with one faction.

TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT

Mayor Louis DePascale is hand-fed by his wife, Mary, to the amusement of Thomas J. Gallo City Council president, left and Herman Bier, business administrator, at City Hall Christmas party. (See other picture page 5.)

Mayor's Losses Top '71 News

By WILLIAM H. TAFT

The weakening of Mayor DePascale's political power was the biggest Hoboken news development of 1971... while a continual tug-of-war over Puerto Rican community relations was a running story throughout the year.

The mayor was dealt a body blow in the May election when only one of his ward councilmen came out on top, and again in the June runoff when only one more made it, but DePascale still had a 5-4 edge in the council. Then in November he lost council control when Louis Francone, an administration

stalwart, and Anthony Romano defected to join forces with the anti-administration leader, Councilman Steve Cappiello.

Now a majority, the opposition struck swiftly. They refused to pay or otherwise recognize the mayor's new health and welfare director, Francis Finnerty, and followed up by passing ordinances to downgrade health and welfare into a division of the Public Works Department, headed by Francone's brother-in-law, Raphael Vitale.

At year's end the mayor had vetoed the ordinances and the council majority was set to override the veto.

Aggressive efforts by the Puerto Rican community to secure various goals brought a flurry of names of new organizations into the news: The Puerto Rican Coalition... the Committee of 7 (later the Committee of 13)... the Police Community Relations Bureau... the Human Rights Commission, to mention a few.

Dissatisfaction erupted into street disorders precipitated by young Puerto Ricans on the Labor Day weekend. A massive police response, bolstered by "law and order" demonstrators

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siding with the bluecoats, quelled the disturbance. Positive results ensued from the conflict and the protracted aftermath. A police Community Relations Bureau was set up. As his aide for community affairs, the mayor first named a Puerto Rican patrolman, who was his own choice. Puerto Rican militants objected. Deferring to their demands, DePascale agreed to appoint an aide for Puerto Rican affairs who would be chosen by the Puerto Rican community in an open and supervised election — while at the same time additionally retaining the patrolman.

In the 12th month, the Puerto Rican election was held, and Pedro Milan won, to join the mayor's cabinet Jan. 6. The Human Rights Commission was being organized too, with a Puerto Rican native at its head.

There was intermittent agitation for more Spanish-speaking policemen. The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association bitterly opposed lowering the height and weight requirements to recruit them. The year closed with four new Puerto Rican policemen on the force, all regularly qualified without benefit of any special dispensation.

Another hotly-contested Puerto Rican issue was the naming of a Hoboken non-Puerto Rican to a \$16,500 job as director of the state's bilingual education program, embracing Hoboken and four other cities. Climaxing the agitation to replace him, Hoboken's Board of Education pulled out of the project entirely.

Traditionally a leader in the number of murders committed within its borders during any year, the city had an off-year in that category of crime. The saga of Jose Colon Santiago enlivened the criminal news, and not without a humorous side.

With a bullet in his back from a Hoboken shooting, Santiago quietly slipped out of St. Mary Hospital. He was wanted as a material witness in the shooting, so police recaptured him, returned him to St. Mary, and set up a guard at his bed. Again he fled, subsequently to surrender voluntarily.

Freed in low bail, he took off once more and failed to show up in court. Some days later he was identified as one of three robbers in a Hoboken liquor store holdup. They escaped in a shoot-out with an off-duty cop. But Santiago did not get off unscathed. Seized again after another robbery in Jersey City, he was found now to have a second bullet wound, probably inflicted in the Hoboken chase.

Less dramatic but more important were the running story of the collapse of Hoboken's oil refinery project on the site of the Todd shipyard, and the continuing machinations to get the ill-fated Grogan Marine View Plaza development on the way.

These were the two projects hailed as Hoboken's hope for more city revenue. Snowballing opposition to the oil plant during 1971 forced the promoters to give up the grand design. For the third year, the Grogan skyscraper development failed to find the necessary financial backer, both the state and the federal government turning it down.

Early in 1971 the long-planned municipally-operated cross-town bus line finally started. It soon became an accepted fixture on the Hoboken scene and dropped out of the limelight.

The renowned men's bar of the Clam Broth House made continuing news. For refusing to serve women in the room traditionally reserved for male patrons, the owners got in trouble with the state's Division of Civil Rights. Hearings were held, and the division issued a cease-and-desist order.

But the management has refused to budge unless and until the state gets a court order, which so far has not been forthcoming.

Drinking water that tasted bad, looked bad, and smelled bad had Hoboken's citizens in an uproar for weeks. The City Council refused to pay its water bills from Jersey City, which supplies Hoboken's water. Jersey City explained that it couldn't filter the water because it had no money to build a plant.

As the weather got colder the water got better and the outcry subsided.

The city administration wanted to use part of Church Square Park, the city's largest, as a site for a \$1,500,000 Neighborhood Facilities Center promoted by the city's Model Cities agency.

Furious opposition swelled up, petitions were circulated, and court action was planned—and the officials abandoned the idea.

The Washington Street buses made headlines in the early part of the year. The state Public Utility Commission threatened to revoke their franchises for poor service. But the threats turned out to be empty. Instead of making the operators improve their service, the PUC simply gave them an increase in fare.

The year 1971 saw the start of a movement by banks from the "financial district" near City Hall toward locations nearer to the center of the city. The Trust Company of New Jersey moved from its location near the PATH terminal to a new building at 3rd and Washington streets.

The Hoboken Bank for Savings acquired a site for a branch office at Washington and 6th. The Haven Savings and Loan Association acquired a large parking lot as a site on Washington between 6th and 7th.

At Hoboken High School there was much ado about the "dress code." A new one was finally adopted, allowing slacks and dropping the requirement for jackets and ties, but still banning blue jeans, T-shirts and sneakers.

With the close of the year came a development which could be most important for the city's future. On Dec. 23 Hoboken was designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a "rehab city," meaning it is eligible for federal assistance in renovating and modernizing up to 1,200 units of housing in 1972.

Hoboken Merger Wins

Vote 6-3 to Unite 2 City Agencies

By PETER LAVILLA
The Hoboken city council last night voted 6 to 3 in favor of consolidating the Department of Health and Welfare with the Department of Public Works, under the latter department's supervision.

The move, which was brought about by Fifth Ward Councilman Martin Brennan last month, was expected to pass without difficulty. It breezed through the introduction on the hearing of the ordinance and through its first, second and final reading.

However, Mayor Louis DePascale reportedly said he would veto the move and would take legal action on it. It was reported that the mayor claims the consolidation move is illegal and politically motivated in an attempt not to recognize Francis J. Finnerty as acting director of the Health and Welfare Department.

The councilmen who voted in favor of the consolidation were Steve Cappiello, Vincent J. Fusilli, Martin Brennan, Anthony Romano, Louis Francone, and Edward McLaughlin. The councilmen

contend the move was an economy one and was not politically motivated.

Mayor DePascale will have 10 days in which to veto the council vote and take further action. The council will have three days (Turn to Page 4, Column 5)

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in which to override the mayor's veto. Twenty days afterwards the ordinance will become law making the Health and Welfare Department a subdivision of the Public Works Department under the supervision of Director Raphael Vitale.

Withhold Paycheck

The council also held up payment to Finnerty because they claimed he was acting illegally as head of the welfare department. Finnerty has not been paid a salary since he was appointed by DePascale several months ago because the council would not vote on it.

They voted last night to withhold his paycheck for the week ending Dec. 22 and 29. They also voted not to pay Law and Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson's vacation pay of three weeks until they get additional information on his request for payment.

In other action, the council awarded a contract to LeFera Contracting Co. for collection and removal of garbage for one year at a cost of \$398,400.

An ordinance calling for an additional \$52,000 to be appropriated for the construction of the multi-million dollar new Wallace school will be discussed further at the next meeting on Jan. 5, because the council wants to know exactly where the money is going to be used.

The council authorized the issuance of a school bond in the amount of \$1.6 million for the erection of a new school for children of grades kindergarten through six. The money has already been allotted to the city through a state grant, but the city must put up a bond for that amount. It will be reimbursed by the state later on.

The council also heard several city residents complain about the lack of parking facilities. The areas of which they spoke of are around Stevens Tech campus and Maxwell House Coffee, both of which are in the uptown area.

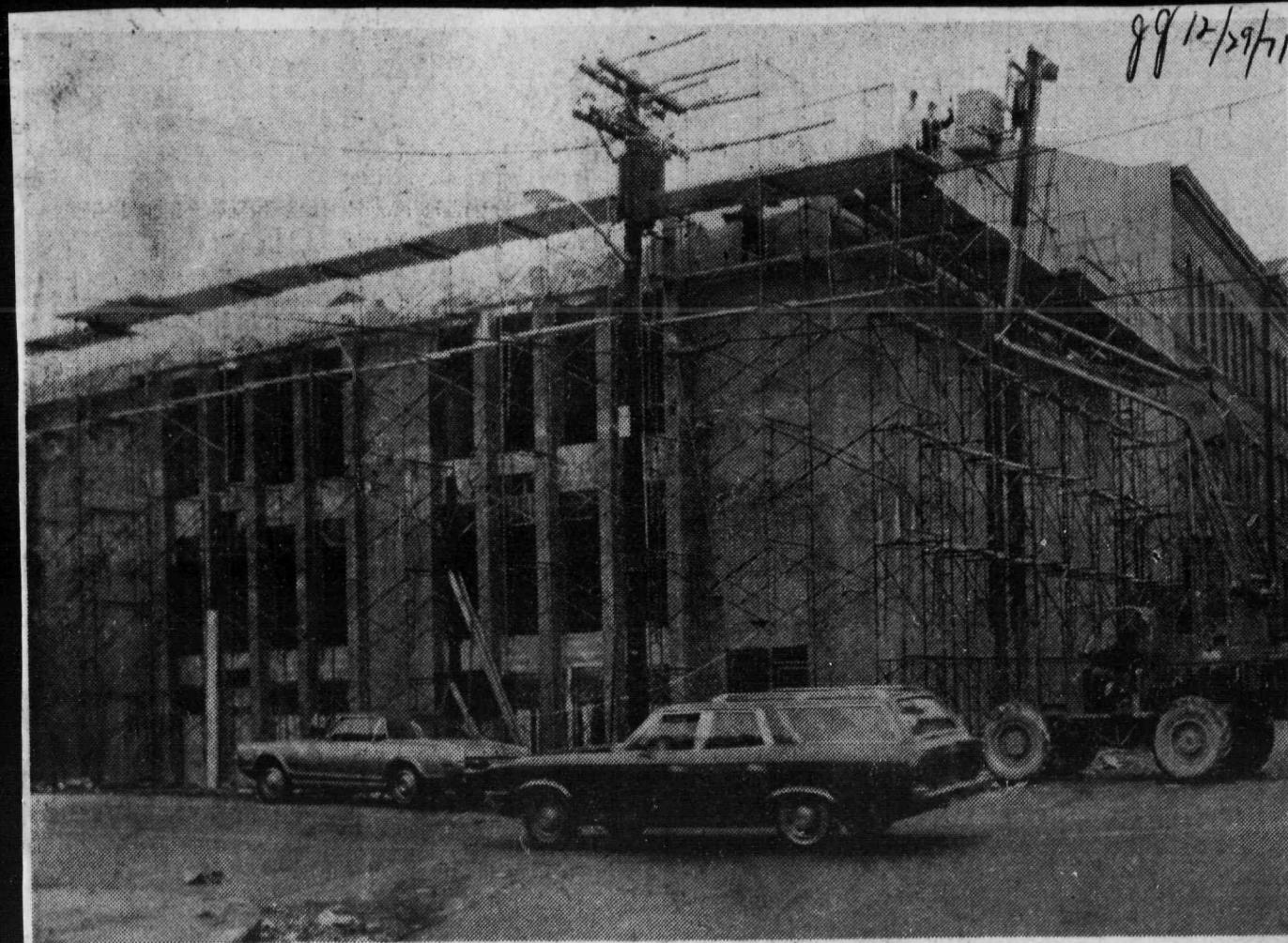
Charges Negligence

William Roth, a resident and businessman, complained that the Parking Authority is not doing enough to keep away the meter hogs along the Washington area.

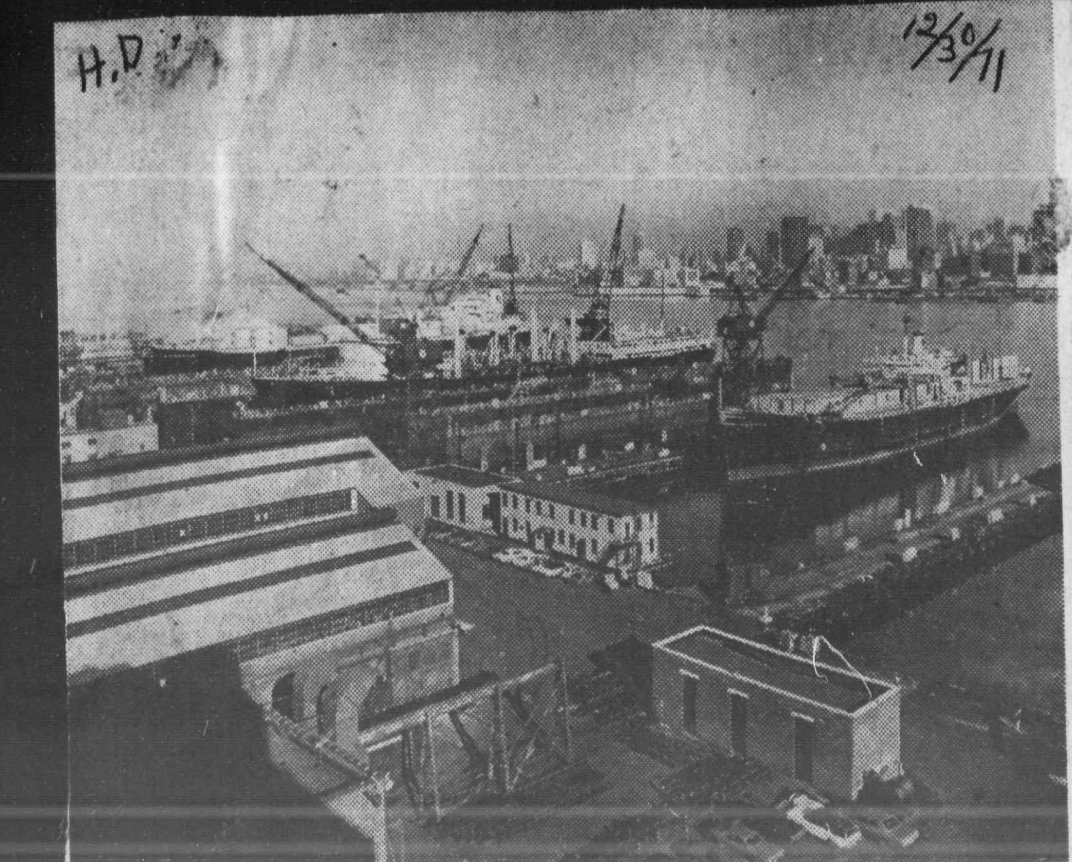
He called the authority "negligent" in its duties, and asked that the matter be turned over to the police department.



HERE'S \$25 MILLION — Mayor DePascale of Hoboken gets official word from Washington that his town has been picked as a Rehab City, which means an estimated \$25,000,000 in federal aid for rehabilitating houses in 1972. From left are James



GOING UP EAST — Replacement for 85-year-old Wallace elementary school advances smoothly at 11th and Clinton Streets, Hoboken. Crane is seen delivering load of bricks to workmen at top. Old schoolhouse on Willow Avenue, shown at right, will be torn down to make room for playground when new one is ready.



HOBOKEN SHIPYARD — Directly across the Hudson River from New York City's major North River piers, Bethlehem Steel's Hoboken ship repair yard is one of the largest and most modern on the East Coast. It has the largest floating dry dock in the Port of New York, capable of handling ships up to 60,000 deadweight tons, a large landbased tanker cleaning plant, an outstanding turbine repair shop and a complete range of other shops and facilities to speed the economical repair and conversion of ships of all types.

Quinn Heads Hoboken Democrats; Only Logical Move, Says DePascale

By PETER HALLAM

The Hoboken Regular Democratic Organization, the club founded by the late John J. Grogan, Hoboken's Democratic leader and former mayor, has erased Grogan's name as its standard bearer, replacing it with the name of County Clerk James F. Quinn... and the move has been interpreted in some political quarters in Hoboken as a snub to Mayor Louis DePascale, who is the recognized Hoboken Democratic leader.

The mayor, however, is not taking it that way. Quinn has been president of the organization for several years.

Grogan, who also served as county clerk after turning over the reins of Hoboken's municipal government to DePascale, will continue to be listed on the organization's rolls as its founder, though no longer as its standard bearer.

DePascale commented today: "For all intents and purposes, Quinn has been serving as stan-

dard bearer since the death of Grogan. "It is only logical that he should be officially named the standard bearer."

Approximately 72 members attended the recent meeting at 828 Washington St. that saw Quinn re-elected president of the organization. Among those attending was Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone, who broke his allegiance to DePascale several weeks ago and joined forces with Councilman Steve Cappiello. Another attending was DePascale's public works director, Raphael

Vitale. Other elected officers of the organization include James Lanzetti, first vice president; John Scheffhauser, second vice president; Robert Mahoney, third vice president; Rudolph Bahun, financial secretary; Vincent Wassman, treasurer; George Paproth, recording secretary; Vincent Pasculli, sergeant-at-arms; James Callman, assistant sergeant-at-arms; and trustees Salvatore Accora, Joseph Lisa, Francis X. Scott, Anthony Callandriello and James C. Schmidt.

No More Thursday Checks Wednesdays for City Aides

Hoboken is discontinuing the practice of giving city employees their pay checks in time to cash them a day ahead of the date on the check.

This follows the embarrassment resulting from the disclosure that Anthony Damato, on resigning as health and welfare director, was handed pay checks for four weeks, although the City Council had not yet approved the payrolls for those weeks.

Hoboken's municipal pay checks, dated for Thursday of each week, are usually ready Monday afternoon, and are turned over to the directors of the various departments Tuesday. The directors, in turn, distribute them that day or Wednesday.

Although the checks are dated for Thursday, a local bank has been cashing them on Wednesdays for many years. It holds the checks until the following day before putting them through.

But this week the city deviated from the usual procedure. The checks, as usual, were ready on time. But no one was giving them out, at least not in time to

get to the bank yesterday afternoon.

Some city employees were able to pick up their checks yesterday after the bank had closed but they still had to wait until this morning to cash them. For most of the city workers the Thursday

pay day finally fell on a Thursday.

According to a spokesman for the Comptroller's Office, from now on the checks will be given out either late Wednesday afternoon after the bank has closed, or Thursday.



HOBOKEN WELCOME — Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken, second left, welcomes Mr. and Mrs. David Druckman to city at reception held at Clam Broth House. Druckman is owner of Century Case Goods Co., which will occupy plant formerly used by Eisen Brothers at 16th Street and Willow Avenue. Century will distribute furniture all over east coast for one of the world's largest makers. At left is Donald Lynch, president of Hoboken Development Corp. which sponsored welcoming party.

DePascale Acts to Keep Finnerty Appointment

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale has beaten his critics to the punch. While the new city council anti-administration majority had threatened to take legal action to oust Francis J. Finnerty as acting health and welfare director, the mayor already has begun action to keep Finnerty on.

"I have retained the law firm of Sills, Beck, Cummis, Radin and Tischman of Newark to represent me in this matter," DePascale said. "Clive S. Cummis is handling the case. He mailed out briefs yesterday to the Superior Court in Trenton."

According to the mayor, he will be seeking a declaratory judgment on whether or not his appointment of Finnerty as an acting director was legal.

"Because of the time element involved with the passage of the ordinances consolidating the department with public works, I suspect the court will act promptly to hear the case," the mayor said.

"More than likely, we will probably go in sometime next week at the earliest, or the following week at the latest."

Cummis told The Jersey Journal the court action probably will be expanded to cover the consolidation push by the council but not until the consolidation was actually a matter of fact.

"We cannot technically take any action until the process has been concluded," he said. "Right now, it is only in the process of being done. The mayor has not yet signed the ordinances and has indicated that he won't. So the council must override his veto if it wishes to see the ordinances through."

DePascale said he is going to wait out the full 10 days he has by law before taking any action on the ordinances — and then he is going to veto them.

After the mayor vetoes the bills, the council must wait three days before it can take action on overriding the mayor's rejection. A 6-3 majority is required and, at this time, is in hand.

Another possible court action on the mayor's part might be to challenge the council's right to hire a private attorney with city funds. However, the council majority has held off taking action on the resolution that would have allowed them to do so.

The resolution authorizing the hiring of Sidney I. Turtz, West New York municipal court judge, to represent six of the councilmen who were challenging whether Finnerty could serve as acting director without council approval was tabled for future consideration.

According to Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, spokesman for the anti-administration council bloc, the reason for tabling it was the official rejection, by resolution, of the mayor's appointment of Finnerty.

Last month, the mayor advised the council by letter that he had appointed Finnerty, former Fifth Ward Councilman, as acting director. The council voted by a 6-3 margin not to accept or acknowledge the letter.

Members of the new council majority saw the mayor's action as an attempt to ramrod the appointment through without giving the council a chance to confirm or reject it. They said the mayor took that course because a majority of the councilmen have openly stated they would not confirm Finnerty, if given the opportunity to vote on it.

Cappiello said there is still a possibility that the council will move to hire Turtz but it would depend on the events that take place in the next few days.

"Since the mayor has instituted his suit as a private citizen, we may be entitled to representation by the city's law department," Cappiello said. "We'll have to see what happens."

"If director Wilson refuses to present our case or disqualify himself, then we'll have to seek representation through a private attorney."

Although the council rejected Finnerty's appointment and refuses to allow the city to pay him, the acting director again showed up for work yesterday. Finnerty has been working as acting director since Nov. 10 but has yet to be paid.

Hauser Star Set Without Warning Hoboken to Be Without Its Senator

By CHARLES STRUM

When the state legislature reconvenes on Jan. 11, the senate will be without Frederick H. Hauser and Hoboken will be without a state senator.

Hauser's 24-year political career ended abruptly last spring when the county Democratic organization refused to run him on its ticket.

Unlike the ill-starred Julius Caesar, who ignored a warning to beware the Ides of March, Hauser, had no warning.

Shortly before the June 8 primary when he had no reason to suspect that Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale or other high ranking members of the county organization would withdraw their support after nearly a quarter of a century, Hauser found himself an outcast.

"To this day," Hauser said, "I haven't spoken to DePascale or any of them. They didn't even have the common decency to call me and let me know what their plans were. They threw me

out and everyone has kept his mouth shut."

Recently, at the Hudson County Bar Assn. dinner, Hauser met John Deegan, former county campaign manager and other party stalwarts.

"All they could say was how surprised or how sorry they were. They sold me down the river and didn't lift a finger," Hauser said.

Even now Hauser says he doesn't know why he wasn't supported. He says only that DePascale is losing his hold on Hoboken and that for some unknown reason, Hoboken lost a senator to give Bayonne an assemblyman and a senator. Former Bayonne Assemblyman James Dugan will replace Hauser in January.

Proud of Record

Hauser is proud of his legislative record. In 1966, Hauser successfully sponsored and engineered the passage of two bills benefiting teachers and public employees throughout the state.

Thanks to Hauser the more than 220,000 public servants covered by this law now get both pension and social security allotments when, formerly, social security benefits were deducted from the pension.

Hauser, a retired colonel in the army reserves holds a law degree from New York University and was a professor at John Marshall College of Law, Jersey City.

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1948, Hauser was a school instructor and administrator in the Hoboken school system. During the war he served as chief of military justice in the judge advocates department, V. Musto of Union City, to In the Assembly, Hauser was heralded as the founder and chairman of the law revision and legal services committee.

Faithful to Party

Hauser says he was always loyal to the Hudson County Democratic Party. He served as campaign manager for the late Hoboken Mayor John Grogan in 1953, 1957 and 1961. He was DePascale's campaign chairman in 1965 and 1969.

In the mid 1950's Hauser joined forces with several other legislators, among them fellow Assemblyman William V. Musto of Union City, to legislate a change in New Jersey's antiquated "blue laws."

Hauser is confident that the Hudson County Democratic Organization will continue to be active and healthy, but says there is need for a change in party leadership now.

"I've been in the party for 50 years. I supported Hague and Kenny, then McFeely, Grogan and DePascale, but now we need a realignment — a mixing of the old blood with the new," Hauser said.

Fitzpatrick of Bayonne doesn't "Fitzpatrick (Mayor Francis Fitzpatrick of Bayonne) doesn't have the temperament. DePascale no longer has the stability and Bill Kelly (State Sen. William Kelly of Jersey City) doesn't want to be bothered," he said.

"What we need is someone like Bill Musto. He's got the stability, knowledge and temperament to do the job."

Hauser is 71 now. He and Edna, his wife of 46 years, have become two of Hoboken's most distinguished citizens. Hauser has no immediate plans to do anything but carry on with his law practice on Washington st.

He and his wife leave next week for a Florida vacation.

HUD Plan Covers 1,200 Units \$25 Million in Rebuilding For Hoboken Gets U.S. OK

By JACK ECKHARDT

A \$25 million plan to renovate abandoned buildings and revitalize existing dwellings in Hoboken became a reality yesterday when a representative from Washington called on Mayor Louis DePascale to announce approval of such a project.

Some 1,200 housing units within the city are slated for rehabilitation, starting in the spring of next year, according to James Armstrong, assistant commissioner of the federal rehabilitation department of housing and urban development.

Mayor DePascale, joined in his city hall office by Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello said, "Of all our anti-poverty and federal programs approved in the past, this is by far the most important to residents of our city. It is a great day for Hoboken."

Known as "Project Rehab" the program will extend over all of Hoboken, and will include total rehabilitation of abandoned and derelict buildings. The project, "at no cost to the city taxpayers of Hoboken," will include installation of new plumbing, wiring and heating in sub-standard tenements slated for renovation.

It is estimated renovation costs will average \$15,000 per apartment.

Armstrong, pointing out that Hoboken is the smallest of 21 cities throughout the United States to receive "Project Rehab" designation from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) said, "Hoboken is also the only one of two cities in New Jersey to receive such approval."

Actually, the program calls for a private developer to work with Hoboken and federal officials to purchase certain properties in Hoboken that are run down or abandoned. They in turn will

receive support of the federal government in making the existing apartments modern and liveable for low and middle income residents.

Said Commissioner Armstrong yesterday, "HUD will not tolerate any inflated property acquisition costs. Any such action could kill the entire project, and hurt the very people we are trying to help."

Asked why Hoboken has been approved by his office for such a tremendous rehabilitation project, with its 1,200 separate housing units scheduled for modern improvement, Commissioner Armstrong said:

"Gov. Cahill has a very special interest in 'Project

Rehab' and as a result, our Washington office has discovered an excellent example of Hoboken's official administration in working relationship with sincere motivation. We consider the Hoboken administration energetic, working with local, state and federal agencies to promote such a major undertaking."

Extending credit for the approval of such a project for Hoboken, the federal official paid tribute to Hoboken Model Cities Director Michael Coleman, whose office at 84 Washington st. has worked with Mayor DePascale in seeking such a project to

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DePascale Hails 'Rehab City' Grant

Big Facelift Starts Soon

By PETER HALLAM

"It's the best Christmas present I could have received," Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale said today after being notified that the city has been selected for a federal "Project Rehab."

An official of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development met with the mayor yesterday to officially inform him that Hoboken had been designated as a "Rehab city."

The news was delivered by James Armstrong, assistant to Robert Philpott, assistant commissioner for rehabilitation in HUD.

The first buildings to be renovated — expected to begin within a month or two — will be

the abandoned and vacant structures, Armstrong said.

Under the program, some 1,200 housing units within the city are to be renovated at an average cost of \$15,000 a unit during the first year. The project was originally proposed and planned by the Hoboken Model Cities Agency with the cooperation and support of the Hoboken City Council and Model Cities Neighborhood Planning Council.

DePascale estimated approximately \$25 million in federal and private funds would be spent on the project during 1972.

"The program will benefit every citizen in Hoboken by providing better housing for all income levels and increasing city

revenues as vacant buildings are returned to the tax roll," the mayor said.

"Property values will rise, benefitting homeowners. Many new job opportunities in the construction trades will be an added benefit for local citizens."

"At no cost to the city of Hoboken, our community will be part of a new and unique program of revitalization. The face of our city will be beautiful and made safer by the removal of unsightly abandoned buildings which contribute to crime."

"Many of our citizens will live for the first time in safe and decent housing."

Only Hoboken and Newark have been designated "Rehab

Cities" in New Jersey, nineteen other cities were designated in the nation.

Rehab is the brain child and pet project of former U.S. Sen. George Romney, who is President Nixon's Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Combined under the Rehabilitation title are a number of programs — some new and some old — but all aimed at the revitalization of decaying urban communities through the rehabilitation of existing buildings.

The designation, according to Armstrong, usually stimulates additional activity in other programs sponsored by the federal government.

"This is not just a tentative

thing," he said. "The Department of Housing and Urban Development is fully committed to the program. There aren't any 'ifs' or 'maybes'."

Who will be participating in the program?

"Non-profit and limited dividend corporations involving as many local firms and people as possible," said Armstrong.

"In anticipation of the designation, a number of such firms have been in the process of acquiring property in the city during the last few months."

"The authorization for the first year is 1,200 units or apartments. Firms or corporations have already purchased or entered

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improve housing conditions in the Mile-Square-City.

It was pointed out by DePascale that such a project, once materialized, will result in 15 per cent of the total rental income from such property to be taken over by a private developer. Presently yesterday at the city hall session was Joseph Barry, representing Rehabilitation Systems Associates of Newark, who expressed keen interest in the approval of the project.

Cappiello's Presence The presence of Third Ward Councilman Cappiello at yesterday's major project announcement, was explained by Mayor DePascale:

"On Dec. 15 all members of city council unanimously approved the Project Rehab," said DePascale. "All city officials seem to agree it will benefit every citizen in Hoboken by providing better housing for all income levels and increasing Hoboken revenues as vacant buildings are returned to the tax rolls. This is at no cost whatsoever to our taxpayers," DePascale stressed.

Asked to comment on just where such a rehabilitation project would start within the city, a spokesman yesterday said, "The large apartment areas between 12th and 13th sts. on Washington st. will be a target area. So will the apartments located on the west side of Washington st. between Observer hwy. and Newark st. and those large apartment buildings between 12th and 13th sts. on Willow av."

Said Mayor DePascale after the conference, "Hoboken will be part of a new and unique program of revitalization. The face of our city will be beautified and made safer by the removal of unsightly abandoned buildings which contribute to crime. Many of our residents will live for the first time in safe and decent housing."

Organization Names Quinn Hoboken Dems Jolt Mayor

By JACK ECKHARDT

Members of Hoboken Regular Democratic Organization have taken a major move to cut down Mayor Louis DePascale's political prestige in the Mile-Square-City, it was learned yesterday.

With anti-DePascale forces joining them, members of the organization at a session at headquarters leave named James F. Quinn, Hudson County clerk, as standard bearer.

In selecting Quinn to succeed the late Hoboken Mayor John J. Grogan in the standard bearer's post, the club ignored Grogan's successor — DePascale. Quinn was also reelected president of the club.

Political circles stirred by reports that the move to name Quinn as standard bearer was supported by Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francane and his brother-in-law, Public Works Director Raphael Vitale.

Francane had been an ardent supporter of DePascale until he split with the mayor along with Councilman Anthony Romano of the first ward. As a result of their defection, DePascale has lost control of the city council.

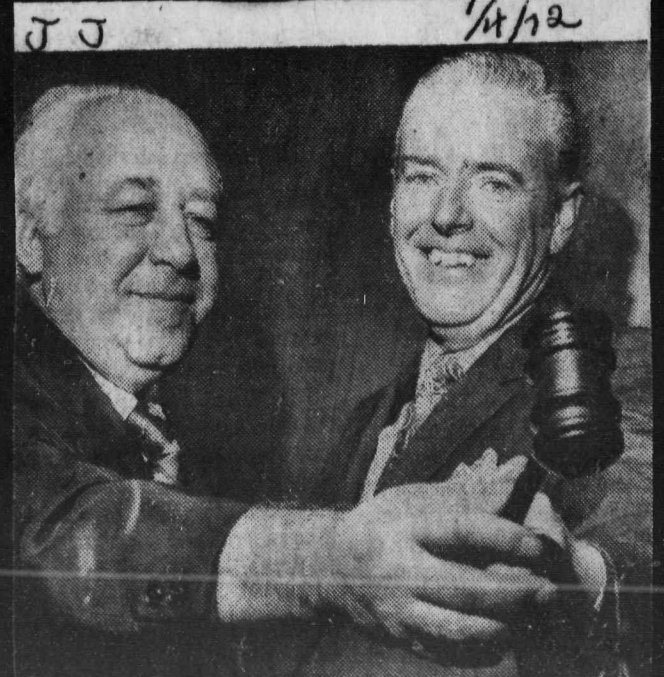
In addition to his new title as standard bearer of the organization, Quinn also serves in the elected capacity as city Democratic chairman.

Contacted at his Hudson County clerk office yesterday, Quinn was asked if such action by the Hoboken RDO club was an indication of his (Quinn) being groomed to run for

mayor in Hoboken's 1973 May election against DePascale, Quinn replied, "Absolutely not."

Records of the RDO club meeting show that Vitale was a member of nominating committee that picked Quinn for reelection as president.

Asked why he was not at the meeting with his new political ally Francane, Cappiello said, "I'm not a member of the RDO but I intend to join. It would be misconstrued by (Turn to Page 4, Column 1)



Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken, left, who also serves as a county freeholder, hands over chairmanship gavel to Freeholder Edward Clark of Bayonne at Hudson County Administration Building, Jersey City.



\$25 MILLION YULE PACKAGE — Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale (right) beams with delight on reading of federal government's approval to rehabilitate and renovate some 1,200 housing units in the city, a plan estimated to cost \$25 million, starting next spring. Official announcement was made in DePascale's city hall office last week by James Armstrong, assistant U. S. commissioner of housing and urban development (seated, center) flanked by Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, head of City Council majority bloc. At rear is Model Cities Director Michael J. Coleman, who processed the grant.

Early Start Expected on 'Rehab City'

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into contracts to purchase buildings with that number of dwelling units."

Armstrong said that participation in the project is not restricted to low or low-middle income buildings. Buildings with middle or high income tenants could also be eligible.

"It depends on the status of the building before being accepted for the program," he said. "A low income property couldn't be developed into a luxury apartment."

HUD will help in the program by making available funds at very low interest rates — approximately 1 per cent — for the purchase of the property, and additional funds at similar rates for the renovation work.

Hoboken's contribution will be to accept 15 per cent of the gross profits for each building in lieu of taxes.

As vacant buildings are rehabilitated, the emphasis will shift to structures that have tenants, with those families into the formerly vacant buildings. Each family must be moved into "quality housing" and given the option of moving back into their old building when the renovations and repairs there are completed.

Hoboken's overall goal for the program is between 4,500 and 5,000 units.

Action Now Program May Be Approved

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale said today that the cost to Hoboken for the Action Now program will be about \$3,200, not \$11,000 as believed by the majority faction of the city council.

"The only investment Hoboken puts into the program is for the fringe benefits of the office staff," said the mayor. "This would include hospitalization, insurance and a pension plan."

DePascale said he has brought this to the attention of the city council.

The mayor added that he expects the council will not approve the contract between Hoboken and the state Department of Community Affairs, which is funding the program with a \$30,000 grant.

The council majority delayed action on the contract at its last meeting. A spokesman said the members wanted to look into what the city was being required to contribute, believe to be \$11,000.

DePascale said that the resolution approving the contract will probably come up for council action again at Wednesday night's council meeting.

The Action Now Center is located at 210 1st St. Officially, it is closed. But unofficially its executive director, Manny Rivers, has been working for close to three weeks.

Elected Ed. Board Eyed For Hoboken

A resolution aimed at changing the Hoboken Board of Education from an appointed to an elected board, may be discussed at a caucus of the Hoboken City Council Wednesday night, it was learned today.

The move is said to have the backing of the new majority on the council made up of Councilmen Steve Cappiello, Vincent J. Fusilli, Martin J. Brennan, Anthony H. Romano and Louis Francane. Councilman Edward McLaughlin, an independent not

aligned with the majority or Mayor Louis DePascale, disclosed that he also was working on a plan of his own to have school board members elected.

Sources close to the majority bloc said they had made a campaign promise to move for an elected board and this was speeded up by the board's refusal last week to honor the councilmen's request to hold up on making a number of appointments and introducing the new budget.

Hoboken May Sue on Sewage Fees

By PETER HALLAM

Weehawken and Union City have refused to reconsider increasing their annual fee to Hoboken for the treatment of sewage but Hoboken doesn't plan on taking no for an answer.

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken said today following his meeting with Mayor Stanley Iacono of Weehawken and Mayor William Meehan of Union City,

that court will be the next step in the city's efforts to get more money out of the two communities for the treatment service.

"I have instructed the city's corporate counsel (Law Director E. Norman Wilson) to begin looking into the possibilities of retaining special counsel and taking the matter to a court of equity," DePascale said.

pay Hoboken a combined total of \$60,000 a year for sewage treatment under a 35-year contract signed in 1958. There are no

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provisions in the contract for increasing the service charges. DePascale pointed out that operation costs of the sewage treatment plant have continued to mount in recent years, a bur-

den that Hoboken has borne alone, while the cost of the service to Weehawken and Union City has stayed at the \$60,000 figure.

"Both Mayor Meehan and Mayor Iacono were sympathetic with our problem," said DePascale. "However, they felt that in fairness to the taxpayers in their municipalities they couldn't agree to renegotiating the contract."

"The only solution is to let the court decide whether the contract is fair to all concerned parties. It is already obvious that it isn't as far as Hoboken is concerned."

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said he supported the mayor "100 per cent" adding that he has been urging legal action to void the contract for several years.

Mayor Will Wait: No Sinatra Place Action This Week

Mayor Louis DePascale's proposal to rename Hoboken's Hudson Place after Frank Sinatra will not be introduced for council approval at Wednesday's meeting, the mayor said today.

"I'm still receiving suggestions from various persons about the matter," he said. "I'm holding the resolution up until I've had time to consider some of the other suggestions."

The mayor originally proposed giving the singer's name to Newark Street. Subsequently he went along with The Jersey Journal's suggestion that if a street is to be named for Sinatra, Hudson Place would be a better selection.

Several members of the City Council, however, have expressed objection to naming a street or anything else after Hoboken-born Sinatra.

Councilman Martin J. Brennan said Sinatra had donated a hospital to a California city but had never even played a benefit performance in Hoboken.

He said that Hoboken could use a new firehouse, and it might be appropriate for Sinatra to donate one in memory of his late father, Fire Captain Martin Sinatra.

Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin said Sinatra hadn't done a thing for Hoboken except be born in the city.

De Pascale Says City Council Will Determine '72 Tax Rate

"Absurd, completely and entirely absurd," Mayor Louis DePascale today termed a report that Hoboken's 1972 tax rate would increase between \$10 and \$15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

"No one knows what the tax rate is going to be, including me," continued DePascale. "It's just too early to even make any predictions."

"We don't begin to get an idea of the rate until we close out our books for 1971 and we are only in the process of doing that."

What are the mayor's personal thoughts on the 1972 budget?

"I would say I'm hopeful," the mayor said. "I'd like very much to keep the tax rate around the same figure as last year."

"However, there are no guarantees. We have yet to learn what the total assessed value of all city property will be for the 1972 — which will play an important role in determining the tax rate."

When asked if he expected the City Council to play more of a role in the formation of the budget, the mayor said he was counting on it.

"For all intents and purposes, the 1972 budget will be a City Council budget," he said. "That's the political facts of life."

"The council is controlled by six anti-administration councilmen. Once I have submitted the budget to the council it will be up to them to add or subtract what they think is necessary."

"But the point is that the budget that gets a public hearing in March will be what they have agreed on — along with the resulting tax rate."

Council Cuts Interim Budget

A temporary budget to carry Hoboken until the 1972 budget is approved in March has been approved by the city council but not in the form submitted by Mayor Louis DePascale.

Several cuts were made by the council before the temporary budget was adopted at yesterday's council meeting. The most severe of these was \$91,798 which the city was to have contributed as its share of the Emergency Employment Program.

Also stricken for the time being was a \$2,000 appropriation for hiring a special negotiator to represent the city in contract talks with police and firemen.

Three bids were accepted by the council from contractors for demolishing the building at 59 Park Ave. Low bidder was Gottlieb Wrecking and Contracting Co. of Hoboken with a figure of \$10,000. George O'Connor of Jersey City bid \$10,500 and Arco Wrecking Co. of Bayonne bid \$12,000.

Only one bid was submitted for processing all of the city's 1972 real property tax list by computer. The Management Data Processing System of Clifton, the company that formerly processed motor vehicle summons for the Hoboken violations bureau, bid \$3,000.

A new schedule of parking fines was unanimously adopted by the council. The resolution increases the fine for overtime meter parking to \$2 and reduces the fine for double parking from \$10 to \$3.

The council did not take action on a proposal to rent the 5th and 6th Street piers to Latas Terminal Inc. The company proposed to pay the city \$750,000 for a 10-year lease while spending more than \$250,000 to repair the piers.

A connected resolution to reject an offer of \$62,500 from Sam Tuttle to purchase the two piers was tabled by the council.

The council also tabled a resolution authorizing payment of captain's pay to several police lieutenants who served in the capacity of captains. The council said that it wanted to check the claims out in more detail.

The council plans further discussion on agreements between Model Cities, the Code Enforcement Program, the city and state Department of Community Affairs for an Action Now program.

Model Cities and Code Enforcement sought council approval for a comprehensive city demonstration program, a municipal home improvement program.

The Action Now program is sponsoring the Hoboken Human Rights Commission with a \$30,000 grant. However, it must be approved by the council before it can start.

Adoption of two ordinances authorizing school bond issues were postponed until the Jan. 19 council meeting.

The first is for \$1,607,000 for construction of the new mini-school at 524 Park Ave. The second is for \$52,000 to cover additional costs of the new Wallace School at 11th Street and Willow Ave.

The council approved an ordinance adopting the 1970 edition of the BOAC basic building code as the city's.

Efforts to acquire land and start construction of the Neighborhood Facility Center at 2nd and Grand Streets were postponed until the Jan. 19 council meeting.

Although the council was given a briefing on the center Monday and has been given details by the city assessor on how it will affect property values in the surrounding area, two resolutions dealing with the facility were again tabled.

The Downtown Bus Co. of Jersey City was given assurance by the council of full cooperation in its efforts to obtain permission from the state Public Utility Commission for picking up and discharging passengers in Hoboken on its Route 5 between Jersey City and Weehawken.

By resolution, the council requested the company to formally petition the PUC for that right.

A petition containing some 50 signatures was presented to the council by Ignazio Camporeale of 320 Hudson St. protesting the planned implementation next Monday of one-hour parking along Hudson Street between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Camporeale, who ran unsuccessfully for First Ward councilman last May against incumbent Anthony H. Romano, got Romano's support on the petition, and his signature.

Council Majority Retains Lawyer For Finnerty Suit

The majority members of the Hoboken City Council have voted to hire Sidney Turtz, West New York municipal court judge, to represent them and the rest of the council in the legal action started by Mayor Louis DePascale on the appointment of Francis Finnerty as acting health and welfare director.

All nine members of the council have received subpoenas in connection with the suit in which the mayor is seeking a declaratory judgment in Superior Court on his right to name an acting director without council confirmation. No date has been set for a court appearance.

The council majority, headed by Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, has refused to confirm Finnerty's appointment, contending that the mayor had to make a permanent director by law.

They maintain that there are no provisions in the law for an acting director, and have refused to pay Finnerty since the end of November.

Turtz was hired by council resolution and will be paid by the city, even though the city has its own law department which could represent the councilmen in court since the mayor is using his personal attorney, Clive S. Cummis of Newark, in the case.

Cappiello said that the five-man council majority considered the city's law department to be "pro-administration" and could not count on it to defend its actions.

"We would rather not put the director on the spot by forcing him to defend our position since he doesn't agree with it," the councilman said.



MAYORS MEET — Mayor Louis DePascale, left, and E. Norman Wilson, law director, of Hoboken, confer with Mayors Stanley Iacono of Weehawken and William Meehan of Union City, seated, concerning the problem of Hoboken raising the cost of treating Weehawken and Union City's sewage which is presently under a long-term contract.

Mayor Seeks to Hike Sewage Plant Rate

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday informed two North Hudson mayors that he intends to initiate court action in an effort to obtain more money from both communities which use the facilities of Hoboken's sewage treatment plant.

In what was later described as a "friendly financial confab," Mayor DePascale was host as at lunch to Union City Mayor William Meehan and Weehawken Mayor Stanley Iacono.

While DePascale is seeking a substantial increase from both North Hudson communities over the annual \$60,000 now paid to Hoboken by Union City and Weehawken, Mayor Meehan and Mayor Iacono politely told him they will continue to abide by a 35-year contract signed between the three communities in 1938.

Mayor DePascale said both North Hudson officials were sympathetic to his request for an increase in the annual service charge. He said Meehan and Iacono realized the increased costs of operating the sewage treatment plant.

Mayor DePascale said, "We are presently treating some 90 million gallons of sewage from Union City and Weehawken at the uptown treatment plant. That figure is based on a monthly check. Our original agreement, signed back in 1938 by city council and the late Hoboken Mayor John J. Grogan, stated the two North Hudson towns were not to exceed 445 million gallons during a three-month period."

"But new buildings have been erected in Union City since that time and they are tied into our present sewer treatment plant. And there is added construction along the Weehawken waterfront and added apartments that continue to tax the treatment plant. I have no alternative but to seek relief from the courts in an effort to obtain more money for sewage treatment service," DePascale said.

Late yesterday afternoon, Mayor DePascale said he intends to direct the Hoboken law department to start legal action and stressed that his relationship with both North Hudson municipal leaders will continue to be friendly despite the court action.

De Pascale Queries Council On Tabling Action Now Pact

Mayor Louis DePascale is making a special effort to confer with Hoboken's councilmen on why they refused to approve the Action Now program contract with the state Department of Community Affairs.

"I can't understand it," said the mayor. "Both the mayor and the council applied to the state for the program we were told that we were going to get \$30,000 and to go ahead and use it."

"I'm not going to wait until they get around to contacting me. I'm reaching out for them now to find out what the problem is."

The resolution approving the contract between the city and the state was taken off the agenda at Wednesday's council meeting.

Until the resolution is approved, the program is stalled because the city can't spend the money.

The mayor said that the council's inaction will prevent Manny Rivers, the executive director of the program, from getting paid.

However, his appointment, which was effective last Monday, will still stand with Rivers collecting retroactive pay upon council approval of the contract.

DePascale also plans to appoint two aides and a clerk or secretary to staff the Action Now Center, which will be located at 210 1st St. The center also will house the city's Human Rights Commission.

The office space is currently being prepared for use.

Hoboken Council Opposes Rental See Pier Deal KO'd

The reported rental of Hoboken's idle Holland-American Pier as a storage and distribution facility to Latas Terminal Co., Inc., is expected to be objected to this morning by a majority members of city council.

According to a council spokesman, the Holland-American Pier rental resolution may not even make the meeting agenda if a 10 a.m. closed door caucus today knocks it down. City council is expected to meet in city hall at 11 a.m.

Asked to comment on such action, Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello said yesterday, "I am asking all members of city council to look further into the Latas Terminal Co. background. All we know now is they have a post office box somewhere in Newark. We have no other communication from any known person connected with such an import-export firm."

Pointing out reasons (as recognized leader of the Hoboken city council majority bloc) Councilman Cappiello said, "We are merely interested in avoiding another Supermarine Corp. deal as it affects our city taxpayers and most council members feel they would like to know more about such a firm locating here."

Offer Announced

Last year, by adverse public opinion, members of city council disapproved a resolution proposed by Mayor Louis DePascale to sell the city's area of Todd Shipyard to Supermarine Co. for use as an oil refinery. It later turned out Supermarine is indebted to the U.S. government for the same waterfront properties involved, and at this time owes the city back taxes on the same Todd property uptown.

This week, Mayor DePascale announced he had an offer from the Latas Terminal Co., Inc., to rent the idle Holland-American pier for an estimated \$700,000 over a 10-year period. He also announced the Latas firm is willing to spend approximately \$275,000 to repair the present pier facility.

Said Councilman Cappiello yesterday, "If the resolution does reach the council table on Wednesday, I'll move to table it until such time as council members are made more familiar with all facts of the proposal. For one thing, I would like to know who heads the company and where their offices are located. I want to know so the people will know in Hoboken."

It had previously been reported the firm intends to use the Hoboken pier for storage and distribution of salt and sugar in bulk.

Action Now Program Opens In Hoboken Despite Delays

Hoboken's Action Now program should be open tomorrow, Manny Rivers, executive director, said today — even though the city still doesn't officially have the money to operate it.

Rivers said he expected that the carpenters working on the large store at 210 First St., converting it into a number of small offices, should have several of those areas completed in time to open tomorrow morning.

The office will be staffed by Rivers and three other persons. Two have already been selected but are awaiting for City Council to approve the agreement between the city Community Affairs which is putting up the \$30,000 funding for the program.

Martin Corrado will be one of two field representatives at \$7,500 a year. The second will be named today or tomorrow. The fourth member of the staff is Anna Ortiz, a secretary who is being hired at \$5,700 a year through the Emergency Employment Act.

The office will be the headquarters for the Hoboken Human Rights Commission.

DePascale Denies He Hid Pier Plan From City Council

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale denied today that plans for high-rise apartments on the old 5th and 6th Street Piers had been kept secret from the city council.

"While it is true that I have had several proposals for that kind of development at the site, there hasn't been anything formal or concrete to report to the council," the mayor said.

The city council refused to take action on an agreement between Hoboken and Latas Inc., an importing firm, at Wednesday's council meeting. The company offered to rent the piers for a 15-year period at \$75,000 a year and make more than \$200,000 in repairs on the property.

However, the council claimed that it only recently learned that offers had been made to the mayor for high rise apartments at the site and withdrew the resolution covering the Latas agreement off the agenda for the meeting.

Several members of the council were also concerned because they had been unable to locate Latas and claimed it was "a paper organization."

The company plans to store salt, salt cake, pumice, and sugar on the pier.

DePascale said that he was not familiar with the company's whereabouts but it was his understanding that it was part of a larger firm involved in importing and exporting.

"But the money and contract are for real," he added. "It would be cash in advance and the contract could be terminated upon six months' notice."

The mayor said that he also favored the development of housing on the pier site if the possibility of renewing shipping activities did not materialize.

"Until something definite comes along, either in housing or renewed waterfront activity, this company will be giving the city \$75,000 a year and repair the pier," he said. "That is better than what we now have — a burned-out wreck."

Firm Seeking Lease Idle Hoboken Dock May Become Active

The long-idle Holland-American pier in Hoboken may soon become active again, providing members of the city council approve lease of the property to a Newark firm that intends to use the waterfront facility for a storage and distribution base, it was revealed yesterday.

A spokesman for the interested firm, Latas Terminal Inc., said it seeks to rent the Fifth St. pier property, reportedly offering Hoboken in excess of \$700,000 over a 10-year period on a rent-lease basis.

The same source told Hudson Dispatch yesterday the Latas firm is offering to spend \$275,000 to repair the waterfront property "as is" and to make other needed repairs to place the pier in working condition.

Mayor Comments

Asked point blank yesterday if such a proposal is a "pie-in-the-sky" project just prior to introduction of the annual 1972 municipal budget, Mayor Louis DePascale said, "I'm informed the Latas Terminal firm plans to use our Holland Pier for receiving, storage and shipping of salt, sugar and such other items in demand on an international basis. It is now up to members of the city council to accept or to reject such a proposal that will mean reactivation of our city's waterfront area."

While vague in his explanations of the potential new Hoboken waterfront tenant, Mayor DePascale added, "I first must talk the proposal over with members of the city council in the overall interest of our local taxpayers and waterfront workers."

Efforts to contact representatives of the Latas firm were not successful late yesterday.

'Project Rehab' Is Defended By DePascale as Best Buy

County Engineer Patrick Caulfield of Hoboken is wrong in condemning the federal housing program known as Project Rehab, in the opinion of Mayor Louis DePascale.

Caulfield said yesterday that rehabilitation of old tenement houses and other dwellings at a cost of \$15,000 per dwelling unit (plus \$5,000 for acquisition) is a poor practice, and that if the job is to be done right, it would be cheaper to tear the buildings down and build new ones.

DePascale replied today that although he has "the utmost confidence in Caulfield as an engineer," he disagrees with him on Project Rehab. Hoboken is one of 21 cities in the United States picked as a Rehab City.

This means the federal government will put \$25,000,000 into rehabilitating 1,200 Hoboken dwelling units this year, according to De Pascale, and possibly a subsequent total of 5,000 units.

"Feasibility studies by experts in this field show that it is much more economical to rehabilitate," the mayor asserted. "We can't afford to keep tearing houses down."

"One of the prime contractors in Project Rehab has already produced wonderful housing at a cheap rate in Newark."

"If this weren't so," the mayor continued, "the federal government wouldn't be putting all that money into it."

"Their experts have found that an apartment can be rehabilitated for from \$13,000 to \$14,000 whereas the average cost of producing a new unit today is \$22,000 to \$24,000."

"We've had these tenement houses for years. Anybody could have come along and torn them down and put up new ones. No one was stopping them. Why haven't they done so?"

Answering his own question, DePascale said the government financing at 1 per cent interest as against the ordinary 7 to 8 per cent is what makes the difference in Project Rehab.

Caulfield has probably looked at the engineering designs, the mayor said, "but if he'd study the monetary side of the project I believe he'd agree with me."

Fusilli Presses Mayor to Halt City Purchases from Corrado

Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli of Hoboken continued to press Mayor DePascale today to stop buying supplies and materials from the Northeast Chemical Corp. because the firm is represented by James R. Corrado of Hoboken, who is awaiting sentence on a plea of guilty of conspiring to commit extortion.

Fusilli said he had seen Corrado "standing outside the mayor's office waiting to see the mayor — four days in a row."

DePascale said last week that the city has been buying from Northeast Chemical for many years and he would not cut off its purchases unless he were shown evidence of wrong doing. He said Corrado was going to pay for the "mistake" he made, and it wasn't up to Hoboken to punish him further and "mark him forever as a fallen man."

Fusilli said today: "I think it has been established that there is a question of whether this company actually exists. I can pick up the phone and reach any reputable company without any trouble."

"It's not a question of my judging James R. Corrado. That has already been done in federal court. The mayor's compassion for this man is misplaced. Why isn't he at least as much concerned for the welfare of the little man who must pay the bills?"

"It is not a question of whether Hoboken should or should not 'punish' this man further," Fusilli continued. "The fact is that he has pleaded guilty of conspiracy to extort taxpayers' money."

"When such a man is sent to you by a company that seems to have no base of operations, do you need to bend over backwards to give him the city's business?"



Mayor DePascale confers with Milan.

DePascale Vows New Fight If His Veto Is Overridden

Mayor Louis DePascale said today he will battle in court, if necessary, to prevent the downgrading of Hoboken's Department of Health and Welfare.

A two-thirds majority of the nine-man City Council tomorrow is expected to override the mayor's veto of two ordinances that would eliminate Health and Welfare as a separate city department and re-create it as a division of the Public Works Department.

DePascale said the court action would contend the move is not in the best interests of the city. If it materializes, it would be the second court action involving the department.

DePascale already is seeking a declaratory judgment in court on whether, as mayor, he has the right to appoint an acting director without confirmation of the council — in November, he appointed Fifth Ward Councilman Francis J. Finnerty as acting director of health and welfare, but the council has refused to pay him.

If the council overrides the mayor's veto, the consolidation becomes effective 20 days after the new ordinance is advertised to the general public.

In other business, the council consider a \$3,943,410 temporary city budget to carry the city until the official 1972 budget is approved sometime in March.

The vast majority of the funds are marked to cover salaries and wages of the various city departments.

Bids will be submitted to the council on two items. The first is the demolition of 59 Park Ave. and the other for the preparation and processing of the city's 1972 real property tax list by computer.

Also on the agenda for the meeting is a resolution allowing the city to rent the 5th and 6th Street Piers to Latas Terminal Inc. of Newark for a 10-year period.

The company will pay the city \$72,500 a year in rent while making an estimated \$275,000 in repairs to the fire-damaged property.

A second resolution dealing with the two piers rejects a bid of \$53,000 from Sam Tuttle for the purchase of the docks and waterfront area, and returns Tuttle's \$6,300 deposit.

Public hearings will be given to two ordinances appropriating

\$1,659,000 in school bonds. The first consists of \$1,637,000 for the construction of the new elementary mini-school at 524 Park Ave., while the second appropriates an additional \$22,000 to cover additional costs of constructing the new Wallace School.

By resolution, the council plans to postpone the third reading and final passage to the Jan. 19 meeting.

The Hoboken Model Cities program is seeking permission from the council to enter into an agreement with the Code Enforcement Program to carry out a second comprehensive city demonstration program. The project is entitled the Hoboken Municipal Home Improvement Project.

City's in Same Tax Boat as Shipyard

Bethlehem Steel's Hoboken Shipyard cannot expect much help from city officials to offset what the company calls an "adverse business climate" in the city.

"The items they cite as the main causes of their financial problems or business problems just aren't mine to correct," said Mayor Louis DePascale today in response to a statement by Joseph H. Ingham, general manager of the shipyard.

"Our burdensome local taxes based on over-assessments on real property — as the company

put it — is something that is shared by all property owners in Hoboken," DePascale continued. "Everyone feels that the tax rate is too high and that his property is over-assessed. For over-assessments there is a procedure to follow, and Bethlehem has pursued it."

"It was recently granted a \$1,606,000 reduction in its assessment by the county and it is appealing to the state for an additional reduction. The city is also appealing the county's decision in the hope of having the \$1,606,000 restored."

"As for the tax rate, many of the problems faced by the city are also faced by the city. Increasing operational costs, higher wages, the demand for greater services without increasing the cost of providing them."

"The greatest part of the city funds in 1972, by far, as in 1971, will again go towards wages and salaries for city and Board of Education employees."

One immediate step suggested by Ingham that the city could take to help the company in its employee recruitment would be to provide parking facilities within the city limits for its workers.

"Where?" asked DePascale. "I'd like to be able to give that kind of parking to everyone, our residents as well as employees of local industry," DePascale continued. "But where is it going to come from?"

"Hoboken is landlocked. The only land we can get is from homeowners or other industries through condemnation. And if we do that, it will mean the loss of even more ratables and a greater tax burden for all."

New Titles On Display At Library

A large order of new books — 512 — was purchased in December by the Hoboken Public Library.

Some of the better-known titles and authors among the 512 were listed by Lucille Cunningham, the library director. They are:

The Peaceable Kingdom: A Novel, by Jan de Hartog; Conflict and Conscience, Mark O. Hatfield; The Betsy: A Novel, Harold Robbins; The Jesus Generation; Billy Graham; A Lion Unannounced: Twelve Stories And A Fable; Leonard Casper; The Blue Messiah: A Novel, James D. Horan; Jennie: The Life of Lady Randolph Churchill, Vol. 2, Ralph G. Martin; The Khaki Mafia: A Novel, Robin Moore and June Collins; The Minister for Justice: A Novel, Terence De Vere White; Masters of the Occult, Daniel Cohen; Nemesis, Agatha Christie.

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Councilmen Steve Cappellico and James Fusilli, after studying the proposed city budget at a caucus session last night, said, "the city has nothing to negotiate with."

Fusilli, who said the proposed budget showed a deficit of approximately \$580,000, added "the city might very well be bankrupt."

When asked to comment on the councilmen's comments, Mayor Louis DePascale questioned where they got the figures and added, "I don't know what the hell they are talking about."

Although no public hearing on the budget has been set, Cappellico projected an early March deadline. After the hearing the budget will go before the council for a vote. Both councilmen stated that if the budget comes

up as it stands now they would vote it down.

Fusilli said he has asked each of the city's department heads for a full list of employees and their yearly salaries. He said that he felt the budget could be cut down but added that it would take "a lot of time and effort."

Mayor Rips Elective Board

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale today vowed to fight the move to change Hoboken's Board of Education from an appointed board to an elected one. And Melvin Christie, the board's president, said the move was unwise.

"An elected board would only add to the expense of operating our school system," said the mayor, "and would very likely downgrade the quality of education in the city."

"To begin with, it costs money to elect the board. And those who are elected are not always the best qualified men for the job, even though they might be the most popular. Popularity is not

an adequate substitute for ability."

"Secondly, and even more important, there is the aspect of having to have the board's budget approved by the public before it can be adopted."

"It is idealistic to believe that residents will consider education first and the cost second. In fact, it is just the other way around."

"It is also a fact that in communities where there is an elected board the quality of education has gone down because of the community's greater concern for its pocket-book than for providing quality education for its children."

DePascale added that he could find no quarrel with the men

serving on Hoboken's appointed board.

"They are all dedicated men who have seen to it that our children are getting the best possible education while we who are paying for it are getting the most for our dollars," he continued.

"Our school system in Hoboken is one that we can be proud of. Changing it won't solve our problems — problems that are shared with almost every urban community in the state."

The mayor said that getting the state to share a larger percentage of the overall cost was the answer.

"Hoboken, per student, gets less in state aid than just about

any other community in the state," he said.

"The solution then is to get the state to give more to the communities that need it the most, and less to those who are on sound financial footing."

DePascale said that he would do everything within his power to keep the appointed board.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the council majority still plans to go ahead with its plans to change the board to an elected one.

Council sources indicated that this would be done through a resolution which will probably be introduced at tomorrow's meeting authorizing a public question

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Christie said those who got promoted were carefully and conscientiously picked.

"The fact that these jobs were open was posted way back in September," he said, "and anybody could apply. We told what they pay would be, and the job qualifications."

"We got 189 applications, and each applicant was interviewed by Superintendent McFeely."

"But if the people want an elected board, they have a right to it," Christie concluded. "They have a right to expect first-class education, whether from an appointed or an elected school board."

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If His Veto Is Overridden

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DePascale said the court action would contend the move is not in the best interests of the city. If it materializes, it would be the second court action involving the department.

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"The items they cite as the main causes of their financial problems or business problems just aren't mine to correct," said Mayor Louis DePascale today in response to a statement by Joseph H. Ingham, general manager of the shipyard.

"Our burdensome local taxes based on over-assessments on real property — as the company

put it — is something that is shared by all property owners in Hoboken," DePascale continued. "Everyone feels that the tax rate is too high and that his property is over-assessed. For over-assessments there is a procedure to follow, and Bethlehem has pursued it."

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The majority faction in Hoboken's City Council opposing Mayor DePascale has gone all-out in attacking anything it deems at all questionable in the mayor's administration. If it makes many mistakes in so doing, the public could suffer, and so could conscientious city employees. On the whole, though, experience has shown that it's good for a governmental body to have a diligent and forceful opposition. Both sides in Hoboken are on their toes now, straining not to overlook anything. This should do more good than harm.

Hoboken Bankrupt? Fusilli Fears So

The leaders of the anti-administration majority bloc of the city council will attempt to halt contract negotiations now going on between Hoboken and the city employees because they believe the city has a huge deficit and may even be bankrupt.

Councilmen Steve Cappelino and James Fusilli, after studying the proposed city budget at a caucus session last night, said, "the city has nothing to negotiate with."

Fusilli, who said the proposed budget showed a deficit of approximately \$859,000, added "the city might very well be bankrupt."

When asked to comment on the councilmen's comments, Mayor Louis DePascale questioned where they got the figures and added, "I don't know what the hell they are talking about."

Although no public hearing on the budget has been set, Cappelino projected an early March deadline. After the hearing the budget will go before the council for a vote. Both councilmen stated that if the budget comes

up as it stands now they would vote it down.

Fusilli said he has asked each of the city's department heads for a full list of employees and their yearly salaries. He said that he felt the budget could be cut down but added that it would take "a lot of time and effort."

Mayor Rips Elective Board

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale today vowed to fight the move to change Hoboken's Board of Education from an appointed board to an elected one. And Melvin Christie, the board's president, said the move was unwise.

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"To begin with, it costs money to elect the board. And those who are elected are not always the best qualified men for the job, even though they might be the most popular. Popularity is not

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"Secondly, and even more important, there is the aspect of having to have the board's budget approved by the public before it can be adopted."

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DePascale added that he could find no quarrel with the men

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"They are all dedicated men who have seen to it that our children are getting the best possible education while we who are paying for it are getting the most for our dollars," he continued.

"Our school system in Hoboken is one that we can be proud of. Changing it won't solve our problems — problems that are shared with almost every urban community in the state."

The mayor said that getting the state to share a larger percentage of the overall cost was the answer.

"Hoboken, per student, gets less in state aid than just about

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DePascale said that he would do everything within his power to keep the appointed board.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the council majority still plans to go ahead with its plans to change the board to an elected one.

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Appointment Of Finnerty Called Sham

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale's attempt to name Francis J. Finnerty acting director of health and welfare as an "interim" appointee is a "sham" and a "subterfuge," the City Council majority bloc claims in its answer to a suit by the mayor.

In answer to the suit filed last month by the mayor against the councilmen, who blocked Finnerty's appointment after DePascale announced it Nov. 11, the councilmen claim it was completely illegal. The answer, filed by their lawyer, Sydney I. Turtz, say such appointments require the council's "advice and consent."

No date has been set for hearing the Superior Court suit.

City Dealings With Corrado Stir Defense

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale this weekend said he will not assume the role of judge and jury by ceasing to do business with a chemical firm that is represented by James "Jay Jay" Corrado.

It was first brought to public attention on Thursday in the Hudson Dispatch (Hoboken Happenings) that Corrado, who pleaded guilty last year in the extortion-conspiracy plot that resulted in indictment and conviction of Jersey City Mayor Thomas Whelan and others, is engaged in selling bulk chemicals to Hoboken.

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Corrado, who lives in Hoboken and who is a frequent luncheon associate of several Hoboken officials, including Mayor DePascale, was not available for comment last night. But his dealings with the city were defended by DePascale, who added:

"There is nothing in the law that prevents Corrado from working until he is sentenced. Is it right that Hoboken should add to whatever punishment he will receive by marking him forever a fallen man?"

Stresses Point DePascale further stressed he will not stop doing business with the Northeast Chemical Corp. until such time as he receives an official complaint from the City Council with evidence of "wrong-doings."

However, Mayor DePascale's stand in the matter raised eyebrows among rank and file Democrats as both municipal and county levels, since it was Corrado, a long time political associate of John V. Kenny, who "blew the whistle" on NYK's Democratic county machine. By his action in pleading guilty to extortion and conspiracy, Corrado became a witness for the state against his former political cronies.

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Hoboken Hiring 14 Recreation Guards

Applicants for security guards for Hoboken's recreation department and the board of education are now being interviewed and should start working by Thursday, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

The city will be hiring 20 guards and one supervisor through the Emergency Employment Act of 1971. The guards will be receiving \$8,200 a year. The supervisor will be getting \$7,500.

According to Marino DeGennaro, head of the program in Hoboken, 14 guards will be assigned to the recreation department for duty in the city's parks and recreation buildings. The remaining six will be assigned to the board of education.

DeGennaro said that the EEA program will supply the guards with uniforms. However, they will be responsible for upkeep and replacement.

"Whether they start on Thursday as planned will depend on whether we get the uniforms in time," he said. "They are being ordered as the candidates are being accepted for the jobs."

DeGennaro added that he is also interviewing laborers who will work for the city's public works department. Eleven will be hired.

At least four of the guards hired for the recreation department will be assigned to duties at the Jefferson Street recreation center, enabling Hoboken's routine physical checks it has been making there every weekend since last month.

Predict Million Deficit Hoboken Revenue Way Down

A \$1,000,000 deficit has been projected for this year's budget by the Hoboken majority council, it was revealed at a caucus meeting last night.

After receiving a breakdown from the city comptroller on salaries, wages and other expenses which revealed a deficit of \$850,000, Councilman Steve Cappiello speculated that when the rest of the budget is submitted, the deficit will reach the \$1,000,000 mark.

Still there were other councilmen who hinted that when the budget is submitted in full, the deficit will exceed far more than \$1,000,000.

According to Cappiello, the city revenue has been far below expectations and is the prime reason the city will show up in the red. He said the partial budget revealed a \$600,000 deficit in the water department, a \$189,000 deficit in the general revenue account and \$70,000 in the sewerage and utility account.

Meanwhile, the council intends to call a special meeting with all high ranking administrators to inform them that the city is in a very serious financial situation, Cappiello said.

"We intend to tell all the directors and other administrators that the city is in a critical stage. We also expect to tell them to examine their budgets closely and pull in the loose ends and make whatever adjustments are necessary because we, the council, expect to go over their budgets with a fine tooth comb," Cappiello concluded.

Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli added that he will ask the directors to supply the council with the names of their subordinates and their current salaries.

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In other action, the majority bloc said they will ask the law department to look into the legality of establishing an elected board of education.

The announcement came in the wake of the board's refusal to honor the majority's request to postpone any decision on the new school budget which is \$7.4 million and the ten appointments to hire paying posts in the school system amounting to over \$100,000.

Of that school budget figure the city is to pay \$3 million while the balance is to be picked up by the federal government.

The council is expected to introduce a resolution tomorrow night's regular meeting aimed at converting the board of education from an appointed board to an elected board.

Meanwhile, Mayor DePascale is expected to seek legal assistance to advise him if the council could plan such a move.

The majority bloc also took exception to a \$700 raise with longevity to Miss Lucille Cunningham, a librarian. The

Protest in Hoboken Air '13 Urging Human Rights Program

By PETER LA VILLA

A small group of Puerto Ricans plans to hold a demonstration sometime next week in an attempt to get the Hoboken city council to approve a contract that would enable the city's human rights commission to swing into action.

This was revealed yesterday during a meeting between Mayor Louis DePascale, five members of the group called the Committee of 13, and Aurelio Lugo, the mayor's aide on police affairs.

According to a city hall source, the demonstration will come about if the council does not approve a \$30,000 state grant for the rights commission, which is also known as Action Now. The committee backs the mayor's choice of Manny Rivera for director of the rights commission.

It was also revealed after the 45-minute discussion in the mayor's office, that Pedro Milan, aide to the mayor on Puerto Rican affairs, will attempt to meet with Councilman Steve Cappiello, leader of the council majority bloc, in attempt to persuade him that Rivera is the choice of the Spanish-speaking community for job as director.

Majority "No"

The majority bloc is against the appointment of Rivera, because it was said, "he has touched off a great deal of resentment in the community."

If Milan's attempt to persuade the council to approve the state grant and include Rivera as its director fails, a demonstration is expected, according to the source.

Where and when was not spelled out. However, Frank Duro, a spokesman for the committee of 13, said that members intend to attend Monday night's caucus and confront the council on the issues.

The committee has requested that the mayor appoint two Spanish-speaking persons to the board of education. At present there is one vacancy on the board since Jose Hernandez announced his resignation in December.

Seek More Jobs

It was also revealed that the committee asked the mayor to appoint more Spanish-speaking persons to the city payroll when openings become available.

But, according to the source, the mayor denied both requests and stated that the meeting was called to discuss the human rights issue.

As a result of the civil disorders over the Labor Day weekend, the State Department of Community Affairs offered the city a \$30,000 grant to establish a Human Rights Commission.

Manny Rivera, a 32-year-old Puerto Rican businessman, was chosen by members of the community, along with other members, for the director's job. The mayor, on Jan. 3 selected Rivera. However, council is opposed to the mayor's choice and refuses to sign the contract between the city and the state.

DePascale Defends Parking Authority, Hits Back at Critic

There is no need for the Hoboken Parking Authority to call a public hearing since all its meetings are open to the public and its annual audit is available for public inspection, Mayor Louis DePascale asserted today as he commended the authority members.

"The authority's businesslike approach to our parking problems is a credit to our city," said the mayor, "and I think it's unfair that dedicated, unpaid men should be subjected to baseless criticism."

The mayor's remarks were directed at criticism voiced by William Roth, an officer of the Hoboken Retail Bureau. Roth had demanded that the authority hold a public hearing, at which time the public could ask questions as to what the parking authority has been doing since it was created to provide offstreet parking six years ago.

De Pascale recalled that Roth originally served on the authority, and added, "but he wasn't reappointed, because I wasn't satisfied with his performance. He failed to make any worthwhile contributions to the authority."

"Time has shown I made a wise decision in not reappointing him, because we have a dedicated, hard-working authority at the present time that is performing a great service for Hoboken."

"It is people like this — making reckless accusations — who discourage outstanding residents from taking unsalaried, honorary positions in government. The result is that the city loses their services."

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Quinn claims he attended the party in his role as newly nominated standard bearer of the Hoboken Regular Democratic Organization and as president of that same unit, which has headquarters at 828 Washington St.

At one time, the club headquarters displayed Quinn's and DePascale's enlarged photos in the display windows.

Meanwhile, the five antiadministration councilmen who sponsored the party were jubilant yesterday. And as the result of such a turnout, it was explained by former Hoboken Public Safety Director George Fitzpatrick that he is no longer "politically angry with First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano."

A few months ago, Fitzpatrick was dropped from his \$1,800 a year "watchman" job on the city payroll, and at the time he called Romano an "ingrate" who did nothing to protect his payroll status.

At the party Sunday, Fitzpatrick stood next to Romano and the anti-DePascale councilmen as part of the reception committee.

Referring to reports that West New York Mayor Anthony M. DeFino and two other officials from that town attended the party, DePascale said, "I can understand their position. They were part of the 'Save Hudson County' group who opposed the regular Democratic organization on a countywide basis last year, as did several members of our present anti-Hoboken administration in the same election."

Asked if the large turnout of anti-DePascale residents on Sunday was a political repeat of the anti-McFeely forces back in 1947, DePascale smiled saying, "That appears to be wishful thinking on the part of certain groups who oppose me politically."

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Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale said yesterday that anyone who attended Sunday's cocktail party in the Union Club — sponsored by his antiadministration council majority — showed by his presence opposition to his leadership of the city.

DePascale commented on the Sunday afternoon affair attended by some 1,500 persons which was arranged by Councilmen Steve Cappiello, Anthony Romano, James Fusilli, Louis Francone and Martin Brennan.

He remarked, "It was a show of political strength by combined efforts of the five councilmen. It is apparent they intend to fight my leadership as head of the Democratic party in Hoboken and my post as mayor of the city. If so, I intend to fight back."

Asked about his reaction to the appearance of Hudson County Clerk James F. Quinn at the party, the mayor replied, "I truthfully do not understand why Sen. Musto was persuaded to make an appearance in view of the fact that many of the party sponsors were opposed to his reelection last year."

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Today, the freeholders and William F. Pearl, county budget director, hold separate meetings concerning budgetary requests by the courts and sheriff's department. Pearl said there are plans for three such meetings a day with various departmental heads until Feb. 7.

Clark expects that, after trimming wherever possible, the freeholders will be able to present a preliminary budget to the mayors of Hudson's 12 municipalities so they could meet with the board "around Feb. 14." After being reviewed by the mayors, the budget would be introduced at a special meeting of the freeholders the latter part of February and finally adopted in March, according to a timetable he outlined.

Last year's budget totaled \$53,979,000, of which the amount to be raised by taxation was \$45,788,000. Clark, only referring to a possible \$12.6 million increase in the latter category would not predict even the approximate total amount of the new budget. Some informed sources said it could soar above \$60 million unless there were drastic cuts.

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West New York pays approximately \$4 million for its school system, but the actual cost to the taxpayers is closer to \$4.5 million because of Cuban aid funds, and accounts for \$32.35 of the tax rate.

Mayor Stanley D. Iacono of Weehawken said he thought the decision was "beautiful." Asked to elaborate, the mayor said, "I think that would be my statement."

Weehawken residents paid \$24.78 per \$1,000 for school purposes in 1971. That figure represented 47 percent of the township tax rate.

Mayor Herman G. Klein of Guttenberg also hailed the decision, saying that it could equalize educational opportunity throughout the state by having the state government undertake the cost.

Guttenberg residents stand to save about \$18 per \$1,000 on their rate as a result of the decision, based on 1971 figures. School taxes accounted for 40 per cent of Guttenberg's \$44.48 rate last year.

Hoboken officials were cautiously optimistic about the ruling.

"It's going to be a rough year for Hoboken," said Mayor Louis DePascale, "and only a miracle is going to help us. This just could be that miracle. It will come pretty close to cutting our tax rate in half."

Hoboken's 1972 school budget is \$7.4 million of which \$2.9 million will come from the state. The remaining \$4.5 million must be raised through local taxes.



Councilman Cappiello makes a point.

Vows to Fight Back DePascale Declares Party Goers Enemies

By JACK ECKHARDT

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale said yesterday that anyone who attended Sunday's cocktail party in the Union Club — sponsored by his anti-administration council majority — showed by his presence opposition to his leadership of the city.

DePascale commented on the Sunday afternoon affair attended by some 1,500 persons which was arranged by Councilmen Steve Cappiello, Anthony Romano, James Fusilli, Louis Francane and Martin Brennan.

He remarked, "It was a show of political strength by combined efforts of the five councilmen. It is apparent they intend to fight my leadership as head of the Democratic party in Hoboken and my post as mayor of the city. If so, I intend to fight back!"

Asked about his reaction to the appearance of Hudson County Clerk James F. Quinn, DePascale commented, "I'm not saying there is and I'm not saying there isn't. I repeat, anyone who attended the affair proves to me they are opposed to my recognized leadership of the Democratic party in Hoboken. That goes all the way down the line."

Quinn, in his role as newly nominated standard bearer of the Hoboken Regular Democratic Organization and as president of that same unit, which has headquarters at 828 Washington st.

At one time, the club headquarters displayed Quinn's and DePascale's enlarged photos in the display windows.

Meanwhile, the five anti-administration councilmen who sponsored the party were jubilant yesterday. And as the result of such a turnout, it was explained by former Hoboken Public Safety Director George Fitzpatrick that he is no longer "politically angry with First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano."

A few months ago, Fitzpatrick was dropped from his \$1,800 a year "watchman" job on the city payroll, and at the time he called Romano an "ingrate" who did nothing to protect his payroll status.

At the party Sunday, Fitzpatrick stood next to Romano and the anti-DePascale councilmen as part of the reception committee.

Referring to reports that West New York Mayor Anthony M. DeFino and two other officials from that town attended the party, DePascale said, "I can understand their position. They were part of the 'Save Hudson' group who opposed the regular Democratic organization on a countywide basis last year, as did several members of our present anti-Hoboken administration in the same election."

Asked if the large turnout of anti-DePascale residents on Sunday was a political repeat of the anti-McFeely forces back in 1947, DePascale smiled saying, "That appears to be wishful thinking on the part of certain groups who oppose me politically."

Then he added, "I don't want to appear corny, but I haven't even begun to fight."

Recreation Guards

Applicants for security guards for Hoboken's recreation department and the board of education are now being interviewed and should start working by Thursday, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

The city will be hiring 20 guards and one supervisor through the Emergency Employment Act of 1971. The guards will be receiving \$6,200 a year. The supervisor will be getting \$7,500.

According to Marino DeGennaro, head of the program in Hoboken, 14 guards will be assigned to the recreation department for duty in the city's parks and recreation buildings. The remaining six will be assigned to the board of education.

DeGennaro said that the EEA

program will supply the guards with uniforms. However, they will be responsible for upkeep and replacement.

"Whether they start on Thursday as planned will depend on whether we get the uniforms in time," he said. "They are being ordered as the candidates are being accepted for the jobs."

DeGennaro added that he is also interviewing laborers who will work for the city's public works department. Eleven will be hired.

At least four of the guards hired for the recreation department will be assigned to duties at the Jefferson Street recreation center, enabling Hoboken's routine physical checks it has been making there every weekend since last month.

A \$1,000,000 deficit has been projected for this year's budget by the Hoboken majority council, it was revealed at a caucus meeting last night.

After receiving a breakdown from the city comptroller on salaries, wages and other expenses which revealed a deficit of \$550,000, Councilman Steve Cappiello speculated that when

the rest of the budget is submitted, the deficit will reach the \$1,000,000 mark.

Still there were other councilmen who hinted that when the budget is submitted in full, the deficit will exceed far more than \$1,000,000.

According to Cappiello, the city revenue has been far below expectations and is the prime reason the city will show up in the red. He said the partial budget revealed a \$600,000 deficit in the water department, a \$189,000 deficit in the general revenue account and \$70,000 in the sewerage and utility account.

Meanwhile, the council intends to call a special meeting with all high ranking administrators to inform them that the city is in a very serious financial situation, Cappiello said.

"We intend to tell all the directors and other administrators that the city is in a critical stage. We also expect to tell them to examine their budgets closely and pull in the loose ends and make whatever adjustments are necessary because we, the council, expect to go over their budgets with a fine tooth comb," Cappiello concluded.

Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli added that he will ask the directors to supply the council with the names of their subordinates and their current salaries.

Raise according to the council, was to the council, was approved by Mayor Louis DePascale.

In other action, the majority bloc said they will ask the law department to look into the legality of establishing an elected board of education.

The announcement came in the wake of the board's refusal to honor the majority's request to postpone any decision on the new school budget which is \$7.4 million and the ten appointments to hire paying posts in the school system amounting to over \$100,000.

Of that school budget figure the city is to pay \$3 million while the balance is to be picked up by the federal government.

The council is expected to introduce a resolution tomorrow night's regular meeting aimed at converting the board of education from an appointed board to an elected board.

Meanwhile, Mayor DePascale is expected to seek legal assistance to advise him if the council could plan such a move.

The majority bloc also took exception to a \$700 raise with longevity to Miss Lucille Cunningham, a librarian. The

Budget Bind Delays School, Tax Bonds

The Hoboken City Council demonstrated its concern for the upcoming budget by tabling two resolutions at last night's meeting calling for a \$1 million tax anticipation note and a \$650,000 anticipation note for construction of the Wallace School.

The council voted by a 6-3 margin to override Mayor Louis DePascale's veto of ordinances abolishing the Department of Health and Welfare and creating a health and welfare division under the auspices of the Department of Public Works. By the same vote, the council refused to pay Francis Finnerty, former Health and Welfare director, until directed by the courts otherwise.

Rejecting the recommendation of Raphael P. Vitale, public works director, the council voted not to pay the LaFera Contracting Co. of Newark \$5,000

withheld as a penalty for not collecting garbage during Christmas week of 1969. The recommendation was made on the basis that the company has been performing up to par since.

Following another Vitale suggestion, however, the council rejected bids received for demolition of 59 Park Ave. as too high and will readvertise for new bids.

The council approved the appointment by Mayor DePascale of Anthony J. Tozzi and Frank Viggiano to the Local Assistance Board. The awarding of a contract to Motorola Communications, Inc. for installation of an electronics communications control system for the Police Department also was

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approved. The system will cost \$24,188.

Another payment under consideration by the council was approved. That was \$18,490 to the Farm Harvesting Co. for the installation of the lot-10 at 113-123 Madison St., next to the Hopes Multi-Service Center. Those funds had been deposited with the city treasurer by Hoboken Model Cities Agency.

The council members voted to acquire, with Model Cities funds, the land necessary for Model Cities to build its Neighborhood Facility Center. They also voted to permit the city to enter into a contract agreement with the state and federal governments to aid in financing the cost of the project.

Councilman Martin Brennan questioned a claim for approximately \$250 from the administration to cover the cost of 500 "gold" pens. Brennan asked that the claim not be paid until the council learned more about what the pens were for.

The council also approved the appointment to the Board of School Estimate Councilman Steve Cappiello and James Fusilli. The board will be reviewing the proposed school budget February

1 and it will be up to its members to approve or disapprove it. Cappiello requested that a resolution calling for a changeover to an elected school board be tabled until the law department "has time to draw up the proper resolution."

Dennis O'Brien, a Hoboken elementary school teacher, addressed the councilmen and told them that in the six years he had been in the school system services had been reduced while the school budget had gone up. He cited lack of enough books for students and a cutback in the system's audio-visual programs as two deficiencies in Hoboken's schools. He said that lack of funds were "always given as the reason for these deficiencies."

Thomas Gallo, council president who also serves as Board of Education secretary, said he was "unaware of these conditions." He agreed to set up a meeting between the board, the Hoboken Teachers Association and O'Brien so that these conditions could be brought out in the open and be corrected.

William Roth of the Hoboken Retail Merchants Bureau, who is a former member of the Hoboken Parking Authority, asked the council to call the authority before them to explain its lack of action in providing the city with off-street parking. Roth said that when the authority was created seven years ago its members, of which he was one, promised the city off-street parking facilities. He said the city still does not have any facilities and he feels the people should know why.

Gallo answered that he felt the council had no authority over the parking authority and cited the fact that the authority was "having trouble with contractors" as possible reasons for delays.

The next council meeting will be February 2 at 11 a.m. in the City Hall council chambers.

Hoboken Deadlock

The Action Now program designed to benefit Hoboken's Puerto Rican community is too important to be put off. Indeed, if it is delayed any further, the state may withdraw the \$30,000 it has allotted.

Mayor DePascale has appointed a staff, but the city council has refused to approve the contract with the state. Apparently the majority faction in the council objects to the man chosen as the project's executive director, and would give its approval if some other man put forward by the Spanish-speaking community were hired instead. Understandably the mayor is standing pat, especially since the executive director is already working, though up to now without getting paid.

It is obvious that someone must give in, for the program is too valuable to lose, even if it will not operate to everyone's satisfaction. The side that yields will not be showing weakness but will be demonstrating genuine concern for the welfare of the city.

Would not this be a good place to apply the rules that an ethnic group is the best judge of its own representative?

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like to check and see "how many people from outside of Hudson County are on the county payroll."

Finn said that not only should the increases be examined but the basic features of the budget should also be scrutinized. "I think they have to throw open the doors of Hudson County to outside professionals for a review," he declared.

Today, the freeholders and William F. Pearl, county budget director, hold separate meetings concerning budgetary requests by the courts and sheriff's

department. Pearl said there are plans for three such meetings a day with various departmental heads until Feb. 7.

Clark expects that, after trimming wherever possible, the freeholders will be able to present a preliminary budget to the mayors of Hudson's 12 municipalities so they could meet with the board "around Feb. 14." After being reviewed by the mayors, the budget would be introduced at a special meeting of the freeholders the latter part of February and finally adopted in March, according to a timetable he outlined.

Last year's budget totalled \$53,979,000, of which the amount to be raised by taxation was \$45,788,000. Clark, only referring to a possible \$12.6 million increase in the latter category would not predict even the approximate total amount of the new budget. Some informed sources said it could soar above \$60 million unless there were drastic cuts.

In breaking down that figure, Clark reported that Mrs. Sallie Dixon, Hudson welfare director, seeks \$3 million more for her department's 1972 operations. Other large increases sought are

\$2.8 million for the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital, \$1.1 million for Meadowview Hospital, the county's mental institution, and \$700,000 for Pollak Hospital.

Another large item, Clark explained, is an additional \$1.5 million for maintenance of Hudson County residents at state institutions.

Clark said he did not think the latter figure could be cut since each county must pay the state for such patients. "One county can't ask for a lower rate than the next county," he added.

Unless some portions of the

health-welfare requests can be trimmed, the total outlay in the budget in that area will be approximately \$34 million, up \$9 million.

Clark reported among other requests: Increases of \$360,000 in the correctional and penal category; \$580,000 for roads and bridges and \$800,000 for regulation, including the sheriff's, weights-measures and probation departments, and election board.

The outlay for the judiciary, which includes the courts, prosecutor's office and related

Protest in Hoboken Air

'13 Urging Human Rights Program

By PETER LA VILLA

A small group of Puerto Ricans plans to hold a demonstration sometime next week in an attempt to get the Hoboken city council to approve a contract that would enable the city's human rights commission to swing into action.

This was revealed yesterday during a meeting between Mayor Louis DePascale, five members of the group called the Committee of 13, and Aurelio Lugo, the mayor's aide on police affairs.

According to a city hall source, the demonstration will come about if the council does not approve a \$30,000 state grant for the rights commission, which is also known as Action Now. The committee backs the mayor's choice of Manny Rivera for director of the rights commission.

It was also revealed after the 45-minute discussion in the mayor's office, that Pedro Milan, aide to the mayor on Puerto Rican affairs, will attempt to meet with Councilman Steve Cappiello, leader of the council ma-

iority bloc, in attempt to persuade him that Rivera is the choice of the Spanish-speaking community for job as director.

Majority "No"

The majority bloc is against the appointment of Rivera, because it was said, "he has touched off a great deal of resentment in the community."

If Milan's attempt to persuade the council to approve the state grant and include Rivera as its director fails, a demonstration is expected, according to the source.

Where and when was not spelled out. However, Frank Duroy, a spokesman for the committee of 13, said that members intend to attend Monday night's caucus and confront the council on the issues.

Seek More Jobs

It was also revealed that the committee asked the mayor to appoint more Spanish-speaking persons to the city payroll when openings become available.

But, according to the source, the mayor denied both requests and stated that the meeting was called to discuss the human rights issue.

As a result of the civil disorders over the Labor Day weekend, the State Department of Community Affairs offered the city a \$30,000 grant to establish a Human Rights Commission.

Manny Rivera, a 32-year-old Puerto Rican businessman, was chosen by members of the community, along with other members, for the director's job. The mayor, on Jan. 3 selected Rivera. However, council is opposed to the mayor's choice and refuses to sign the contract between the city and the state.

DePascale Defends Parking Authority, Hits Back at Critic

There is no need for the Hoboken Parking Authority to call a public hearing since all its meetings are open to the public and its annual audit is available for public inspection, Mayor Louis DePascale asserted today as he commended the authority members.

"The authority's businesslike approach to our parking problems is a credit to our city," said the mayor, "and I think it's unfair that dedicated, unpaid men should be subjected to baseless criticism."

The mayor's remarks were directed at criticism voiced by William Roth, an officer of the Hoboken Retail Bureau. Roth had demanded that the authority hold a public hearing, at which time the public could ask questions as to what the parking authority has been doing since it was created to provide offstreet parking six years ago.

De Pascale recalled that Roth originally served on the authority, and added, "but he wasn't satisfied with his performance. He failed to make any worthwhile contributions to the authority."

"Time has shown I made a wise decision in not reappointing him, because we have a dedicated, hard-working authority at the present time that is performing a great service for Hoboken."

"It is people like this — making reckless accusations — who discourage outstanding residents from taking unsalaried, honorary positions in government. The result is that the city loses their services."

"For the past two years the authority has been working and planning for perhaps the greatest parking facility in Hudson County, the 2,000-car garage in the proposed John Grogan Marine View Plaza."

"While problems encountered by the developer have held up

wisely invested its funds at maximum yields, and its audit shows that its entire operations have been carried out in a sensible, businesslike way.

"The Hoboken Parking Authority is a credit to our city and is playing a key role in our city's plans for the future. I am well pleased with its performance."

Roth, when asked to comment on the mayor's statement, said, "I'll have no comment until I have had an opportunity to study these vicious accusations."

Council Bloc Seeks Elected School Board

A surprise resolution aimed at converting the Hoboken Board of Education from an appointed board to an elected board is reported to be on tap for Wednesday's night meeting of the Hoboken City Council, it was learned today.

The resolution is said to be backed by the new majority on the city council consisting of Councilmen Steve Cappiello, Vincent J. Fusilli, Martin J. Brennan, Anthony H. Romano and Louis Franccone.

Another legal hassle is expected to result between the council and Mayor Louis DePascale over whether the council can make such a change by resolution or if it has to be done by ordinance.

Meanwhile independent Councilman Edward McLaughlin, not aligned with either the majority or the mayor, disclosed that he was working on a move of his own to have an elected board of education.

While Councilman Cappiello admitted that the council majority was working on changing the board of education, he would neither confirm nor deny that it was prepared to start action at Wednesday's meeting.

"I don't see why everyone seems so surprised by our efforts to have an elected board," Cappiello said. "It was one of the things that we campaigned on last year. Maybe it is just that our residents are not used to having their elected officials carry through on their campaign promises."

"However, I don't know when we will be ready to take any positive action on the effort to have an elected board. There are several procedural questions that must be resolved first."

Sources close to Cappiello and the other majority councilmen report that every possible effort is being made to have the resolution ready by Wednesday.

The haste, it is said, was prompted by the board's refusal to honor the majority's request to postpone any decision on the new school budget and a number of appointments at the board of education meeting last Tuesday night.

Cappiello and the other councilmen sent the request in the form of a telegram. The appointments, with one exception, all become effective Feb. 1. They include the promotion of Thomas Gaynor, high school principal, to assistant superintendent of schools.

The exception is the appointment of former Sixth Ward Councilman John J. Palmieri as director of food services at an annual salary of \$12,000 a year.

Palmieri, who had been school community agent at \$8,200 a year, holds the new post as of Jan. 1.

Problems are also anticipated with the board of education

budget when it reaches the city council. Informed sources report that the council majority may hold up approval for some time while they give the budget a thorough examination.

Cappiello said that the majority members of the council did plan to examine the board's budget "very closely" but the councilmen didn't have any idea how long the process would take.

"That probably will depend on the cooperation we get from the board," he said.

Hoboken's Officials Pore Over Budget

"B-Day" comes to Hoboken tomorrow as officials pore over the city budget and the school budget in a last-minute attempt to hold the tax increase to a minimum while still not knowing how high the astronomical county budget will push the final tax rate up.

The Hoboken school budget, disclosed today, shows an increase of \$103,774, and Mayor DePascale has called a special meeting of school system officials for tomorrow to go over the figures with him to seek reductions before the school budget goes to the Board of School Estimate Tuesday.

And if the printed copies of the mayor's city budget are ready and turned over to the City Council by tomorrow afternoon, the councilmen will hold a special meeting to give it a going-over tomorrow night.

As for the third budget that is carrying bad news for Hoboken — the county government budget — DePascale said he is going to do all he can to get it reduced.

DePascale, who sits on the Board of School Estimate, said that he did not know if there was any possibility of additional cuts in the school budget.

"Reviewing it once again isn't going to hurt," he continued. "Every possible area where cuts might be made should be looked into again. I want the budget to be as tight as possible when it is presented to the Board of School Estimate."

As now proposed, the school budget would require the city to raise \$4,238,841 through taxes. The total budget exceeds \$7 million, but state and federal education grants will pay the rest.

Since the board of education is on a September-June fiscal year budget, unlike the city which uses an annual January-December budget, the \$4,238,841 comprises \$2,024,323 for the last half of the 1971-72 school year that ends in June and \$2,214,518 for the first half of the 1972-73 school year that starts in September.

The cost to the city for operating the schools in 1971 was \$4,135,067 — which is \$103,774 less than the total projected for this year.

Hoboken's City Council majority bloc does not plan on wasting any time before going to work on the city's proposed budget for 1972. If copies are ready tomorrow afternoon, the council will begin going over it that night.

Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli said today that the council is ready to meet "almost immediately" on the budget in an effort to eliminate some of the expenditures that could force the city to increase the tax rate to more than \$107 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

"We will have our work cut out for us," the Second Ward councilman said. "And for this reason, we can't afford to waste any time getting down to the business at hand."

Although the council majority will be calling the meeting, the three minority members and independent Sixth Ward Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin won't be excluded.

"I expect the full council to attend," added Fusilli. "The seriousness of the city's financial situation demands it."

High city sources indicate that the amount Hoboken will have to raise through taxation in 1972 will exceed the 1971 figure by more than \$2,000,000 forcing a minimum tax increase of \$17 per \$1,000 assessed value, based on the mayor's preliminary budget figures.

DePascale, meanwhile, has joined the growing list of Hudson County mayors who have expressed grave concern with the county's 1972 budget.

"I don't like it at all," said

DePascale, "neither as a mayor nor as a freholder. I'll be doing everything I can in both of my official capacities to see that it is reduced wherever possible."

DePascale said that he personally would sit in on all meetings with the mayors of Hudson County on the county's 1972 budget, both as a mayor and as a freholder.

Hoboken's chief executive added that he wasn't greatly surprised by the estimated \$12,000,000 increase in the county budget.

"We in Hudson County aren't the only ones to be plagued with mounting costs," DePascale continued. "It's happening all over including the state and federal levels."

"The fact that the budget happens to belong to a governing body does not mean that it is immune from the effects of inflation and the ups and downs of the economy. Employees want more money, supplies and materials are costing more."

DePascale said that despite existing conditions, he felt that between the mayors and freholders something could be worked out to make some reductions in the county's budget.

Hoboken Rebels' Fete SRO

A cocktail party, seen by some observers as a move to challenge the political stature of Democratic stalwart Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken, yesterday drew a standing-room-only crowd of almost 1,500 persons.

The party at the Union Club in Hoboken was sponsored by five members of the Hoboken City Council who oppose DePascale, considered the party leader in the Mile-Square City.

The general atmosphere of those attending resembled that of a victory party.

Although there were no open political comments made from members of the Hoboken majority bloc, the general feeling among those who attended was that the councilmen are stronger than most believed them to be.

Opposition Lineup

The anti-DePascale forces on the city council include Councilmen Steve Cappiello, Vincent J. Fusilli, Anthony Romano, Louis Franccone and Martin Brennan.

The event, billed as a "unity party for the Dems" drew such Hudson Democratic leaders as State Sen. William V. Musto of Union City; James Quinn, president of the party and its standard bearer; and Hoboken Independent Democratic Councilman Edward McLaughlin of the Sixth Ward.

Also attending were Mayor Anthony M. DeFino of West New York and fellow Commissioners Henry Lynch and Paul Erbach. Former State Sen. Fred Hauser sent a telegram, regretting his inability to attend because of illness. Congressman Dominick V. Daniels also did not attend. Hoboken Director of Public Works and Health and Welfare Raphael Vitale was present.

Councilman Cappiello introduced the guests and cited Councilman Fusilli and George McGuire for arranging the party. He apologized for the crowded conditions.

Quinn Attends

Quinn, who also serves as county clerk, is considered a close associate of DePascale. He said that he attended because, as president of the Hoboken Democrats, he felt the event would concern the party.

"As chairman of the party, I am concerned with keeping the

party together. I am also concerned about gaining votes for the upcoming presidential election," Quinn said.

Musto's only comment was, "This is the best crowd I've seen in years. It's fantastic."

Hauser, in his telegram stated, "I am 100 per cent behind the current majority bloc, and hope to join with you in bringing back a better Hoboken."

Those who were tabled

upstairs in the main ballroom were entertained by music supplied by The John Marotta and Anthony Costello bands. Those in the Rose Room were kept busy talking and exchanging ideas.



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ALL FOR ONE—Hoboken and county Democratic officials gather at yesterday's cocktail party of the Hoboken Regular Democratic Assn. in the Union Club, Hoboken. From left are Hoboken Councilmen Anthony Romano, James Fusilli and Steve Cappiello; County Clerk James Quinn; Councilmen Louis Franccone and Martin Brennan. Former State Sen. Frederick H. Hauser was unable to attend due to illness.

\$17 Tax Rise in DePascale Budget

By PETER HALLAM

Mayor Louis DePascale has completed his proposed 1972 budget for Hoboken and plans to turn it over to the City Council by Friday. The budget will exceed by more than \$2,000,000 the amount that had to be raised through taxation last year.

Although it is completed, the mayor declined to comment on the budget until copies have been

prepared and turned over to the City Council with his annual message.

A high city source disclosed, however, that as the budget now stands, a tax increase of more than \$17 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation would be required. The city's tax rate for 1971 was \$90.17.

Should the county tax rate remain the same as in 1971, which it is not expected to do,

Hoboken property owners will be confronted with a tax rate of approximately \$107 per \$1,000.

Despite the large increase, the majority of the additional funds needed in 1972 are to pay for expenditures not anticipated in 1971 but must be paid for this year.

"I personally don't feel that there is too much, if anything,

that can be taken out," DePascale said. "We're at the bare minimum in most departments as it is."

Nevertheless, the City Council is prepared to trim where it can. "Residents and taxpayers can be assured that if there is any fat we'll find it and eliminate it," said Councilman Steve Cappiello.

The councilman blamed the large increase on Mayor DePascale who, he charged, had

deliberately underestimated the city's needs in 1971 "because it was an election year for the ward councilmen supported by his administration."

"The 1971 tax increase should have been at least \$12 or \$14, rather than the \$6 that it did go up. But the mayor deliberately cut funds from the budget that the directors had appropriated to keep the increase within reason."

Budget Cut Cancels 30 New Jobs

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken will not be getting some 30 guards and laborers it had expected to hire under the Emergency Employment Act of 1971 — at least, not for a while.

The more than \$91,000 the city council knocked out of the city's temporary operating budget had been earmarked to pay the salaries of the guards and laborers until March or until the federal money for the program arrived, according to Marino DeGennaro, director of the Hoboken office.

"It wouldn't have actually been city money," said DeGennaro. "Whatever was used would be paid back from the grant. But without the temporary use of the city money, that portion of the program will have to be put aside."

But even then the program may run into difficulty with some members of the city council.

"We are having second thoughts about it," said Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello as spokesman for the anti-

administration majority bloc on the council.

"It has come to our attention that if this program ever comes to an end, the city will be expected to retain a percentage of the employees it has hired," he continued.

"In our present financial condition, such conditions could be disastrous for the city."

"This was something we learned after we thought we knew what the program was all about. Apparently we don't know everything we should. There are

areas which aren't clear to us, and we want to find out about them before we commit the city to anything further."

Cappiello said that while he would never refuse financial help for the city from the federal and state government through their various programs, he felt that every possibility should be thoroughly examined before becoming involved.

"We have to be very careful, because federal and state programs don't always work out the way they are originally presented to us," he asserted.

"They are too apt to change in the middle of something, leaving the city holding the bag."

"For example, Model Cities was supposed to give Hoboken \$100,000 last year in cash. The money never materialized although the money was anticipated in the budget."

"Now Model Cities says that it wasn't supposed to be cash but \$100,000 worth of services. Regardless of who is right, the money will have to be made up in this year's budget which means an additional burden on our taxpayers."

DePascale Won't Step Aside as City's Top Dem

In spite of the large turnout for Sunday's cocktail party sponsored by Hoboken's five Democratic — and anti-administration-ward councilmen, Mayor Louis DePascale said today that he has no intention of stepping down as the city's recognized Democratic leader.

"When they defeat me at the polls — if they can — that's when I'll step down," said the mayor. "I've beaten them before and I'll beat them again," he asserted.

A crowd estimated at more than 2,000 persons stopped in

during the course of Sunday evening, the Union Club, where Councilmen Steve Cappiello, Vincent J. Fusilli, Anthony H. Romano, Louis Franccone and Martin J. Brennan were holding their cocktail party.

Long time Hoboken political observers were impressed with the turnout. Some even ventured to say that it was the biggest crowd they had seen at a Hoboken political affair since 1947, when then Mayor Bernard McFeely jammed the old Ogden Gardens in Jersey City for his

last political rally.

McFeely lost the election to Fred M. DeSapio and his running mates.

Mayor DePascale, however, was not impressed with the showing.

"They had about as many people as we expected," he said. "While not claiming the honorary title of Democratic leader for themselves or members of the bloc, part of the new council majority no longer feel the mayor may claim to the post."

"I don't see how he can con-

tinue to be the city's Democratic leader in view of the showing of strength Sunday," said Councilman Fusilli of the Second Ward.

"It's not my place to say who should take his place, but it is obvious to me that the sentiment of Hoboken's Democrats no longer rests with the mayor."

Councilman Brennan of the Fifth Ward said there weren't any doubts in his mind.

"I never recognized him (DePascale) as the Democratic leader anyway," he said.

Brennan didn't know who would or should take DePascale's place but asserted that the question "will be resolved by itself."

Councilman Cappiello of the Third Ward would not go so far as to call for DePascale to step down, but admitted there was a serious question to the leadership of the Democratic Party in Hoboken.

"At this moment I don't think the people know who the Democratic leader is," he said. "But it should be settled and the sooner the better."

Councilmen Await Budget, Fear \$20 Tax Rate Hike

Hoboken's councilmen expected to receive their copies of the city's 1972 municipal budget today and were anticipating a tax rate increase of \$20 — not the \$17 increase rumored last week.

"From what I've heard, we'll be lucky to get off with \$20," said Councilman Louis Franccone of the Fourth Ward. "It's going to

be closer to \$21 and will probably ruin Hoboken."

Franccone was highly critical of the mayor for failing to get the budget to the council last week.

"He's stalling again, but that's not unusual," Franccone asserted. "The mayor promised us we would have the budget by Jan. 15. We're still waiting."

According to high city sources, the 1972 budget will exceed last year's by at least \$2 million in the amount that has to be raised through taxation.

Franccone, however, says that amount will be closer to \$2,500,000.

Mayor DePascale was not available to comment on Franccone's charges.

Hoboken Library Planning Section for Businessmen

What's new in the business world?

Hoboken residents who have been keeping their eyes on the stock market and other aspects of the nation's economy will soon have some help at the Hoboken Public Library, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

A section of the library is going to be set aside for the use of businessmen, investors and research workers, stocked with the latest business books,

periodicals and reference services.

"Financing for the project," said the mayor, "will come from state funds allocated to the library."

"Available to our local businessmen will be the latest books and reference material on accounting, banking, business law, corporations, foreign trade, insurance, investments, marketing production, personnel, public relations, purchasing, real estate, retail trade,

salesmanship, small businesses, taxation, transportation, and wage and price control," the mayor continued.

"Hoboken remains a busy business community. These new facilities should help keep it that way by making available to them the latest books and information on their particular fields of interest."

DePascale added that the "businessmen's corner" was now in the planning stages but should be opened within a few months.

Schools Enter Health Poster Contest

All Hoboken junior and senior high schools, including parochial schools, are participating in a national health careers poster contest during February. It was announced today by Mrs. Louis DePascale, health careers chairman of the St. Mary Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

The contest, sponsored locally by the auxiliary, is being conducted to encourage young people to think creatively about careers in health and to promote a greater public interest in the state's manpower needs.

Mrs. DePascale said: "The contest should help to acquaint high school students with the many interesting, well-paying jobs that are available in the health field."

"We will do all we can to focus attention on these important areas of health services both in the professional paraprofessional and non-professional fields of work. Employment opportunities in hospitals and other health organizations are varied and numerous. Quality health care depends on the recruitment of these fine employees who help form the hospital care team."

Mrs. D. Pascale said there are hundreds of job opportunities including:

Hospital administrator, audiologist and speech pathologist, certified laboratory assistant, cytotechnologist, dental assistant, dental hygienist, dental laboratory technician, dentist, dietitian, E.K.G. technician, food service worker, housekeeping aide, inhalation therapy technician, medical assistant, medical illustrator, medical librarian, medical record librarian, medical secretary, medical technologist, nurse aide and orderly, practical and registered nurses, occupational therapist, operating room technician, optometrist, osteopathic physician, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician, psychiatric aide, social worker, voluntary health agency executive, ward clerk and x-ray technician.



Constance Mecca, left, shows Mrs. Louis DePascale and Alfred Drexel her entry in

Health Careers Poster Contest for Children in Hoboken School system.

tist, dietitian, E.K.G. technician, food service worker, housekeeping aide, inhalation therapy technician, medical assistant, medical illustrator, medical librarian, medical record librarian, medical secretary, medical technologist, nurse aide and orderly, practical and registered nurses, occupational therapist, operating room technician, optometrist, osteopathic physician, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician, psychiatric aide, social worker, voluntary health agency executive, ward clerk and x-ray technician.

Assisting the auxiliary with this project is Alfred Drexel, supervisor of the arts department.

ment in the Hoboken school system. Through his efforts, the project will be coordinated in all the Hoboken schools and the posters will be displayed from March 1 through March 20 in the new lobby of St. Mary Hospital.

Final judging will take place March 20. Judges will be Melvin Christie, president of the Hoboken Board of Education, Alfred Bagwell, vice-president of the Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Carl Willenborg, a charter member of the St. Mary Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

The public will be invited to view the posters, beginning March 1. Cash prizes will be awarded in the junior and senior divisions, and first prize will be a

\$25 savings bond; second prize, \$10 cash. Winning entries in this contest will be entered in a national health careers poster contest, sponsored by the American Hospital Association.

Bonds to Pay for School

The threat of a halt in construction of Hoboken's new Wallace School has been averted by the city council's authorization of a \$650,000 bond issue to meet current bills submitted by the contractors.

The measure had been on the agenda for Wednesday's council meeting but was not acted upon because the council wanted to know what work had been completed before considering the measure.

Both the school bond issue and a \$1 million tax anticipation note were passed by an 8-4 margin yesterday at a special council

meeting called by Mayor Louis DePascale. The tax anticipation note allows the city to pay its employees and other expenses while waiting for tax revenues to come in.

At yesterday's meeting the council was told that the tax anticipation note taken out last summer for more than \$2 million was paid off Dec. 20, leaving the city free to float another note.

Council President Thomas A. Gallo, who is also secretary to the board of education, gave the council a report on the progress of construction at Wallace school.

A representative of the engineering firm of Compagnone and Kenny of Jersey City was also on hand. He told the council that the new school was slightly behind the construction timetable but construction costs were within the original budget.

The council, still recovering from its almost three-hour meeting Wednesday night, didn't appreciate attending the special meeting yesterday.

"I don't like the haste on the part of the mayor to call this meeting," said Councilman Martin J. Brennan. "The whole thing could have been avoided if

the council had been briefed in advance.

"I don't see any reason why we have to find out two days before time that we need a \$1 million bond issue," he said. "No one can tell me that he just found out about it. They must have had several weeks, maybe even months advance notice."

The council has also asked city Revenue and Finance Director Frank Bartlett to provide the council with a monthly financial report on the city's financial condition.

Hoboken Budget: 'High, But Austere'

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale should send to the City Council either tomorrow or Wednesday his recommended 1972 city budget. It is expected to be one of the highest, yet most meager budgets in the city's history.

The mayor, who is still working on the budget, would not venture a guess as to what the tax rate would be. However, he

did say that "it doesn't look good."

"There are a number of items that have to be paid this year," he continued. "There is just no way of getting around it, unless we get massive assistance from the state and federal governments. I hope for help, but I don't anticipate it. At least not in the amount we need."

Will the tax rate be going up? "I see no way of stopping it," said the mayor.

"There were a number of unexpected expenditures made in 1971 that could not be avoided," he continued. "They must be paid in 1972. There is no way of getting around them or deferring payment until next year."

Although the budget is expected to be one of the highest, if not the highest, in city history, DePascale said that he has cut the requests made by the various department directors to the bone.

"There is equipment needed by the city that won't be purchased this year," he said. "We will have to get along with what we have."

"No provisions have been made to hire any new city employees and we may not even make provisions to replace those who happen to retire during the year."

"Other, even more drastic measures are being considered,"

DePascale added but declined to go into full detail.

How high can the tax rate go? Currently, the rate is \$80.12 for 1971. Unofficial guesses are that it will probably go over \$100 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, possibly more.

Other estimate that it could even be between \$15 and \$20 higher.

One important factor that will determine how high the rate could go will be new assessed valuation for all city property. Unofficial sources say Hoboken has lost close to \$1.6 million in ratables since last year. The official county figures, however, won't be available for at least a few more months.

Another factor is the board of education budget adopted for the period running from July 1 this year to June 30 next year. The \$4.5 million that must be raised by taxes does not include any major salary increases for teachers who are now negotiating with the board of education.

Although DePascale would not discuss what other realistic steps the city might be forced to take in an effort to keep the tax increase as low as possible, there are growing expectations that all city employees, including teachers, may be asked to forego pay increases this year.

Another possibility could be the layoff of more city employees, as was done last year.

Sources close to the mayor, however, indicate that this would again be a last resort.

F. DeSapio, Ex-Mayor Of Hoboken

Mayor of Hoboken from 1947 to 1953, and a major Democratic political figure in Hudson County for many more years than that, Fred M. De Sapiro Sr., 74, died Saturday in Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, after a brief illness. Since 1956, he had lived in West Long Branch.

Mr. De Sapiro, a native of Hoboken, was a strong political influence that spread across the tenure of two strong Democratic leaders, the former mayors Frank Hague and John V. Kenny of Jersey City.

Owner of the Peerless Rattan and Reed Manufacturing Co., at 1034 Madison St., this business stance gave him a base for projection into Hoboken's civic affairs. Throughout his career he was a strong proponent of Hoboken as an industrial center.

The former mayor organized a Democratic club in the Fifth Ward about 1931 and quickly became a figure to be reckoned with.

In 1947, he broke from then Mayor Bernard N. McFeely, resigning from two posts, the Board of Adjustment, and the Board of Education.

In the same year he succeeded McFeely as Hoboken's mayor. He was backed by Mayor Hague of Jersey City and his election ended a 21-year tenure by McFeely. Hague continued to support Mr. De Sapiro when he was named as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, in 1948.

The Hoboken mayor switched allegiance in 1951 when he and his organization backed the election candidates supported by Kenny.

Mr. De Sapiro lost his mayor's post to the late John J. Grogan, then city commissioner, in 1953. The election was held under the Faulkner Act and two months later the city was organized under a council form of government. At this point, Mr. De Sapiro's political career was ended.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Uher De Sapiro; two sons, Fred M., of Jersey City, a stockbroker, and Dr. Gerard, a Hoboken dentist; three daughters, Camille, Mrs. Claire Gesualdi and Mrs. Diane Janszewski; two sisters, Mrs. Florence Greco and Nancy; a brother, James, and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by the Lawton-Turso Funeral Home, Hoboken.

Action Now Supporters Want Council to Take Action—Now

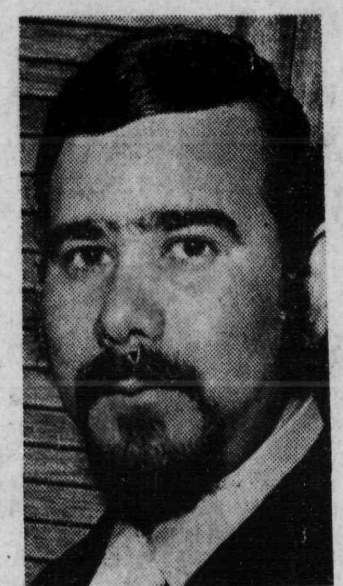
A delegation from Hoboken's Puerto Rican community will attend Monday night's City Council caucus in an attempt to gain council support for the long-delayed Action Now program, it was learned today.

The decision was made following a meeting yesterday with Mayor Louis DePascale and Manny Rivers, the Hoboken businessman selected by the mayor to serve as executive director of the program.

Attending the meeting were Frank Duray Jr., William Rolon, Abraham Lao, Pedro Milan, the mayor's Puerto Rican aide; and Rivers.

Mayor DePascale would not discuss what took place at the meeting except to say that the men, all members of the Committee of Seven that negotiated with the city during several nights of rioting by groups of young Puerto Ricans last September, were concerned by the lack of action on the Action Now program.

"They urged me to stress to the City Council the need to expedite approval of the contract between the city and the state



MANNY RIVERS
His job is on the line

Department of Community Affairs which is financing the program," the mayor said.

It had been reported that the group would make known to the mayor their willingness to accept someone other than Rivers for the top job if this would help get the City Council to approve the program.

Following the meeting, the mayor said that Rivers was still

the executive director. Rivers' salary is \$12,000 a year but he has yet to be paid because the council has refused to take action on several separate occasions.

According to DePascale, the \$30,000 the state has earmarked for the program probably would be lost to the city if action isn't taken on the contract at the council's meeting Wednesday.

It was rumored that either Jose Ortiz or Angel Roman would be recommended by the group to the mayor as possible substitutes for Rivers.

But Ortiz, who had been offered the job at the outset and had refused to take it, said that he still doesn't want it and that no one has contacted him about taking it.

"Manny Rivers is still the best man for the job," he said. "I don't know what's going on here but I don't like it. It looks like someone is playing politics, instead of concerning themselves with the interests of the people."

\$711,000 in Expected State Aid Helps Hoboken Budget Picture

By PETER HALLAM

Mayor DePascale has revised the pending 1972 Hoboken city budget to include \$711,000 in state urban aid — which hasn't yet been granted but which he anticipates — and as a result the budget still isn't ready to hand to the city council.

DePascale said today that this and other last-minute revisions had to be made and as a result the budget presentation to the council may be delayed until tomorrow.

"One of the things that was changed is the inclusion of \$711,000 in state Urban Aid as anticipated revenue," DePascale said. "Even though we received this amount last year and expect to get at least the same figure

this year, we did not include it in the budget.

"However, we have learned that both Newark and Jersey City are including their anticipated state aid in their budgets so we are doing the same."

DePascale said that with the state aid and several other cuts there has been some improvement in the overall budget. However, he added that the city still faced a healthy tax increase. "The changes helped, but they didn't solve the problems," he said.

According to previous comments from the mayor, Hoboken's 1972 budget reflected an increase of \$2,000,000 in the amount that has to be raised

through taxation. This would represent approximately a \$17 increase in the tax rate over last year's rate of \$90.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The city's budget picture should start to clear up today when the board of school estimate meets to consider the 1972-73 school year.

DePascale, a member of the board, met for several hours Saturday with board of education members on their budget.

Attending that session, the second in as many days, were Melvin Christie, board president; Silvio J. Failla, vice president; and Thomas A. Gallo, secretary to the board and city council president.

Also representing the city on the board of school estimate are Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello and Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli. The board's other members are from the board of education.

Councilman Cappiello said that he fully expects a number of large reductions in the original board of education budget.

Hoboken Budget Rising \$2 Million

By JACK ECKHARDT

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday admitted that his 1972 municipal budget will soar an estimated \$2 million and informed uniformed police and firemen, plus white collar workers, that requested salary hikes are out of the question.

At the same time DePascale met with members of the Hoboken Board of Education, and said following a two-hour conference, "There will be suggested cuts from the \$7.4 million school budget."

Faced with mandatory budget hikes as the result of increased operating costs, DePascale said, "I feel certain that all involved will sacrifice in view of the current economy situation. It is a case of those who have substantial salaries getting along for a period of time while others who do not are faced with the increased cost of living."

Expressing the feeling that

highly priced school teachers, school administrators and employees on the city payroll will go along with his efforts to hold the tax rate this year within reason, DePascale said, "It's a case of working together. We all like to get pay hikes to keep up with increased costs. But there comes a time when we must agree to stay in status quo. That goes for career employees and those who have salary ratio status."

Announcing that his 1972 municipal budget will be made public next week, DePascale said, "I'm not declaring a state of emergency. I'm simply telling the public of Hoboken that increased costs, increased demands for more wages and the need for public services will hike the tax rate in 1972."

Black Cop Heads City's Rights Panel

By PETER HALLAM

Cecil Vincent, a Hoboken patrolman and member of the department's community relations bureau, has been selected as temporary chairman of the Hoboken Human Rights commission.

Vincent, the first black to be appointed to the Hoboken Police Department, was picked by

Mayor Louis DePascale to head the commission at its first meeting yesterday.

The mayor also picked Thomas Martinelli to serve as temporary vice chairman and Dennis Harrigan as recording secretary. The three will serve in their temporary positions until the full commission can select its own permanent officers.

Monday morning at 9 a.m. Potter, deputy director of the state Division of Civil Rights, handled the briefing.

The next formal meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the Action Now Center, 210 First St. The center will officially open

Martinelli is a member of the Hoboken Young Democrats. Harrigan is a student at Hoboken High School.

Yesterday's meeting, the commission's first, was attended by only eight of the 15 members. Present were Frank Boye, president of the Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce; James Farina, president of the

organization of the Human Rights Commission, Hoboken

now has the means of avoiding such incidents in the future.

"Our residents now have a place where they can take their problems and know that they will receive action on them."

Hoboken Young Democrats; Mrs. Rose Fusilli, representing the city's senior citizens; Robert Reaney of the Hoboken Housing Authority; Channa Tanz, a local attorney; Vincent Martinelli and Harrigan.

Missing were Raymond G. Clyons, federal grants manager for the Hoboken school system;

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FOR SALE? FOR LEASE?—Hoboken's City Council has rejected a proposal by Mayor DePascale to lease the 5th Street Pier (above) and the adjacent 6th Street Pier to Latas Terminal Inc. for 10 years at \$75,000 a year. Both piers have

been badly damaged by fire, the 6th Street Pier being almost destroyed. At one time the Holland-America Line steamship terminal, they have been taken over by the city for tax arrears.

Hoboken Library Gives Books a Voice

By PRUDENCE BRENT

The austere, imposing building on the corner of Fifth Street and Park Avenue in Hoboken looms large and cold-looking in the blustery winter wind and casts long shadows across the park where children play in warmer times.

But, for an endless stream of youngsters, the Hoboken Public Library is a warm haven, a place all their own. Every morning they make the acquaintance there of such happy characters as Mother Goose, Rumpelstiltskin and the Cat in the Hat.

At 10 a.m. laughter echoes from the top floor where the library's story hour delights as many as 30 children clustered about the librarian reading classical children's tales.

Story hours, long a tradition at the Hoboken library, now attract groups from the city's different day care centers and pre-school classes. They attend the daily sessions religiously.

"All the children love the story hour," said Mrs. Edgar Campbell of Hoboken Day Care 100 as she seated the center's youngsters in the circle of chairs.

"It's educational. Although we have books and records at the center, we like to bring the children here," Mary Campbell added.

For the library staff, the name of the game with the children is getting to know — and hopefully love — the library.

Juvenile division librarians scrupulously select the best books and records from the extensive collection on hand. Then, more often than not, they

librarians, the best-laid plans alter completely to suit the children.

"The children speak right up and tell us what they want to do," said library director Lucille Cunningham. "Sometimes it's to hear a book read. Sometimes, listen to records. And we comply with the children's request," she added.

Ruling the roost as they do, it's not surprising that young ones feel affection for this home away from home.

Talkative Noel Gonzalez, 5, happily reeled off his list of favorite stories and characters found in the books read at the story hour. And he best expressed the sentiment of his fellows,

calling the juvenile library "a very nice place. I want to come here a lot."

"We want the children to feel welcome here," Miss Cunningham seconded.

"The pre-school story hour is open to any pre-schooler. Mothers are welcomed and we like the children to be accompanied," she added.



Rapt attention accompanies the telling of the tale of Dr. Seuss' 'Green Eggs and Ham' at the Hoboken Public Library story hour. Much of the rapport between staff

and listener grows from the library's willingness to please the younger set. Here Day Care 100 children learn the famous story bilingually, in both Spanish and English.



Lands of enchantment and adventure unfold for Migdalia Vasquez, 5, left, a Day Care 100 student, and Clarabelle Pagan, also

5, as the juvenile division supervisor, Mrs. William Quinlan, reads aloud from one of the books used at the story hour.



Hoboken Human Rights commissioners hold first official meeting with Mayor Louis DePascale. Seated, from left, are Frank G. Boyle, Thomas Martinelli, James Farina, the mayor, Mrs. Rose Fusilli and Robert Reaney. Standing, same order, are Channa Tanz, Dennis

City Council Hunts Fat in Budget

Hoboken's 1972 municipal budget has been officially delivered to the City Council, which now will try to pare any fat before the public hearing on March 2 in Hoboken High School at 8 p.m.

Anti-administration council members have already held an informal meeting on the budget to get some idea of what Mayor Louis DePascale has planned.

None of the five majority block members, however, cared to comment on their preliminary findings, saying that they still didn't have the entire budget.

"We have yet to receive the

portion dealing with other expenses for 1972," said Councilman Anthony H. Romano. "This has to be included in the overall picture before any statements can be made."

For 1972, the mayor has proposed a total of \$12,917,620 as compared to \$10,579,774 last year. This represents an increase of \$2,337,846.

Of the \$12,917,620 budgeted for 1972, taxpayers will have to contribute \$6,367,613 as their share. The amount that had to be raised in 1971 through taxation was \$5,068,137. This is an increase of \$1,022,172.

Exactly what is the budget

going to cost local property owners as it now stands? Based on the current formula that every 83 cents the tax rate is increased produces \$100,000 in taxes, Mayor DePascale is going to be able to keep the tax rate from going over the \$100 mark.

The tax rate for 1971 was \$90.12. Approximately \$8.50 is going to have to be added to the rate to make up for the increases in 1972, which would bring the rate to about \$98.62. The county tax rate remains undetermined, however, and will play a major

role in determining if Hoboken

remains below the \$100 mark. For Hoboken municipal employees, both civilian and uniformed, the budget was bad news.

Mayor DePascale officially let them know that there are no provisions for any pay increases, except in cases where the city is under existing contractual obligations such as in promotions or longevity increases.

The mayor met with members of the negotiating teams from the police and fire departments for more than three hours

yesterday morning in continued

contract talks, but money wasn't discussed. As predicted in The Jersey Journal last week, the mayor now finds himself in the position of having to grant pay increases to all or to none.

"The mayor explained that the city's current financial condition prohibits pay raises at this time unless cuts can be made in other areas and the savings passed on as wage hikes," said Patrolman Stephen Darago, president of the Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

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Association, who acted as spokesman for the group.

"We informed the mayor that we are willing to accept this and center our continued negotiations on non-money items—but on one condition."

"And that is that the 'no pay raise' be applied to all city employees, including the school system and teachers."

At last report, the board of education was prepared to offer Hoboken teachers a \$400-a-year raise as its final offer. The negotiations between the board and the Hoboken Teachers' Association have been kept secret with officials on either side re-

fusing to comment until an

agreement has been reached.

The 1972-73 board of education budget, which will have a bearing on the city budget, was presented to the board of school estimate yesterday morning. But the meeting was adjourned until next Tuesday when the budget again will be considered.

Dorothy Zeigler, president of the teachers association, urged the estimate board to delay taking any action because the association and board of education will enter formal mediation on their contract tomorrow night.

Donald Singleton of 928 Bloomfield St. also addressed the board of estimate and asked that it refrain from taking any funds out of the budget.

Singleton asked that funds be increased in the areas of hiring additional teachers, substitute teachers and a choral music teacher to serve all of the elementary schools.

The meeting which started at 10 a.m. was over by 10:15. It will resume at 9:30 next Tuesday in the board of education offices at Hoboken High School.

The amount the city has to raise by taxation would have been \$711,000 higher if Mayor DePascale had not decided at the last minute to anticipate this amount in state aid. The gamble paid off.

Governor Cahill announced yesterday that he will again have \$25,000,000 in state aid for the state's larger urban areas. Hoboken received \$711,000 last year in state aid.

Mayors Join In Federal Fund Plea

By PETER LA VILLA

The mayors of Hoboken and Jersey City are expected to join forces in an attempt to bring millions of federal aid dollars into their cities, it was learned last night.

According to a source close to Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, both he and Mayor Paul T. Jordan of Jersey City have agreed to apply jointly for federal funds designated for cities that are depressed areas.

Hoboken, with an 11 per cent unemployment rate, would be eligible for such funds. However, according to the source, neither Hoboken nor Jersey City could become eligible for federal aid individually since neither make up half of Hudson County's population. That is a requirement for such aid.

However, the source pointed out that both cities combined do make up the population needed, and thus would be eligible to receive the aid.

According to the source, if both cities are awarded the aid, the money will be applied to public works, industry, local commerce and housing.

Although the source would not elaborate further on specifics on the four categories, he said that the equipment and services would be shared by the two cities.

The source said that DePascale is looking forward to the venture and hopes that other Hudson municipalities would express their interest in taking part.

If this is so, then DePascale, who also serves as a county freeholder, has at least taken the first step toward consolidation of municipal services and expenditures, which has been the main cry of several Hudson mayors over the past few months.

Both Hoboken and Jersey City are Model Cities areas and over the past two years have been receiving federal aid for the projects.

The source said that if both cities are awarded the federal aid, it will be exclusive of Model Cities funds.

DePascale, the source said, is expected to submit his application to federal officials in Washington, D.C. today. Jordan, it was said, was expected to do the same.

A reply from federal officials is expected within a month.

Mayor Makes a Last Attempt To Save Health Department

Mayor DePascale's personal lawyer was making a last-minute try today for an injunction to stave off the abolition of the city's Health and Welfare Department and the job of its acting director, Francis J. Finnerty.

As of midnight tomorrow

night, the department will be only a division under the Public Works Department unless the mayor's attorney succeeds.

"My attorney (Clive B. Cummins of Newark) is working on it now and should have the injunction before the end of the day," DePascale said.

Through two ordinances passed last month by the city council, the Health and Welfare Department is being downgraded to a subdivision of the Public Works Department under Director Raphael P. Vitale.

The first ordinance eliminated the department entirely. The second recreated it — minus the \$12,000-a-year directorship now held by former Fifth Ward

Councilman Francis J. Finnerty — as a subdivision of public works.

The 20-day waiting period required by law following public notification that the ordinances had been approved ends tomorrow. Come Monday, Director Vitale will be in charge of the various health and welfare activities.

"I'm ready," said Vitale about assuming his new duties.

"I don't expect there is going to be any major problems, at least not right off the bat. However, I will be relying on a great deal more on my deputy director (Carmine Cutillo)."

Finnerty has been acting director — without receiving any pay — since November.

'Slash Payroll To Cut Budget In Hoboken'

Hoboken's city budget could be cut by dropping unnecessary employees, a representative of the Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce said today after members examined the budget proposed by Mayor DePascale.

William J. Stack, Hoboken real estate broker, declared: "We feel there is plenty of room for the mayor and council to pare the number of employees."

The chamber suggested a reduction in the number on the payroll at budget-making time last year and in preceding years but Stack asserted today:

"There has been no improvement in this respect at all. Not only do we have just as many employees on the city payroll and

the Board of Education payroll as we ever had — we've got more! And this is in spite of the great number of people who have been given jobs on the various government-financed programs."

Chamber members pored over the budget yesterday in their Hoboken headquarters. A spokesman would say officially only "we are discouraged by the proposed increase in the size of the budget."

He said the chamber would meet with city officials "shortly."

Frank G. Boyle, a vice president of the U.S. Testing Company in Hoboken, is chairman of the chamber's government affairs committee.



SAVINGS BY THE YARD — All eyes are on Lynn Hackerman, Miss New Jersey, as she exhibits yardsticks to be given to visitors at the new Hoboken office of the Trust Company of New Jersey to Congressmen Dominick V.

Daniels of Union City, left, Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken, and Sigi Wilzig, board chairman of the Trust Company. The new office is located at 3rd and Washington Streets.



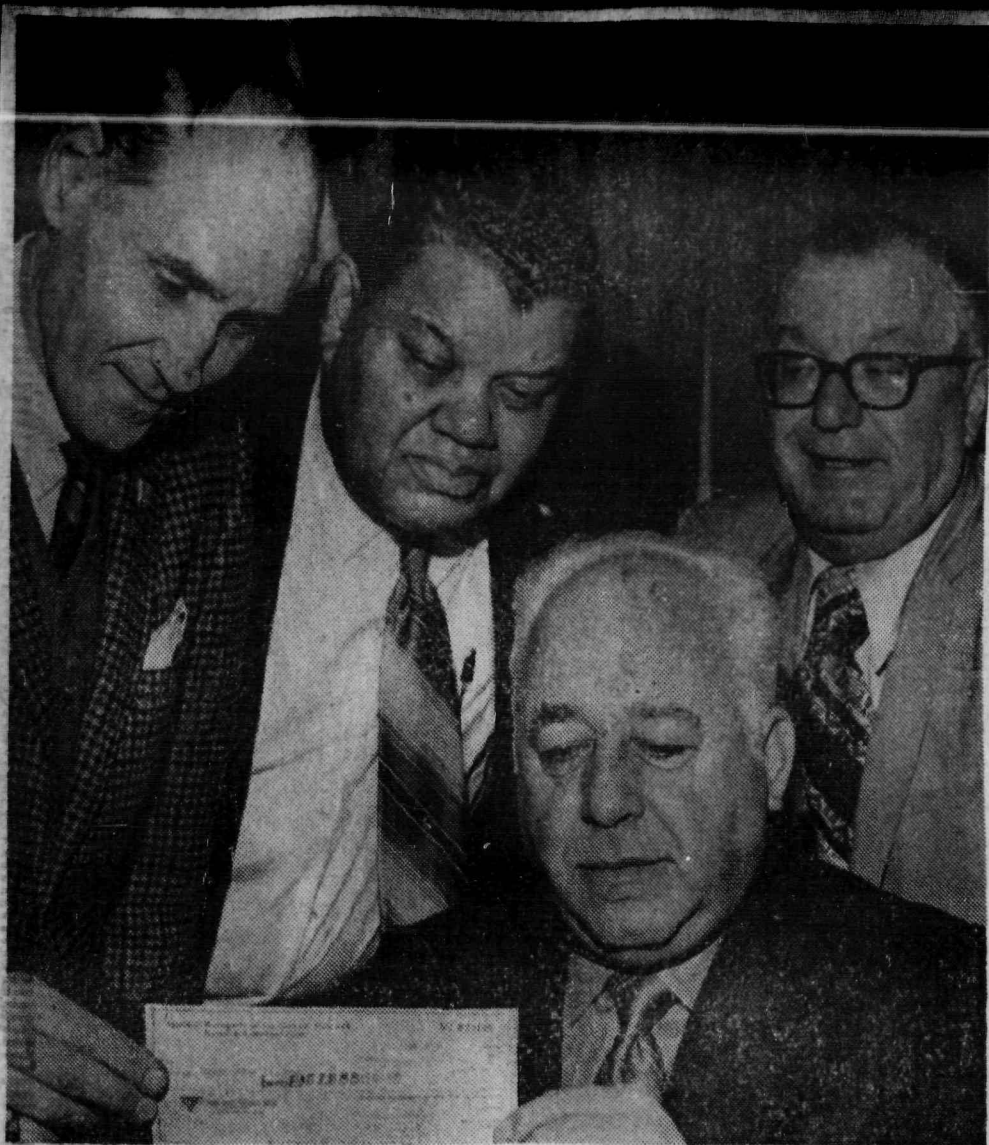
HOBOKEN CEREMONY — St. Lucy Society of Hoboken installs officers. From left are Joseph Iervolino, president; Victor Mat-

tarrazzo, chairman of arrangements committee; Charles De Fazio, toastmaster, and Mayor Louis DePascale, installing officer.



Thomas Gallo, left, school board secretary, and Mayor Louis DePascale, right, listen

intently as Melvin Christie, school board president, makes a point.



Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, seated, accepts check for \$51,588 as annual payment by the Housing Authority in lieu of taxes. Presenting check, left, is Andrew Scherer, vice chairman. Looking on are Leo Smith Sr., commissioner, center and Edward DeFazio, executive director. The payment was made at the mayor's office.

Hoboken Housing Agency Would Rather Pay Taxes

The Hoboken Housing Authority has gone on record as "fully supporting" proposed federal legislation that will have housing authorities paying full taxation to their municipalities instead of annual payments in lieu of taxes.

stand yesterday at the official presentation of the annual shelter rent check to Mayor Louis DePascale.

authority has paid Hoboken a total of \$649,567 since collecting its first rents in 1953.

Also present were Commissioner Leo Smith and M. Edward DeFazio, executive director. Assemblyman Silvio J. Failla also attended.

According to DeFazio, the new legislation has been introduced by U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts. It calls for housing authorities to become full taxing members of their communities through a step program covering a 10-year period.

The payments will increase by 10 per cent each year until a maximum of 100 per cent is achieved.

Under the current payment system, the authorities pay only a percentage of what they take in as rents after all operating costs and expenses have been deducted.

Failla told the commissioners and the mayor he would follow the bill's progress in Washington and immediately introduce any needed legislation on the state level when the senator's bill was passed.

The original cost of all of the buildings operated by the housing authority was approximately \$18,000,000. This does not include the \$4,000,000 expected to be spent on the authority's most recent project, Fox Hill Gardens, at 12th Street and Willow Avenue.

However, DeFazio said that if the bill is passed and becomes law, the amount the authority will be taxed on will be considerably less than \$22,000,000 because of depreciation of the property over the years.

School Cuts To Save \$3 On Tax Rate

Hoboken taxpayers can expect a saving of about \$3 in their tax rate as a result of cuts in the board of education's budget.

A total of \$346,780 was cut from the board's budget for the 1972-73 school year by the Hoboken Board of School Estimate yesterday. The revised budget was unanimously approved.

This was broken down as follows: \$246,780 from salaries and wages; \$50,000 from "other expenses;" and \$40,000 for a proposed mini-center.

The cuts amount to \$100,000 more than the reductions originally proposed by the Board of School Estimate at its last meeting, Feb. 15.

Also approved unanimously by the board was a recommendation to the board of education that it take immediate steps to have the state Department of Education come into Hoboken and perform a complete evaluation.

The action is supported by Melvin Christie, president of the board of education and member of the board of school estimate, as well as a number of parents and the Hoboken Teachers Association which is already in the process of requesting such an evaluation.

Although \$80,000 of the additional \$100,000 budget cut was made in salaries and wages, Mayor Louis DePascale, board of school estimate chairman, said that it would not result in the dismissal of any teachers or affect the pay they are now getting.

"We hope to save the \$80,000 through attrition," he said.

The \$30,000 cut in other expenses was \$20,000 more than originally proposed by the estimate board at its last meeting and makes up the remaining part of the additional \$100,000 reduction.

The remaining \$176,780 cut from salaries and wages is the money that the board of education had set aside to cover possible pay increases this year for teachers and other personnel should current contract negotiations result in pay hikes.

Mrs. Dorothy Ziebler, president of the Hoboken Teachers Association, did not attend the meeting. She was reported to be ill at home.

However, other representatives of the teachers association indicated that they weren't happy with the cuts.

"What it amounts to is that they aren't going to be hiring any new teachers this year," said a spokesman. "And that means that there will probably be some larger classes in some instances because teachers who have left the school system weren't replaced."

Although funds for the mini-center have been taken out of the budget, the board of education

hasn't given up on the idea. According to the mayor, there is still a very good possibility that the school system will be able to get federal funds to replace the city money that was taken out.

Another aspect of the cuts that isn't sitting too well with the teachers is that high-ranking administrators such as school principals, vice principals and the superintendent of schools will still be getting their salary increases.

The superintendent, Thomas F. McFeely, will be getting an additional \$6,000 a year in \$2,000 hikes over the next three years. Others will be getting \$4,000 over the same three-year period.

Mayor DePascale confirmed that nothing had been done to eliminate these pay increases.

Councilmen Vincent J. Fusilli and Steve Cappiello, both board of school estimate members and part of the new City Council majority, said they were against the increases even though they voted for adoption of the budget.

"What point would it have served?" asked Cappiello. "The other three members of the board wouldn't hear of cutting the salaries for the superintendent of schools or any other members of the in-crowd."

"Voting against the budget cuts for this reason alone wouldn't have served any useful purpose," he said.

"The teachers and other employees of the board of education know how we feel about this. But we don't have the majority on the Board of School Estimate, so there wasn't anything we could do about it."

"Voting no would have been a grandstand play, and there isn't any need for that."

After Latins Visit Mayor Rivers Named to Bias Agency

By PETER LA VILLA

Manny Rivers, the 32-year-old Hoboken businessman, was unanimously approved by the city council last night as director of the city's Human Rights Commission following a two-hour session with Mayor Louis DePascale and members of the Spanish-speaking community.

The commission is one month late in getting started because councilmen felt that Rivers was not the best qualified man to handle the directorship.

Members of the council's majority bloc reportedly claimed that Rivers "was not the choice of the Puerto Rican Community."

However, the unanimous approval of Rivers followed last night's session with DePascale, four negotiation members of the Committee of Seven and some 15 to 20 representatives of the Spanish-speaking community meeting in the mayor's office.

Mayor DePascale and several of the Puerto Rican

members of the community joined with the City Council in its caucus prior to its regular meeting tomorrow.

The mayor joined the council in the caucus room which lasted a half-hour, before the council summoned Rivers into the chamber for questioning. Twenty minutes transpired before council emerged and informed the small gathering waiting inside the city clerk's office that they would accept Rivers under two conditions.

One, if he is the choice of the Puerto Rican community; and secondly, that the council make the appointment of one of the two field investigators. It was so agreed.

The meeting earlier between the mayor and members of the Puerto Rican community was a showdown meeting which the mayor called to learn whether or not the community wanted Rivers to hold the post.

During the two-hour session it was uncertain for a time that Rivers was the choice of the "entire" community. The question that was repeatedly asked and mentioned was Rivers' residency. Many claimed he is a newcomer to the city. Still, there were others who felt he was the best qualified to handle the job, including Rivers who made a presentation in his own behalf.

The showdown came when Aurelio Lugo, the mayor's aide on police affairs, stated that those who opposed Rivers "opposed him on a personal level rather than his qualifications to hold the job."

Others quickly joined in and stated it would be a good thing to give Rivers a chance to prove himself. It was then agreed to support Rivers for the job and face the council with their commitment.

Members of the majority bloc told those who supported Rivers, that they too were willing to give Rivers a chance to prove himself. It was unanimously agreed by both factions that they "will be watching him."

Rivers, when asked to comment on his appointment stated, "I intend to serve the entire city. The Human Rights Commission is a program for the entire city. A program with a problem is welcomed at the Human Rights office."

As a result of council's approval, the mayor will now sign a contract for the program which is being sponsored by the State Department of Community Affairs, through a grant of \$30,000. After the mayor signs the contract, it will then go before council for its approval.

The Human Rights office is located at 210 First st. It will be staffed by Rivers at an annual salary of \$12,000; two field investigators at \$7,500 each a year, and a clerk-typist at \$5,700 annually. The rent and other accessories to operate the program will be subsidised by the city, Model Cities and the Emergency Employment Act funds.

New Era Foreseen In Hoboken

The completion of the new World Trade Center in Manhattan could open a whole new era for Hoboken. Mayor Louis DePascale predicted today, as he pointed to the city's ideal location in the New Jersey-New York port area.

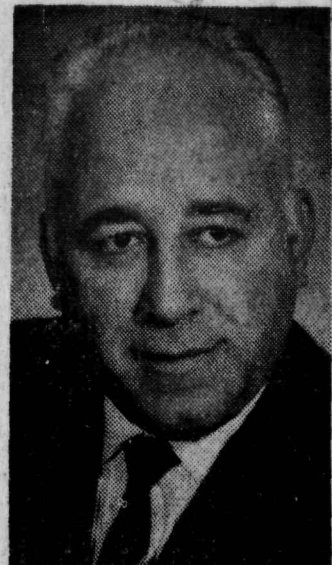
Hoboken, with its links to Manhattan by rapid transit and bus lines, will be just minutes away from this great center of world commerce, the mayor said, "and many leaders in commerce and business may find it less expensive to occupy office space in our city."

Through the years, Hoboken has established a world industrial reputation through its waterfront. De Pascale pointed out, and he feels that its future is also tied closely to the fact that it's on "the world's doorstep."

The highway, rail and water links serving Hoboken are top advantages which the city has to offer, the mayor said.

The Hoboken waterfront is ideal for virtually every type of industry, De Pascale said, and excellent pier facilities are available at the Hoboken-Port Authority Terminal.

The mayor reported that community services will be substantially improved during 1972, pointing to the new wing which has just been completed at St. Mary Hospital; the construction of a new Wallace School; plans for a new elementary school at 524 Park Ave., and the city's first up-town senior citizens project.



LOUIS DEPASCALE
Hoboken Mayor

"I feel that 1972 will be a year of a great breakthrough in the field of housing," said the mayor. He said Hoboken has been earmarked for a massive housing rehabilitation program, to be financed by federal funds. "The huge project will raise the standard of living for thousands of Hoboken families," De Pascale said.

Also in the plans, the mayor reported, is the groundbreaking for several hundred middle-income apartments.

Through its Model Cities agency, the mayor reported, Hoboken has made a number of new services available to residents. He listed job training, code enforcement to bring housing up to standard; recreation, community services, educational opportunities for youth and job counseling.

"Our task in the years ahead," said the mayor, "is to continue to develop Hoboken for what it really is — 'A miracle mile on the Hudson in the great New Jersey New York port area.'"

DePascale Requests State To Make Government Study

Mayor Louis DePascale has complied with a "request from the Hoboken-North Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce to have the state Department of Community Affairs come into the city and evaluate the entire municipal operation."

"I have sent a letter to the director of the department asking that such an evaluation be

performed as the earliest possible date," DePascale said today.

The chamber asked the mayor to request the evaluation last week during a meeting on the city's 1972 budget with officials of some 20 firms representing Hoboken's largest industrial companies.

"If an evaluation will increase the efficiency of the city

operation while holding down or reducing the cost, I'm certainly for it," DePascale continued.

"However, this doesn't mean that Hoboken will give a blanket acceptance to the finished product, without first thoroughly studying all aspects of the report and then discussing it with the chamber and the city council."

DePascale said that the letter was sent out Friday.

Parking Unit Tab Left Out Of Budget

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale today rejected the idea of including in the 1972 city budget \$320,000 which the city may have to pay to bail out the Hoboken Parking Authority.

He said he believed the parking authority would be allowed to get up the \$320,000 it owes by using the profits from its reinvestment of the \$8,500,000 it obtained from bonds floated to build parking garages—a project that has not materialized.

The \$320,000 consists of interest due the bondholders this year. The authority originally expected to pay off the bonds — and the interest — with revenues from the parking garages, intended for the Grogan Marine View Plaza development.

"I'm certain that this highly technical question of whether the investment of borrowed money can be used to pay off

interest on the initial borrowed money returned as interest on funds will be resolved to everyone's satisfaction," DePascale said.

"I can see no reason why the trustee for the authority should not allow this money to be used to make interest payments. And I see no reason why the city should include \$320,000 in the 1972 budget to cover the interest just in case the city was to make the payment for the authority."

"In my opinion, the chances of Hoboken having to pay the interest are so slim that it isn't worth anticipating. Besides, once that \$320,000 is included in the budget and the budget is approved, the money has to be raised through taxation, even if we don't use it."

"That would be an unnecessary burden on our taxpayers."

The mayor added that if the money does have to be paid by the city an emergency appropriation could be made to cover it with the payments for the taxpayer deferred until next year.

However, Councilman Steve Cappiello leader of the anti-DePascale forces on the City Council, felt that Hoboken should make a point of finding out where it stood on the payment of the bond interest before adopting the city budget.

"The parking authority's attorney is working on the matter now with the trustee and should have the answer before the budget hearing on March 2," Cappiello said.

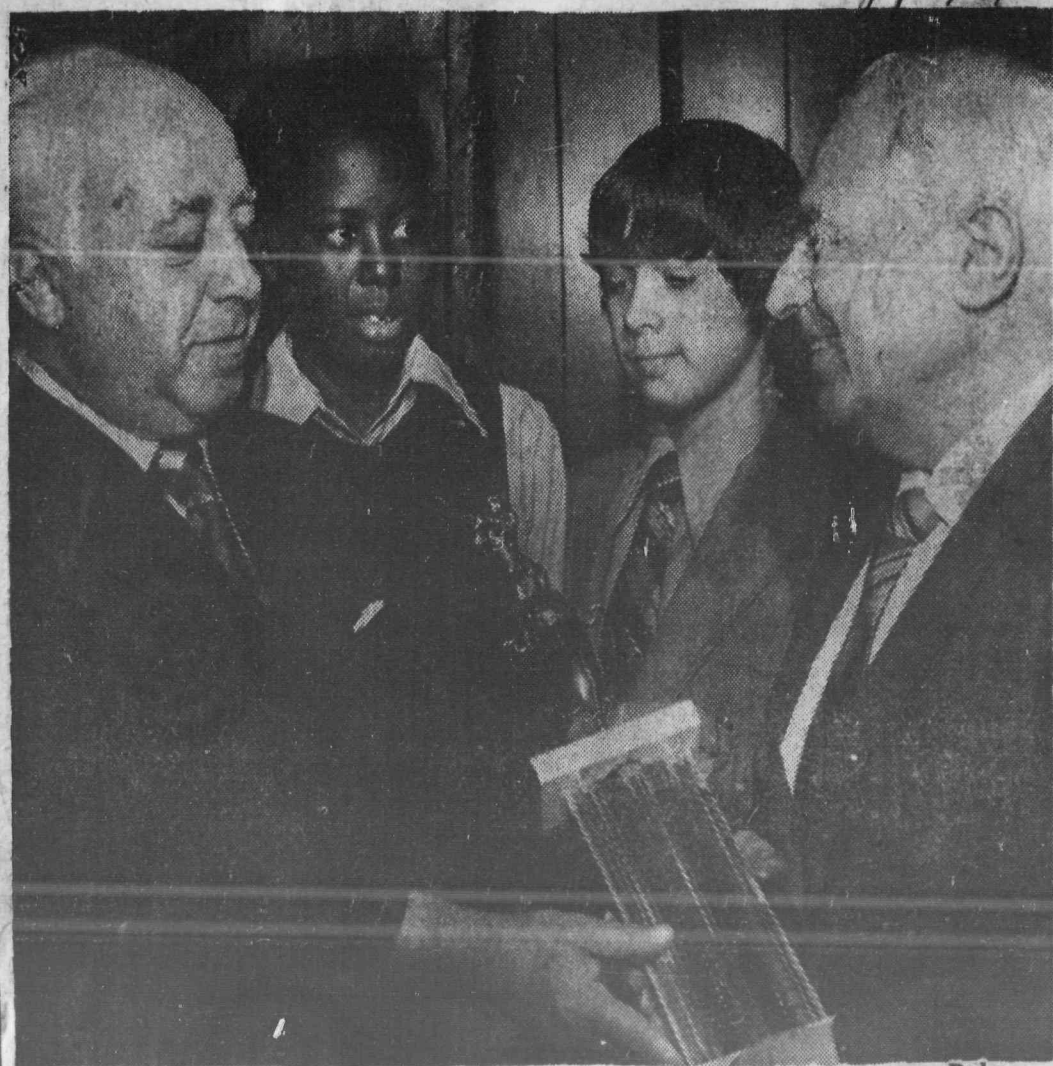
"Should it turn out that the city has to pay the interest, running away from it until next year isn't going to solve anything," the councilman continued.

"In fact, if positive determination has been made before the budget is approved, we have to include the needed funds in the budget."

The legal question on the payment was raised by the Franklin National Bank of New York, the trustee for the \$8.5 million bond issue floated by the parking authority for the construction of parking garages in the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza.

Since the construction of the project is being delayed by difficulties encountered by the principal developers in getting approval of its plans for the development, the authority reinvested the bond money.

The interest earned on these reinvestments is what the authority plans to use to pay the interest on its bonds.



CASALINO TRIBUTE — Mayor Louis DePascale, left, presents trophy to Charles Casalino, president of Hoboken Little League for last 12 years, during buffet supper in Casalino's honor at Lamp Post Lounge.

Looking on are two Little Leaguers, Pedro Gonzales, left, and Michael Hayes. Casalino was feted in recognition of his long service to youth.

City Won't Enforce Law On Listing Landlords

Hoboken won't enforce the state law and city ordinance which require landlords to file the names and addresses of themselves and their local agents. The city clerk says he just isn't going to enforce it, and the mayor says he isn't going to make him.

City Clerk Anthony Amoroso admits it's his responsibility to enforce the requirement, but

says he doesn't have the manpower needed to do it. Mayor Louis DePascale said he would not supply "any additional personnel" to help his clerk solve the problem.

"In order to pursue an attempt at rigid enforcement of the law," DePascale said, "you need a good-sized crew to do the job." The mayor would not say how many persons he meant by "good-sized."

DePascale asserted that Amoroso's crew is "overloaded as it is, and we simply can't afford to give him any more."

The mayor finally said he would "sit down with him (Amoroso) and see if we can't come up with a solution." He said reluctantly he would do this "by the early part of next week."

In the meantime, said the

mayor, a notice will be sent with the tax bills every three months which he said will spell out in detail the data that landlords of city properties must provide under law.

Terming the penalty specified by the city ordinance "very weak," DePascale declared: "Why, you could no more get a conviction on that than the man in the moon."

Vote on School Budget Stirs New Tempest in Hoboken

By PETER HALLAM

Has the Hoboken Board of School Estimate approved the 1972-73 Board of Education budget — inadvertently? A legal opinion on the question was due today from the Board of Education attorney, Robert Taylor.

The four members of the school estimate board who met yesterday morning to consider the budget were under the impression — after the vote was taken — that the measure had not carried, and that another meeting would be needed, to take another vote. But that

Mayor Sees \$15 Hoboken Tax Increase

By JACK ECKHARDT

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday released to the city council a \$12.9 million 1972 municipal budget and indicated that the present property tax rate of \$90 per \$1,000 valuation could rise by nearly \$15.

In the morning, the annual school budget calling for funds amounting to \$7,439,259.68 to be appropriated, of which city taxpayers in Hoboken must foot \$4.4 million of the cost, was tabled until Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Last year's municipal budget was \$10.5 million.

The school estimate board's meeting was presided over by DePascale, who was reelected to that post by the other four members present, including councilmen Steve Cappiello and Vincent Fusilli, and school board members Melvin Christie and Silvio Failla.

Conducted as a public hearing on the school budget and held in the Hoboken Board of Education office at the high school, the approval of the 1972-73 school budget was delayed until Tuesday on request of Miss Dorothy Ziegler, president of the Hoboken Teachers' Assn.

Temporary Impasse

Miss Ziegler explained that contract negotiations between educators and the Hoboken education board are at a temporary impasse, and said such contract problems may be ironed out tomorrow.

Her request for delay in approval of the new school budget was approved by all members of the school estimate board.

Hoboken officials were surprised yesterday at the school board budget hearing by the appearance of Donald Singleton, a feature news writer for the New York Daily News, who was present with his wife, Singleton, who has purchased a home in Hoboken and whose three children attend public schools in the city, pointed out the 1972 school and municipal budget are the highest in Hoboken's history.

However, instead of challenging the new school budget, or reducing it as was expected by school estimate board members Cappiello and Fusilli, he advocated increasing the expenditure in the interest of children now attending school.

Advocates Increase

"I advocate three areas of increasing the present Hoboken school budget," Singleton said. "One, budget for more school teachers above and beyond the 375 teachers now employed, in view of the fact that project enrollment of students is expected to increase. Two, also increase the funds allocated for substitute teachers, rather than cut the allowance from \$25,000 to \$20,000 in the new budget.

"Our children have a right to be taught by licensed teachers. Three, include in the new Hoboken school budget a \$15,000 salary for a choral music teacher to serve all elementary schools. Singing students are good students, and they'll make good future residents."

DePascale and other members of the school estimate board then agreed to adjourn the meeting, thanking Singleton and Miss Ziegler for their comments.

Less than an hour later, Mayor DePascale met with representatives of the city police and fire departments, virtually telling them that any hope of a "dollar in the pocket" pay increase this year is out of the question.

It was reported the mayor also so informed white collar workers of the city and all other city employees that such a situation exists at this time.

impression changed when it was realized that the vote was not 2-2 but 2-0.

Two of the five members, Councilmen Vincent J. Fusilli and Steve Cappiello, abstained from voting. But both Melvin Christie, president of the Board of Education, and Mayor Louis DePascale, chairman of the board of school estimate, voted yes.

Abstentions do not count as a vote for or against.

Councilman Cappiello said he didn't think there was any need for a legal opinion.

"The law is very clear on the matter," he said. "The budget must be approved by a majority of the Board of School Estimate."

"As far as I'm concerned, a majority is three members, not two."

Thomas A. Gallo, secretary to the Board of Education, said that the other members of the Board of School Estimate weren't as sure as Cappiello about the situation. So an opinion was sought from Taylor, he said.

Mayor DePascale said he felt the budget had been approved. However, he would suggest to the other Board of School Estimate members that the meeting be continued during the early part of next week instead of taking advantage of technicalities.

"I'd prefer to wait until Mr. Failla is available and able to vote," the mayor said. "This way there won't be any questions. A majority of the board will have approved."

The meeting, which lasted for more than an hour, was a heated one, played out before more than a dozen parents and close to 25 children jammed into the small meeting room.

The meeting opened with the introduction of a resolution cutting \$247,780 from the amount the city would have to raise to support the school system through taxation. The resolution was the same one that had been prepared for the Feb. 8 board meeting but not introduced.

Councilman Fusilli opened the discussion on the resolution by going over a number of requisitions for boiler repairs in the schools last year which added up to more than \$20,000.

Fusilli questioned why such a large amount was needed for repairs and whether the boilers in the school were in such bad condition that they should possibly be replaced instead of repaired.

At the last meeting Fusilli had asked for copies of all the requisitions issued by the Board of Education during the last year. The information was supplied, but the councilman said it wasn't complete.

"I believe these requisitions are issued in sequence," the councilman told the board. "If this is the case, then more than 200 orders are missing. I asked to see all the requisitions, not just part of them."

Gallo said Fusilli had been given all the requisitions but didn't explain or account for the missing numbers.

"I have no recourse as a councilman but to make contact with the state and seek out its help in the area of the Board of Education," Fusilli said, indicating that he would seek a probe of board activities.

Fusilli also compared administrative costs in Hoboken with those of the school system in Union City. He said that Union City was operating its larger school system for almost \$15,000 less in administrative costs than Hoboken.

However, Mayor DePascale pointed out that the total Union City Board of Education budget was almost \$10,500,000 as compared to only \$7,500,000 for Hoboken.

Councilman Cappiello said that the City Council majority "has constantly solicited representation on the Board of Education" and "has a desire to participate in the school government but hasn't been allowed to participate."

"There is no doubt in my mind that Hoboken has sold short its school system, and not just this year," he continued. "I sincerely hope that the state does come in with more financial assistance much sooner than anticipated."

Cappiello said he was disturbed with the way the Board of Education "does out contracts" because, he said, it doesn't make any effort to award them to local concerns.

"We brought the school lunch program up several times and pointed out that parents and the kids weren't satisfied with the same old things for lunch day after day," he said.

Mayor DePascale replied that by state law the Board of Education must award the contracts to the low bidders and that there were few or no bidders for the lunch program submitted by Hoboken concerns.

"No wonder," replied Cappiello, "when there were specifications that thick on how to make a bologna sandwich."

Christie, who had been sitting quietly for most of the meeting, finally challenged Fusilli and Cappiello to say what they wanted to do about changing the budget.

"Either say what's on your minds or get off the pot," Christie said. "I'm getting just as tired as you are of coming to an adjourned meeting after another. If you have something to say or can show us where further reductions can be made, say it and get it over with."

Christie and Fusilli then engaged in a heated exchange over whether or not Fusilli had threatened to take \$1,000,000 out of the school budget.

Cappiello joined in by asking what had happened to the requisitions covering the "junkies to Puerto Rico" made by the Board of Education.

Gallo said that no one had asked for those requisitions.

"I'm not going to vote on this budget," said Cappiello. "Let the state come in and make it up."

Mayor DePascale told the board that yesterday might be the last chance the board gets to vote on the budget before something else might come up that "all will regret."

Christie corrected Cappiello, saying that the state commissioner of education would come in and prepare the budget only if the City Council refused to take action on the budget adopted by the Board of School Estimate.

"That's another example of shifting your responsibilities," Christie said, chiding Cappiello and Fusilli. "You are running away again."

A vote was then taken, both Cappiello and Fusilli abstaining. DePascale and Christie voted yes. The fifth member of the board, Assemblyman Silvio J. Failla, was missing, reported to be on vacation somewhere in the Caribbean.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting without date, and it was carried. However, before the roll call was finished, Donald Singleton, a parent, lashed out at Councilman Fusilli for not participating in the board caucus prior to the meeting.

"You should at least have the guts to vote no, if that's the way you feel about the budget," Singleton said.

In a prepared statement, Singleton, who had coordinated the demonstration of parents in support of the school budget, urged the board to refrain from making any massive indiscriminate cuts especially any that would reduce the number of classrooms, the number of substitute teachers, or significantly increase the ratio of pupils to teachers.

Singleton later added that he and the other parents favored approval of the budget and supported a proposed state investigation of the school system.

Meanwhile, Councilman Fusilli today starts a thorough check of all requisitions issued by the Board of Education last year.

Councilmen Take Round For Mayor

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale's dispute with the city council over the blocked appointment of Francis J. Finnerty as acting chairman of the department of health and welfare must go to trial and cannot be determined summarily, Hudson Superior Court Judge Samuel A. Larner ruled yesterday.

"We will have to get the facts," said Judge Larner, in denying the mayor's motion for immediate judgment against the councilmen.

Sydney I. Turz, who represents the councilmen, told the court he would take the depositions of Mayor DePascale and Finnerty as soon as possible so the factual and legal questions will be clear before the litigation is set down for pretrial hearing. Jay L. Hundertmark of Newark, counsel for the mayor, said he would also take some pretrial depositions.

On Nov. 11, Mayor DePascale announced the appointment of Finnerty as acting director and called it an "interim appointment." The city council refused to recognize the appointment and blocked any pay for Finnerty. The council then adopted an ordinance merging the Department of Health & Welfare into another city department.

The councilmen contend the mayor's attempted appointment of Finnerty required their "advice and consent" to be valid.

The mayor says he is being deprived of his powers.

Keep the Library

One of the poorer ways of chopping Hoboken's 1972 budget is to cripple the city's free public library, which the city's councilmen are planning to do.

The library spends \$102,000 in wages. The council has decreed a cut of \$40,000. This will mean laying off so many of the small staff that the library will not be able to keep open at least 50 hours a week, and that in turn will mean losing another \$40,000, the state's contribution.

Hoboken was long known for its violent waterfront and its over-supply of waterfront bars, both of which distinctions it has outlived. It was also well known for its musical and theatrical attractions, which likewise are largely in the past. The library is one of the few cultural assets Hoboken still has. Closing it or making it largely unavailable will do more harm to the city's public image than almost anything else the council could think of.

Aid Cheers DePascale

The \$711,000 in urban aid which the state has allotted to Hoboken for 1972 will be "of considerable help to the city," Mayor Louis DePascale said today. Provisions for the funds already are included in the city's 1972 budget, he explained.

The allotment is about the same as the city received last year, but the governor's office reported that Hoboken can also expect a \$706,137 increase in state school aid in 1972.

"The credit belongs to the legislative action committee of

paration of their municipal budgets.

Cahill assured the mayors and other officials yesterday their cities will receive "substantially the same amounts" to aid in the fiscal year starting July 1, under substantially the same formula. He indicated there may be some minor refinements.

Mayors Francis G. Fitzpatrick of Bayonne and William J. Meehan of Union City joined the conference, along with George V. Horton, Jersey City budget director, and Comptroller John F. Erbeck and Business Administrator Herman Bier of Hoboken.

In urban assistance aid, Jersey City received \$3,861,861 this fiscal year; Hoboken \$711,104, Union City \$682,999; Bayonne \$118,433. It marked the first time cities other than the so-called Big Six, the cities with more than 100,000 population each, were allocated urban funds.

Fitzpatrick recounted later that he told Cahill Bayonne did not receive a fair amount and was discriminated against on urban aid. The governor just listened, Fitzpatrick said.

Norton said representatives of Jersey City and the other five major cities complained of an elimination of "first generation" urban aid funds previously authorized by Gov. Hughes Administration.

Cahill responded the 24 city urban aid funds would be basically unchanged. Norton noted Jersey City suffered a \$2.1 million loss in urban aid funds under the first-year cancellation.

Bier and Erbeck said they "were in accord" with the governor's position on helping the cities. Mayor Meehan described it as a "good meeting."

Lally, who represents 335 city employees, excluding police, firemen and school teachers, said after the meeting, "I was hoping the mayor and council would find money in the budget to give city employees a raise. They say they don't have it."

He said that he had asked that all municipal employees be given a 5.5 per cent raise this year. One thing was agreed on, he said, and that concerned payment of overtime based on a five day work week rather than seven days as it has been in the past.

DePascale, when asked to correct them, which is his primary function.

"I want to know exactly what Rivers is trying to do," said Cappiello. "Is he using his office and staff to enhance himself personally, or is he doing what he is being paid to do?"

He also praised Patricia Mitten, head of the city's Nursing Service, which also operates out of the health center. "I must say these are dedicated people who are working in the interest of all ages. And I shall do everything in my power to aid them in seeking additional improvements while I am head of this department," Vitale said.

Asked what his plans are to improve the present city recreation division of his new department, the official said, "That's the area that requires a lot of homework. We'll be burning midnight oil to bring it up to the standard where recreation for our youth belongs."

At the same time, Vitale said he is sharing his responsibility in the public works department with his deputy, Carmine Cuttito. "Employees of the public works already know they will have to shape up in performance while Cuttito is on the job daily."

Vitale also moved Thursday to eliminate a problem that has been facing employees of the health and welfare department that he also heads.

He told all employees that they are no longer responsible to Finnerty as the once acting head of the department. Reportedly he has requested Finnerty not to make it a daily practice of making use of his office.

Saying he likes Finnerty and that he thought he did a good job for his short period as acting director, Vitale said, "It's unfair to the employees not to know just who their boss is on the job."

Finnerty was removed from the acting directorship by the city council majority bloc; reportedly in the interest of

the New Jersey Conference of Mayors which put a great deal of time and effort into convincing Governor Cahill that the state can't back off its commitment to its urban areas," said DePascale. The Hoboken mayor is a member of the committee.

Mayors and representatives from Bayonne, Union City, Hoboken and Jersey City were among the urban aid cities represented at an hour-long meeting with Cahill yesterday.

Jersey City will receive an increase of \$2,419,262 in public

school funds to \$12,780,420; Union City \$641,156 to \$3,514,001; Hoboken \$706,137 to \$3,261,926; Bayonne \$112,048 to \$1,461,406.

These allocations are part of a \$65,643,399 increase state-wide in school aid starting July 1, including some \$35 million under the Bateman incentive formula, named for Senate President Raymond E. Bateman, R-Somerseset.

The school aid increases announced by Cahill's office include Bateman funds,

transportation, building aids and funds for the handicapped.

Cahill told the mayors he will submit a \$25 million urban aid recommendation to the Legislature in his annual budget message Feb. 14. It will cover the same 24 cities now receiving aid and represents only a slight increase in the \$24,465,000 appropriated this year.

The legislature can be expected to enact separately the urban aid appropriation to help the 24 municipalities in pre-See SCHOOL AID — Page 21

Councilmen Seeking School Budget Cuts

When Hoboken's Board of School Estimate meets for a public hearing on the 1972 school budget tomorrow, the minority members will demand to know why the proposed expenditures for other than salaries and pensions are almost a quarter of a million dollars higher.

Councilmen Steve Cappiello and Vincent J. Fusilli said today they are disturbed by the increased outlay for materials, equipment and supplies, and will be doing their best to cut out as much as possible of the \$223,190 proposed increase in such expenses.

"Expenses other than salaries and pensions have risen from \$896,800 in the 1971-72 budget to \$919,990 in the 1972-73 budget," said Cappiello. "So far, no one has said anything to justify these increases."

The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the board of education offices at Hoboken High School. It is a continuation of last Tuesday's meeting.

The board of school estimate had been prepared to introduce a resolution knocking \$246,730 off the school budget at the last meeting, but no action was taken on it. That amount

included \$176,730 that had been included for salary increases for teachers.

Negotiations between the board of education and teachers have gone into mediation. If there are to be no raises, this situation is expected to get worse, with the possibility of "job action" or a walkout increasing.

"For everyone's sake, I call upon our teachers to exercise some reasoning and understanding," urged Cappiello. "The matter is a lot more complicated than giving them a raise or not."

"I'm sure they deserve a raise just as our policemen, firemen and other city employees do. But I'm also sure that our taxpayers this year are going to be paying the highest tax bill in the city's history — a bill that doesn't include pay raises for anyone."

"The other city employees have accepted the fact that there just isn't any money this year for increases. But if there are increases for the teachers, the others will demand their fair share, and rightfully so."

"It is time that everyone realized that the fatted calf is dead. Hoboken is in for some very serious financial problems and the sooner everyone accepts this and adjusts to it, the better off we will be."

"If this means we will have to pull in our belts and live with the situation until the picture is reversed, then we will just have to do just that," he said.

Cappiello said that he planned to push for an in-depth evaluation of the Hoboken School system.

"I'm greatly disturbed by the fact that the cost of operating our school system is so high as compared to local private schools," he continued, "while the quality of the education received is usually equal or better."

"However, such an evaluation should be done in layman's terms so that most of taxpayers and parents can understand."

"Facts and figures and statistics are often very impressive — and misleading."

\$12.5 Million Outlay

Hoboken Panel OKs Record Tab

By PETER LA VILLA

Hoboken City Council last night adopted a record-breaking \$12.5 million budget before a standing-room crowd in city hall.

With the passing of the budget, taxes, which are currently at \$90 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, will likely jump another \$14 or \$15.

Not included in the passing of the budget is the controversial figure of \$320,000 which the city feels it will have to pay because of an \$8 million loan the parking authority made to erect parking garages on the proposed Grogan Marine View Plaza site.

If the city does have to pay the loan, and there is every indication that it will, taxes could jump another \$3. Waiting in the wings are more taxes the city must pay to the county.

\$20 Hike Looms

Although it is not known what that figure is, it was reported to be in the area of \$3 to \$5. After all is said and done, it appears likely that the taxpayers of Hoboken are faced with a \$20 tax hike this year.

Since last month, when Mayor Louis DePascale turned over to the council his proposed budget of \$12.9 million, the council managed to cut it slightly more than \$373,000.

The areas in which they cut were the subject of the evening, with some six or seven persons asking the council for a complete breakdown on the cuts.

Council President Thomas Gallo, and many of the other councilman informed the speakers that they told each department head how much was being cut from his budget and that it was up to him to make the cuts, not the council.

At the outset of the meeting, Gallo informed the throng that the council would hear any

Critic Speak

Fred Mezzina, a critic at these meetings, warned the council if they passed the budget, he would go to Washington D.C. demand an investigation of the budget and ask that the council be abolished.

Mezzina also suggested that the council men cut the mayor's salary, their salaries, open parking lots and tow away cars as a means of bringing in additional money.

Yesterday afternoon, he staged a sit-in at the city hall office of comptroller John F. Erbeck, demanding a detailed breakdown of the amended budget. Although he never managed to get the breakdown or to see Erbeck, he was finally requested to leave by two policemen.

Thomas Venzetti, a hotel owner, told the council, "This budget will ruin every taxpayer in this city." When he asked Gallo to discuss the budget item by item, Gallo refused and that touched off a shouting match with members in the audience.

Michael Kennedy and Donald Singleton offered suggestions. Kennedy suggested that council tax Stevens Tech, while Singleton suggested that the council should have cut personnel from the payroll.

See Grogan Plaza Start

By JACK ECKHARDT

The long-delayed construction of the Grogan Marineview Plaza complex in downtown Hoboken moved closer to reality yesterday with an announcement by Housing Authority Chairman Raymond G. Clyons that approval of mortgage money is "just around the corner."

Indicating that actual construction on the estimated \$55-million project will start this spring, Chairman Clyons, with Hoboken Parking Authority Chairman Nicholas J. Caruso, yesterday complied with a city council demand to enlighten the public on the true status of the planned complex.

Caruso reports that, based upon assurance from the developer (Taylor-Woodrow-Blittman) and Hoboken Renewal Corp. that necessary approval of financing is forthcoming from U. S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Hoboken Housing Authority undertook to advertise for bids to construct planned garages

for some 1,800 vehicles. These bids are due Mar. 16.

And Housing Authority Chairman Clyons told city council yesterday in a prepared statement "This is our first representation publicly that the project will be started and completed in accordance with Urban Renewal plans, and will generate the income for the Hoboken treasury that was projected and is sorely required."

Chairman Clyons also said, "Don't be over-exuberant or optimistic, but we all have reasons to believe that Hoboken's shot in the arm from this great multi-million complex is just around the corner."

Informed of the newest report concerning the controversial project, Mayor Louis DePascale said, "As

late as Monday this week. I was told by the city's contact with HUD that approval of the required mortgage funds was nearing the signing stage. I'm thrilled to learn that such forward action may mean construction starting in the month of March. I've never entertained a single doubt that such a project would materialize."

And while resident taxpayers and business firms in Hoboken have become used to

Mayor Draws Fire DePascale Assailed by Ex-Allies

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale's surprise decision this week to sever political ties with his three councilmen-at-large in a dispute over cuts now being made in the city's \$12 million budget, was described by that trio of elected officials yesterday as "not the wisest decision" on the mayor's part.

In a joint statement Council President Thomas A. Gallo and Councilmen-at-large Stephen Mongiello and Bernard Scrivani said, "Mayor DePascale's sudden decision to turn on us with his rash statements in an apparent attempt to stifle independent thinking, aimed at reducing his supporting mem-

bers of City Council to the status of 'rubber stamps,' which in our way of thinking is definitely not democracy in action."

The sudden split between DePascale and his three councilmanic supporters has stunned residents and puzzled long time political experts in the Mile-Square-City.

As a result, the Council which DePascale has headed since 1965 is now divided in three factions — the five majority-bloc members headed by Councilman Steve Cappiello, Sixth Ward Councilman Edward McLaughlin and the lone independent, and now the three councilmen-at-large.

And in further answer to the political split initiated by Mayor DePascale, the trio said yesterday:

"Faced with a crisis of a spiraling tax increase of \$19 per \$1,000 over last year's \$90 tax rate which threatens survival of all homeowners, rentpayers and industrial plants with budget adoption set for March 20, the time becomes imperative for immediate budget reductions."

Referring to a caucus held on Monday night, with Mayor DePascale on the budget problem, the three Council officials said, "The mayor's inflexible and unbending stand on a very sizeable budget (\$12 million) certainly is not doing justice to the welfare of our city."

"Being conscious of our responsibility to the people, we exercise our distinct prerogative as duly elected officials to serve the whole community. This required freedom of thought and action even though it did not meet with the wishes of the mayor. Discussions and differences of views are healthy and should not be the basis for a complete break in relationship."

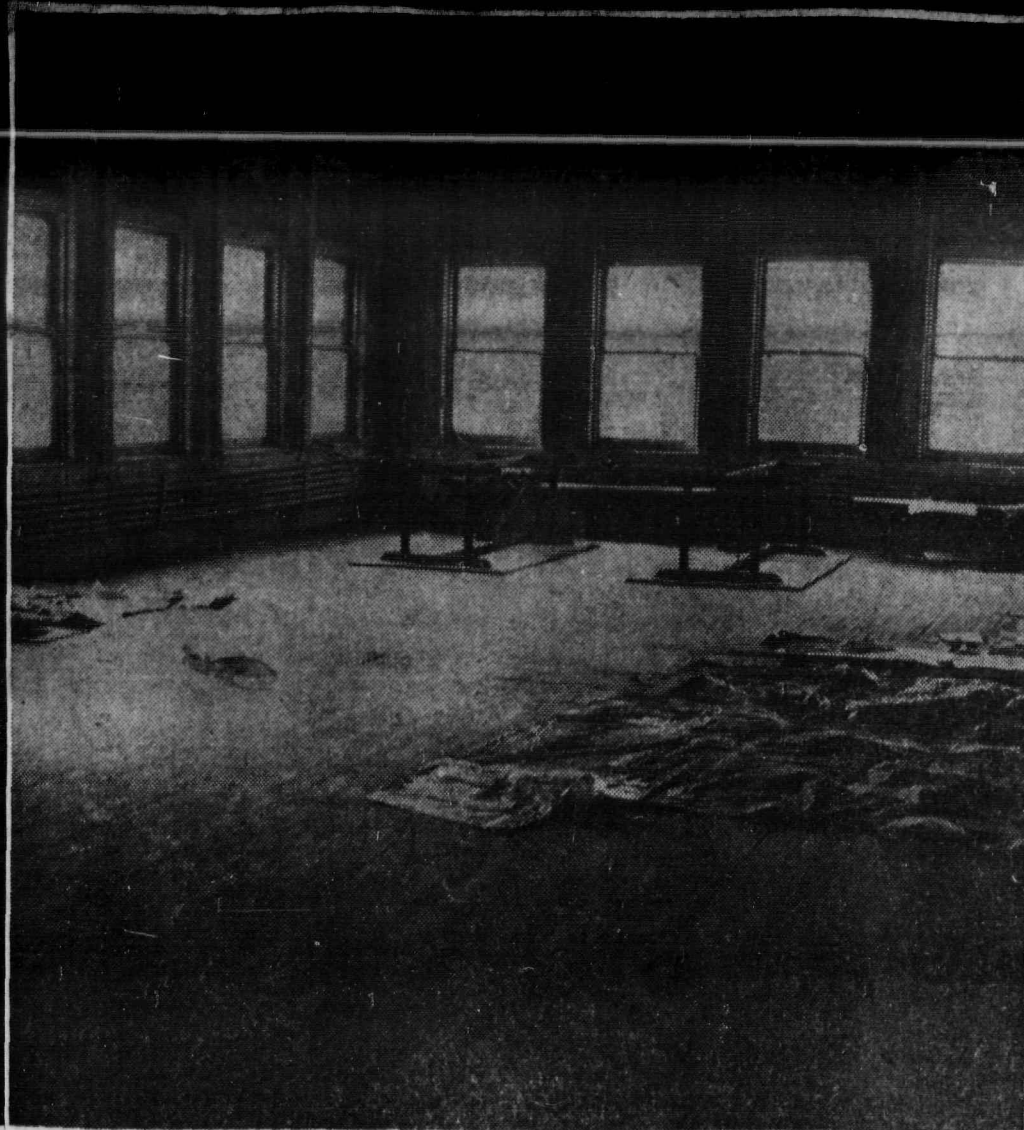
And pointing to Mayor DePascale's statement when he said of the three councilmen this week "let them go their way and I'll go mine," the trio added in unison yesterday "If our stand in the interest of budget economy means the parting of the ways, then we say Mr. Mayor, you go your way and we'll go our way."

Hoboken's Library Adds 292 Books

Hoboken's public library ordered 292 books in the month ending today, it was announced by Lucille Cunningham, the library director.

A partial list of the titles and authors:

The Double-Cross System in the War of 1939-1945: J. C. Mortimer; An Orange Full of Dreams: A. Novel, Antoni Gronowicz; The Donner Party, George Keithley; The Evings: A Novel, John O'Hara; Monday the Robbi Took Off, Harry Kelmans; Natives of May, Person: A Novel, George Lammie; Bring Me a Unicorn: Diaries & Letters, Anne Morrow Lindbergh; D. H. Lawrence in Toos, Joseph Foster; Jazz Masters of the 30's, Rex Stewart; Your Money or Your Life, Richard Kinnis, M.D.; The Friends of Eddie Coyle, George V. Higgins; All My Friends Are Going to Be Strangers: A Novel, Larry McMurtry; The Boys of Summer, Roger Kahn; Newspaper Story: One Hundred Years of The Boston Globe, Louis A. Lyons; The Muscovites: A Novel, Allison MacLeod; Teacher and Child: A Book for Parents and Teachers, Dr. Holm G. Ginn; Canyon: The Story of the Last Rustic Community in Metropolitan America, John van der Zee; Fortune Made Via Sword: A Novel, Martha Rothbart; Relations in Public: Microstudies of the Public Order, Erving Goffman; The Impossible Dream: The Building of the Panama Canal, Ion Camerun; The Chinese Art of Healing, Stephen Potos; The Towers of Silence: A Novel, Paul Scott; Free Schools, Jonathan Kozol; Happy Ending, Elizabeth Savage; Meyer Weisgal; So Far: An Autobiography, Meyer Weisgal; How to Pay Less for Life Insurance, Max Fogel, Ph.D.; The Hinderburg, Michael A. Koenig; The Word, Irving Wallace; Citizen Nader, Charles McCarty; In the Reign of Peace, Hugh Nissenson; The Charisma Campaigns, Jack Matthews; Memoirs of Hope: Renewal and Endeavor, Charles de Gaulle; The Game of the Foxes, Loides Forgo; From the Roof of Africa, C. W. Nicol; Ladies of the Avenue, Patricia E. Tierney.



The almost idle uptown recreation center in Hoboken.

Vitale Says Recreation Center Can and Should Be Repaired

Hoboken's Uptown Recreation Center at 12th Street and Willow Avenue is almost idle in the midst of a teeming tenement population of large families. Why? The principal floor of the building is unfit for use, because the roof leaks and it needs other major repairs.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, under whose jurisdiction the center operates — or doesn't operate — reacted strongly today to the news that

there is little likelihood of funds being available to renovate the building in the near future.

"If there is any money for recreation at all," Vitale declared, "why not use it to fix up this center? I'm maintaining it anyway — the heat, electricity, gas and water — so why not get some use out of it?"

"If it is said that this is an old building, too run down to bother with, then some of the other old city buildings ought to be abandoned too. I say this center can be repaired."

Vitale said the unused floor could accommodate a volleyball court, pingpong tables and other recreation facilities to attract neighborhood children to the center.

Mayor DePascale has said that if the city receives federal money through a joint application Hoboken has made with Jersey City, he would consider using some of it to renovate the Uptown Center so as to get more use out of it.

But the mayor added that he was not very hopeful.



RED CROSS MONTH — Mayor Louis DePascale, of Hoboken, completes arrangements for Red Cross drive with Maurice Stack, left, Hoboken division chairman, and Margaret Mary Sherwood, Jersey Journal Woman of Achievement, and 1972 fund chairman. Hoboken fund goal is \$10,000.



INSTALLATION DINNER — Fred Mascola, right, new president of the Maria SS Di Montevergne Society, Hoboken, joins his auxiliary counterpart Mary Sparano, at the group's installation dinner with Mayor Louis DePascale, second from right, and Charles De Fazio.

DePascale 'Straightens Out' Aide Milan on His Problems

At long last, Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale and his confidential aide on Puerto Rican affairs, Pedro Milan, have met — but Milan won't say what happened at the meeting.

Milan would give no explanation for his silence, asking only that his reaction to any problems he may wish to tackle, whether it be in the area of housing or employment. He has his own area of responsibility, and he doesn't have to feel that

residents in getting jobs or housing.

In contrast, DePascale was quite free in his comments on the talk with his aide. "It was just a problem of communication," the mayor said. "Now I think we're straightened out."

"I give Mr. Milan carte blanche with regard to any problems he may wish to tackle, whether it be in the area of housing or employment. He has his own area of responsibility, and he doesn't have to feel that

he has to check in and out with me."

"I appointed him with the understanding that business was not to come to him, but, rather, that he was to go out and find it himself," he concluded.

Milan, reached yesterday by a reporter at his office on the second floor of the City Hall, was discovered to be quite busy with Puerto Rican clients during the morning and he requested that he be given a day to ponder what sort of statement he would make.

Board Cuts Another \$20,000 From Hoboken School Budget

Another \$20,000 has been pared from the Hoboken Board of Education budget as directed by the school board, Thomas Gallo, secretary to the board of education, said today.

Gallo said the additional cuts were made on equipment and repairs. The announcement marked the final step in a pruning process that has loped off \$346,780 from the proposed school budget.

The biggest cuts came two weeks ago when \$246,780 was cut in salaries and wages; \$50,000 from other expenses; and \$40,000 for a proposed mini-center.

The cuts amount to nearly \$100,000 more than the reductions originally proposed by the Board of School Estimate at its last meeting on Feb. 15.

Hoboken taxpayers can expect to save about \$3 in their tax rate as a result of the paring done by the school board.

Although \$80,000 of the additional \$100,000 budget cut was made in salaries and wages, Mayor Louis DePascale, chairman of the Board of School Estimate, has said it will not result in the dismissal of any teacher or affect the pay they are now getting.

"We hope to save the \$80,000 through attrition," DePascale has said.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCERS—Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale dances with his wife, Mary, while his son Paul dances with his wife, Mary, last night at the Mayor's St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance in the Union Club, Hoboken. Political observers say the event was the kickoff of the mayor's campaign for reelection next year.

1,500 Attend DePascale's Party

Mayor in Left Field, But...

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, who apparently stands as a one man minority bloc on the city council, last night found the underdog position a favorite with local residents. Some 1,500 persons packed the Union Club to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the mayor and his wife, Mary.

Despite the weather and only one week's notice the free corned beef and beer party drew such a turnout that DePascale remarked, "a week alone, but this turnout proves I am not alone."

Persons close to the political scene frequently remarked that the size of the crowd was far above expectations. "I'm overwhelmed by this support," DePascale said, "it will spur me on by showing me that the people are on my side because they know I've been on their side."

Attending the affair were Hudson Assemblymen Chris

Jackson and Silvio Failla, Hoboken Board of Education President Melvin Christie and Sister Grace Frances, executive director of St. Mary Hospital. Also attending were James Quinn, city Democratic chairman and Edward McLaughlin, Sixth Ward councilman.

Quinn, who holds the support of the council majority bloc opposing DePascale, would only say, "I'm here as a person and because I was invited."

DePascale simply said, "I've got nothing against him and he's got nothing against me."

No Announcement

Although DePascale gave a short address thanking persons for attending, he made no announcement of any running mates in next May's municipal election.

Earlier in the day, he had issued a statement denying a

report that New York Daily News reporter Donald Singleton was being considered as a possible running mate for councilman-at-large.

"Ridiculous," DePascale said, "such thoughts are apparently promoted by immature minds. The man is a newcomer to the city. I've never entertained any such thoughts of Mr. Singleton."

Singleton, who recently bought a home at 928 Bloomfield st., was equally surprised at the report and, equally not interested.

"I am, of course, flattered to hear that Mayor DePascale might have my name under consideration as a possible candidate for public office," he said, "I was just as flattered when Councilman Steve Cappiello reportedly urged my appointment to the board of education. However, my commitment at home and at work is such at this time that it would not be possible for me to do justice to any task so difficult and so important."

DePascale Not Giving Up on Judge

"I still feel that Maurice Gottlieb will become a county judge," Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale declared today in the wake of Gov. William T. Cahill's nomination of James J. Dowden of Jersey City for a vacant seat on the Hudson County Court bench.

Asked if he felt the Hudson County Democratic leadership under State Sen. William Kelly had let him down in apparently allowing Hoboken patronage to be diverted to Jersey City, the mayor replied: "Absolutely not."

He explained that he had "no reason to believe" Kelly had submitted Dowden's name to Cahill.

"I don't know that that's so at all," he said, alluding to the possibility of Dowden's recommendation by Kelly. "That's never been stated. In fact, I doubt it very much."

"The name I had submitted to Sen. Kelly was Mr. Gottlieb's, and the senator assured me that this was the recommendation he had made. I still feel that the county Democratic organization

of which I am a part will accept the recommendation I have made and this will be done shortly, I hope."

Questioned on who could have submitted Dowden's name to Cahill, DePascale had this to say: "Mr. Dowden is completely foreign to me. I have no idea where Dowden's name came from. I have no idea what happens outside Hoboken."

The mayor said he had made no personal recommendations to the governor or anyone in his staff and that he had gone

through "the regular Democratic party channels."

DePascale concluded: "The Democratic party has traditionally allocated positions on the basis of geographic and population factors and Hoboken has always been included. Moreover, the Hoboken Lawyers' Association adopted a resolution a few short weeks ago unanimously endorsing Mr. Gottlieb for the position—and that's an organization completely independent of politics."

DePascale Laughs Off Rumors on '73 Ticket

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale said today that the list of five prospective 1973 running mates of his, reported in another newspaper, is "a dispatch from fantasyland."

The mayor declared the report that he was considering them as candidates for councilman-at-large was "absolutely ridiculous and without foundation." He added that he had never spoken to any of the five and that the mention of their names was "mere speculation."

Two of the five, Assemblyman Silvio Failla and Justo Della Torre, a local insurance agent, have denied any contact with DePascale in this connection.

The mayor said, "I'm not about to make any political announcements now or in the near future. And even if I did, I wouldn't make them 15 months in advance—that would be plain bad politics."

Alluding to the attendance at the St. Patrick's Day party held at the Union Club under his

sponsorship, the mayor said: "This affair has indirectly cleared the air of the misapprehension created by a certain newspaper that I'm alone (politically). That fact may disappoint a lot of people, but I'm overwhelmingly pleased by this booster enthusiasm."

DePascale went on to say: "I have not discussed publicly any candidates for selection as running mates. Asked if he had ever considered running with any of the five men cited in the

article, the mayor said: "Not even by inference do they relate to me. In fact, as things develop I might even run by myself."

"Hopefully," concluded DePascale, "all of the people in Hoboken and not just certain groups will be satisfied by the decision I will ultimately make."

Asked when that decision would be made, the mayor replied simply: "1973."

Failla, who said he had never been approached by the mayor about running with him next

year, insisted that he had "no aspirations" for the council post and that he was "getting too old for that."

Asked if he thought he would make a good candidate, he said: "That's not for me to say. It's a job for someone with the time and ability. Having been sick and now, being busy with the assembly, I'm afraid you'd have to rule me out."

Della Torre, asked if he would run with the mayor, said: "At this present time I don't know."

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Grogan Tower Design Near Completion

As Hoboken's parking authority prepared to open bids Thursday on three parking garages for 1,900 cars at the proposed Grogan Marine View Plaza, the project's developers announced that the designs for a 25-story glass-enclosed commercial tower are 80 per cent completed.

The tower and one parking garage for 700 cars are planned for the block bounded by 1st, 2nd, Hudson and River streets.

Joseph Comporetto, of the firm of Comporetto and Kenny, architects for the entire project, said:

"Present plans of the developers are to construct the first two apartment buildings (385 units) and a garage structure (540 cars), on the first parcel of land between Third and Fourth Streets with the additional two apartment buildings on Second and Third Streets to start within a six-month period. The two housing units will flank the multi-story garage and become interconnected by bridges at both ends, thereby creating a homogeneous effect of housing, parking, open land area and recreation activities as one entity."

"The formation of the Parking Authority, an autonomous body, will greatly aid the community and viability of the total project. It will, through the construction of the three garages, provide the necessary parking facilities so desperately needed by the surrounding residential and business communities as well as the new project, at a much lower interest rate than private toilet facilities, play areas for young and older children, open landscaped walkway and seating area commanding a dramatic view of the Hudson River and the City of New York."

"Each apartment building will be set back from the property line, enveloped with a landscape concrete terrace meeting the street level commercial space (available for stores, large and small) to service the tenants and community. The open buffer strip between each structure and the garages will become a landscaped island to be used for walkways, seating, and an off-street driveway for deliveries, moving, etc."

"Each building is the ultimate in modern design with expansive window sills (column to column) allowing the occupants to have an unobstructed view of the River from Staten Island to the Tappan Zee Bridge and the magnificent skyline of New York City. It comprises 25 typical floors featuring four (two-bedroom—corner apartments with balconies (384 units per project), two (two-bedroom) interior apartments (190 units per project), one (three-bedroom) apartment (92 units per project), one (one-bedroom) apartment (100 units per project) on each floor."

"The terrace at street level is devoted to commercial use with store front entrances and glass display panels with accessibility to the tenants and public."

"The plans specify all electric kitchens, all electric heating and air conditioning units with individual controls in each room, double glazed windows, insulated exterior walls, in-house intercom security system at entrance vestibule, appointed terrazzo lobbies, three high speed elevators, disposal compactors in lieu of the pollution creating type incinerator, laundry rooms with toilet facilities, community rooms, bicycle and carriage rooms, tenant storage rooms, after door deliveries plus many important items essential to modern living."

"The block between First and Second street has been designed to erect a high-rise 25 story glass enclosed commercial tower of approximately 250,000 square feet and an adjoining garage for 700 cars. Architectural Engineering plans for this development are approximately 80 per cent complete and negotiations are presently underway with financial institutions for the interim financing an permanent mortgage."

"The garage unit to be constructed on this block is presently out for bids. The roof of the garage was designed to be level with the roof of the base of the tower to form an integral Recreational Plaza, 60 feet above grade, featuring a restaurant, cocktail lounge, reflecting pool and fountain, landscaped walkways and seating facilities. They will be interconnected by

financing ever could. By accomplishing this, it will generate income to the city and, most important, relieve the city of its financial burden of having to raise approximately \$1,500,000 through taxes as its one quarter contribution required by the Urban Renewal program. The Authority, acting as sponsors for this work, help

keep the apartment rentals lower by the savings in construction cost for the apartment units. The Parking Authority released in January 1972, the completed Architectural Engineering plans and specifications for and soliciting of bid proposals from accredited contractors. Bids will be received on March 16, 1972.

"An important feature of the development's plan is the interconnecting of the garage roofs and the apartment buildings by means of bridges, 60 feet above the street level."

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Joint Panel To Push Aid For Jobless

Jersey City and Hoboken soon will name a joint committee to formulate plans for drawing millions in federal money to reduce unemployment, Abraham Wallach, Jersey City director of planning, announced today.

After both cities were officially qualified yesterday for federal aid from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), Wallach predicted that Jersey City would need "several million dollars" in government money "if we're going to significantly make an impact in reducing unemployment in Jersey City."

But the amount of federal money will hinge on matching local funds, which Wallach hopes will come mainly from private industry.

The planner said Jersey City was looking to use EDA grants for construction of roads and sewers and landfill operations on potential industrial sites on the city's waterfront, as well as improvements to roads and sewers in industrial areas of the Downtown, Marion and Hudson City sections of the city.

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale said: "I've been trying for years to get approval from the federal government. This is one of the greatest things that has happened to the city of Hoboken."

"I congratulate Mayor Jordan on his foresight in joining Hoboken in this application," he added.

Asked what the funds would be used for, DePascale said: "By virtue of the monies' designation, the funds will go for higher

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priorities in federal subsidization to produce employment for Hoboken residents."

He said the money would go into public works projects and waterfront and industrial development. He predicted it would be a big boost for the former Holland-American line piers and Todd's Shipyards property.

"With the acquisition of these funds," DePascale concluded, "Hoboken will definitely be a model city, and a super city."

The program's goals, said Wallach, are to provide immediate jobs for the unemployed as well as to prepare sites for industries that will bring jobs to the city.

It would be in the interest of industry to help defray the cost, he explained, because companies would be paying only half of the normal costs of preparing sites or improving existing roads and sewers that serve their facilities.

In addition to the public works projects, the EDA act provides for low-interest loans to develop industrial plants and to purchase equipment for plants in the city.

Wallach said the committee to be named would include a "broad range of economic interests" and persons involved in industry "on a day-to-day basis."

These will include representatives of business groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and industries as well as bank officials and city officials, he explained.

The members will be charged with evolving an "overall economic development program" to submit to the federal administration.

Jersey City has a program developed several years ago which must be updated, he said.

Wallach predicted that it would be a few months before people are on the job on the federal projects and added that many firms had expressed an interest in locating in Jersey City "if good sites are available."

"It is hard to find good flat sites," he said. "Now we have one large area (on the city's waterfront) . . . which is a point where they could locate. But they need streets and sewers."

He also stated that the work would benefit residential areas near industrial sites.

Jersey City and Hoboken were designated for aid under the EDA program because of their high rates of unemployment and because half of the county's population lives in the two cities.

According to Wallach, latest figures list Jersey City's unemployment rate as 8.4 per cent and Hoboken's as over 9 per cent.

Wallach was notified that the two cities joint application had been approved yesterday by Thomas Francis, director of the federal Office of Development Organization, an arm of the EDA.

A number of special displays will be featured at the Hoboken Public Library next week in observance of National Library Week, April 16-22, Lucille Cunningham, library director, said today.

Book displays will be featured in both the adult and juvenile departments alerting library

users to the wealth of knowledge that is available to them through books.

Special story hours have been scheduled for youngsters, including pre-school children, using see-and-hear story records. The story hours will be held daily, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The library will also be visited by a number of special tours of first, second and third graders from the public schools.

Miss Cunningham said the library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Saturdays the doors close at 1 p.m.

DePascale, Councilmen Present 375 Attend McLaughlin Even

An estimated 375 guests attended the Saturday night dinner-dance sponsored by Sixth Ward Councilman Edward McLaughlin Assn. They included Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale and Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello who were seated at the head table with standard bearer McLaughlin.

McLaughlin the lone independent member of Hoboken's nine member council, who reportedly will run for mayor in that city's election in May of next year, said he was more than pleased with the turnout of members and guests at the \$25 a couple banquet.

Also included among Hoboken officials at the affair were Councilmen Bernardi Scrivani, Martin J. Brennan and Anthony Romano, with Public Works Director Rafael Vitale.

They were joined at the head table by Union City Public Works Director Harry Calandrello and Lee Marotta, campaign manager for the Project '70 movement in Union City.

Other dignitaries at the head table included Iggy DePalma, president of the McLaughlin Assn., with his fellow club officers Mario Mattessich, Joseph McLaughlin, Thomas Cooney Sr., Thomas Cooney Jr., and master of ceremonies Don Clark of Jersey City.

The affair was devoid of political speeches. McLaughlin explained the presence of Mayor DePascale at the affair by saying, "I was invited to his St. Patrick Day party on Friday and I attended. So I decided to invite him to our affair, and he attended. That's all there is to it."

Among the guests were members of the Hoboken-Young Democratic Club headed by President James Furina. They are recognized as supporters of Mayor

DePascale in the city's present political unrest.

He was invited. Absent from the event was Hoboken City Democratic Chairman James F. Quinn, who the previous night was present at Mayor DePascale's St. Patrick Day party in the same Union Club barroom. Although Quinn is reportedly at political odds with DePascale, McLaughlin is a registered Democrat.

Asked why Quinn was not present, McLaughlin said, "He was invited. I don't know why he hadn't joined other Sixth Ward Democrats."

It was also evident that McLaughlin's affair was not politically attractive to representatives of the Hoboken police and fire departments. McLaughlin was the independent member of the city council who advocated the cut of \$1 million from DePascale's \$12 million 1972 budget.

Asked about the 375 guests at his affair as compared to Mayor DePascale's more than 1,000 guests the previous night, McLaughlin said, "Let's face it. My affair is \$25 a couple for members and their guests. DePascale's party was

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a St. Patrick's Day celebration free of charge to the public."

McLaughlin, who finds himself in a technical position of being the Sixth Ward councilman, but a actually living in the Third Ward as a result of a recent ward redistricting, was asked about his plans for 1973.

He said, "Let's say I am indebted and loyal to all those Sixth Ward voters who elected me to office in May, 1971, and I intend to honor that loyalty for the tenure of my four-year term."

McLaughlin said, "Not to be corny, I was elected by the people, and I intend to be for the people regardless of the disputes between elected officials on the Hoboken City council."

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