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IN ELIZABETH—Community Affairs Commissioner Paul N. Ylvisaker (left) joins Elizabeth Mayor Thomas G. Dunn (center) and Rep. Cornelius J. Gallagher in dedication ceremonies for city's Elizabethport "Little City Hall."

Seven Communities Will Receive \$243,000 Via Department's State Model Cities Plan

Seven New Jersey cities have been named to receive \$243,000 under the State Model Cities Program of the Department of Community Affairs.

The cities and their State allocations are: Jersey City (\$45,000), Camden (\$43,000), East Orange (\$40,000), Atlantic City (\$36,000), Perth Amboy (\$34,000), Orange (\$27,000) and Hoboken (\$18,000). The funds, which were allocated by the Department late last month, will help the communities develop coordinated programs to combat problems of slum neighborhoods.

The Department has set aside \$250,000 in state funds to finance the grants and is considering adding to this amount from its state aid appropriations. Among other communities taking part in discussions of the State Model Cities Program are Newark and Trenton, which were designated along with Hoboken to receive federal funds, and Paterson, New Brunswick, Plainfield and

Cape May City, which have expressed interest in entering the second round of the Federal Model Cities program.

Deputy Community Affairs Commissioner Joel H. Sterns, who announced the allocations, said the funds would "enable Hoboken to accelerate its Model City program and improve the chances of the six other communities to share in an additional \$12 million in federal Model Cities planning grants, which will be available sometime next year."

He said, "But even if there were no federal aid involved, the Model Cities program would be a worthwhile effort for the State. It requires a kind of coordinated programming that makes sense in attacking the problems of communities of all sizes and in all areas. Eventually, all communities will be doing it."

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Marlboro Township Is Asked To Improve Municipal Services

The Department of Community Affairs has recommended major changes in the administrative operations of Marlboro Township (Monmouth County) to help the community improve municipal services and prepare for future growth.

The recommendations are included in a special 30-page report entitled "Looking Ahead With Marlboro," prepared by the Department's Office of Community Services at the request of Marlboro officials. The report, which was first presented to Mayor Walter Grubb, was released recently by John W. Gleeson, director of the Office of Community Services.

"New Jersey is full of communities that failed to act in time to shape their futures the way they would like to have them, and they are defaced with ugly urban sprawl and all of its attendant problems," the report says. "Poised as it is, at the threshold of rapid growth, there is still time for Marlboro to determine what kind of community it would like to be and work to that objective."

Gleeson said the report was completed at no cost to Marlboro after a two-month study of the township's current administrative system by Kennedy Shaw, business administrator of East Brunswick, who served as a temporary Department consultant under the Community Affairs Municipal Interchange program, and Jack Scott, a community service officer for the Community Affairs Department. The Department reimbursed East Brunswick for Shaw's time in Marlboro.

The report is designed to help Marlboro adapt its government operations to meet expected population increases and the problems that

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Department Is Seeking Recruits For Community Intern Program; Application Deadline: March 1

Community Affairs Commissioner Paul N. Ylvisaker has announced the opening of recruitment for the Department's Summer 1968 government intern program.

The program, known as Interns in Community Service, is designed to attract qualified undergraduate and graduate students to careers in government or public affairs. It hires interns at regular Civil Service rates for jobs in municipal, county and state governments, in local community action (antipoverty) organizations and in some private agencies.

Ylvisaker said this summer's program would parallel the pilot intern program launched by the Department during the summer of 1967. That project, which Ylvisaker hailed as an "outstanding success," was the first of its kind in the country. He said its success prompted the Department to experiment with a limited version during the current academic year and to continue the summer phase.

The deadline for submitting applications for this summer's program is March 1. Selections will be announced in April.

Ylvisaker said the Department hopes to employ as many as 125 interns this summer — an increase of 45 over last summer's program.

"This summer's program, similar to the pilot project, will again emphasize solid job assignments that will challenge the interests and talents of our younger generation," Ylvisaker said. "Also, an effort will be made to attract some of this State's and the country's outstanding and outspoken leaders to exchange ideas with our interns in special seminars."

The 11-week program, scheduled to begin in late June and end in early September, will be administered by Donald B. Edwards, director of recruitment and training for the Department's Office of Community Services.

Edwards said each applicant would be required to of academic achievement, interest and involvement in community issues, faculty recommendations and intent to pursue careers in government or public service.

Edwards said, each applicant would be required to submit an essay of not more than 1,000 words presenting individual solutions to some critical community problem. As in last summer's program, preference will be given to New Jersey residents, to students attending New Jersey colleges and universities and to students with two or more years of college.

Interns will work a regular 40-hour week, earning salaries ranging from \$1.75 an hour for college freshmen to \$3.00 an hour for graduate students.

Interns selected will work in local administration, planning and engineering, community relations, municipal law practice, health, welfare, manpower development, Federal grant coordination, local finance, anti-poverty activities and in state and local Model Cities

projects. In addition, some will work in private non-profit agencies dealing with community services, such as local housing corporations, citizen planning groups or social service organizations.

Edwards said all local and county governments, as well as other interested semi-public or private agencies, are asked to make jobs available to interns. Each sponsor will be required to delineate job responsibilities, assign a qualified professional to supervise the intern's work, and participate in intern seminars, conferences, and training programs.

Students interested in applying for an internship should write for an application to: Mr. Donald B. Edwards, director, Recruitment and Training, Office of Community Services, Department of Community Affairs, Box 2768, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. In a short time, applications also will be available at all New Jersey colleges and universities.

Hotels, Garden & Multiple Units Urged To Register With State

The Department of Community Affairs has urged owners of hotels and multiple dwellings containing six or more units to register with its Bureau of Housing Inspection.

Such registration, required by the Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Health and Safety Law of 1967, includes owners of newly constructed or purchased units and garden apartments.

Cooperation by owners in the registration drive will be sought before the Department institutes a system of penalties. Applications for registration are available from the Bureau of Housing Inspection, 1100 Raymond Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

Secretary Weaver To Address 11th State Planning Conference

The Eleventh Annual State Planning Conference will be held February 6 at the Hotel Berkeley-Carteret in Asbury Park. The theme for the day-long meeting is "The Role of the City and Suburb in Urban Development."

The conference is co-sponsored by the Division of State and Regional Planning of the Department of Community Affairs, and the New Jersey Federation of Planning Officials.

Robert C. Weaver, secretary of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is scheduled to give the principal address at the morning session, beginning at 10 a.m. Weaver is a well-known economist, educator, author and specialist on labor, urban renewal and housing.

Samuel P. Owen, federation president, will give the conference welcoming speech. Community Affairs Commissioner Paul N. Ylvisaker will serve as moderator.

Governor Richard J. Hughes will be the featured speaker at the luncheon session, to be followed by two panel sessions and two round table discussions.

Housing Grants Totaling \$68,900 Awarded To Camden Group And Atlantic City CAP

The Department of Community Affairs last month awarded two housing demonstration grants totaling \$68,900 to local agencies in Camden and Atlantic City.

One grant, for \$39,000, went to the Camden Housing Improvement Projects (CHIP), a non-profit corporation set up by five private enterprises with headquarters in Camden. The grant will help CHIP to develop a model for large-scale property acquisition, housing rehabilitation and resale to low-income families.

The other grant, amounting to \$29,000, went to Atlantic Human Resources, the antipoverty agency for Atlantic and Cape May Counties, to help it conduct a program encouraging voluntary housing improvements in Atlantic City's low-income area.

Funds for both grants come from the Department's Housing Development and Demonstration Grant Fund, administered by the State Housing Finance Agency.

Thomas V. Seesseel, HFA director, said the Camden grant will pay for the administrative costs of the CHIP project and allow the non-profit group to rehabilitate a minimum of 100 houses within a year, primarily in the North Camden area, using its own \$100,000 revolving fund.

This fund was established through \$20,000 loans from each of the five participants in CHIP: the Campbell Soup Company, Radio Corporation of America, Dorrance Foundation, First Camden National Bank and Trust Company and Camden Trust Company. Monies will be returned to the fund through sale of the houses to people who obtain low-interest Federal Housing Administration mortgages.

William H. Bell Jr., president of CHIP, said the grant will enable the non-profit corporation to keep its resale prices for housing low during the first year of operation when overhead per unit would necessarily be high.

"We are confident now that we will meet our original goal of providing a low-income family with clean and decent housing at a monthly outgo of about \$55 to \$65 for principal, interest, taxes and insurance," said Bell, who is president of the First Camden National Bank and Trust Company.

Seessel said, "CHIP is an outstanding example of what private enterprise can do in dealing with urban problems. It is a pioneering

effort in what we hope becomes a major, statewide trend."

In addition to the major rehabilitation project, CHIP is also offering technical assistance to other non-profit housing corporations that wish to build or rehabilitate housing for low-income families.

The Atlantic City grant, administered by AHR, will pay the salaries of five non-professional housing agents drawn from the city's ghetto area, who will participate in a program designed to encourage voluntary housing improvements in Atlantic City's low-income area.



KEY TO FUTURE—Thomas V. Seesseel (right), director of the New Jersey State Housing Finance Agency (HFA), and the Rev. J. Allen Nimmo, president, Interfaith Interracial Council of the Clergy of Camden, open door to first of 50 houses to be rehabilitated in North Camden neighborhood through cooperation of IICC and Department of Community Affairs.

Out-of-State Experts Get Helicopter View Of N. Jersey Marsh

Community Affairs Commissioner Paul N. Ylvisaker hosted a day-long meeting earlier this month of 14 out-of-state urban affairs experts planning to build an "experimental city" in Minnesota.

The experts are members of the steering committee of the Experimental City Project, which is attempting to develop in Minnesota the nation's first "experimental city" — one that would use the most advanced physical and social science planning and modern technology. The project, announced by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey in February, 1967, operates from the University of Minnesota under a Federal grant.

The experts joined Ylvisaker on helicopter tours of the Hackensack Meadowlands, following a briefing by the Commissioner. The tours were arranged by Ylvisaker at the request of the committee, which is interested in learning more about New Jersey's efforts to develop the vast vacant North Jersey marshlands.

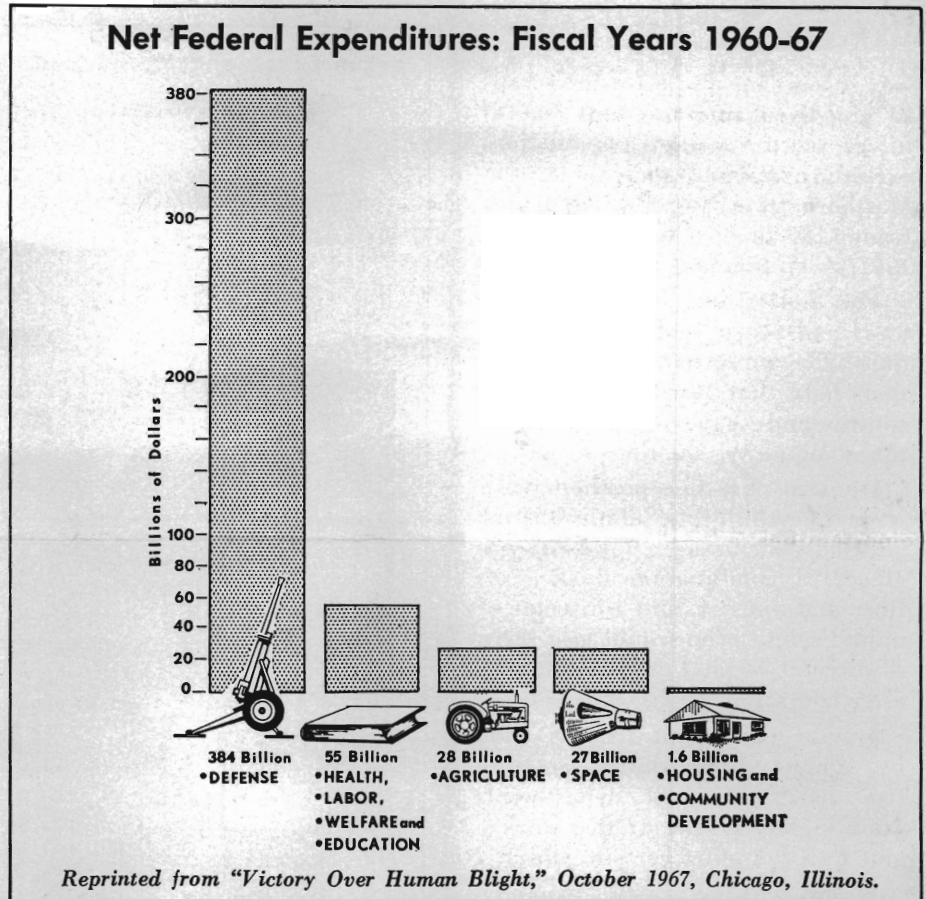
Two helicopters, supplied by the Port of New York Authority, took the experts on four half-hour tours, embarking from the heliport located at the Hudson River and West 30th Street in Manhattan.

In the afternoon, Ylvisaker and the committee held a special meeting to discuss new approaches to the human and social problems in a "new city" environment. Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, executive director of the Metropolitan Applied Research Center of New York, was the featured speaker.

Present at the meeting were representatives of both Princeton and Rutgers University, and of other public-private organizations in the State.

Later, the committee conducted its regular monthly business meeting and participated in an urban seminar with graduate students of the Woodrow Wilson School.

Ylvisaker said the Experimental



City Project, which is now in its initial research phase, plans to begin construction by the late 1970s. The group includes members from all facets of community life.

Under consideration by the project is a proposal to encase its new city in three huge domes that would shield it from the elements and permit city-wide air conditioning and heating. Another would concentrate all municipal utilities and transportation facilities in underground tunnels.

Among the committee members present at the meeting were:

Dr. Malcolm C. Moos, president, University of Minnesota; Professor Walter M. Beattie, Dean, School of Social Work, Syracuse University; Professor James C. Cain, professor of internal medicine, the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.; Mr. Max L. Feldman, Center for Advanced Studies; Mr. Athelstan Spilhaus, Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Penna.; Dr. Roger Revelle, director, Center for Population Studies, Harvard University.

Department Seeking \$24.6 Million Budget

The Department of Community Affairs this month submitted a budget request of \$24.65 million to the State Budget Bureau for the 1968-69 fiscal year.

Of this amount, the Department proposes to return \$20.9 million — 85 per cent — to the state's communities in the form of assistance programs. The remaining 15 per cent of the proposed budget, \$3.75 million, would be used to operate the Department's present six divisions.

The increase of the proposed budget over the Department's current state appropriation of \$5,784,763, which included \$3.2 million in state assistance to local communities and \$2.5 million to run the Department, is necessary if the Department is to carry out the job it was created and authorized to do, Community Affairs Commissioner Paul N. Ylvisaker said in announcing the budget.

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will accompany the township's rapid growth during the next ten to fifteen years. Marlboro's population, excluding resident patients of the Marlboro State Hospital, has grown from 4,508 in 1960 to 6,360 in July, 1967 — an increase of 41 per cent.

The report sets forth 10 short-term and seven long-range suggestions. The immediate recommendations hold that Marlboro, if it is to control and shape development of the community, should:

▶replace part-time positions with several new full-time administrative positions, including a township engineer, a combination finance officer and assessor, and a director of public safety, who would also serve as director of civil defense and disaster control;

▶revise the administrative code by, among other things, creating two new municipal departments (public safety and public works) and by combining certain jobs;

▶begin building a new "expandable" municipal building by 1969 on a centrally-located, 15-20 acre civic center site that would eventually house all municipal government operations, including the board of education, police, and fire departments; and

▶adopt a state or national building code and the State Housing Code to replace the present "inadequate" municipal code and to make the township eligible for federal aid programs.

Among the other short-term recommendations were proposals that Marlboro immediately seek financial aid under the Community Affairs Department's continuing planning program and seek a recreation survey of the community by the State Department of Conservation and Economic Development. Under the planning program, the State pays up to \$3,000 a year, over a six-year period, for professional planning assistance to municipalities.

"Through the municipal interchange program, our Department was able to respond quickly to



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NEWARK GROUNDBREAKING—Community Affairs Commissioner Paul N. Ylvisaker (third from left) and local officials at groundbreaking for \$4.2 million, 270-unit middle-income garden apartments, to be financed by the State Housing Finance Agency. From left, Jack Parker, developer; Orville E. Beal, president, Prudential Insurance Co., sponsor; Ylvisaker and Newark Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio.

Marlboro's call for assistance by providing a local expert from a neighboring town with the same form of government, which has undergone enormous growth in the past ten years," Gleeson said. "With Shaw's assistance, this report was researched and completed in just two months and at no cost to Marlboro or East Brunswick."

The long-range proposals include recommendations that Marlboro: seek a federal, interest-free loan to make a topographic map of the community and to undertake an over-all drainage survey; codify all

municipal ordinances; conduct an engineering and financial study to help set up a sound water and sewer utility operation; support recent efforts to establish a county, rather than local, health department; and plan a municipal park system.

In an editorial on December 18, *The Daily Register* of Red Bank said the Community Affairs Department's report on Marlboro "sums up the township's recent history pretty well — particularly in the area of conflict. It also contains sound advice every township resident should read."

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HUD recently awarded \$11 million in Model Cities planning grants to 63 urban communities throughout the nation, including Hoboken, Newark and Trenton. By next spring, HUD is expected to award an additional \$12 million in second-round planning grants to communities that did not receive first-round grants.

Within nine months, HUD will award to the 63 communities designated for first-round grants an additional \$300 million in "execution" money to carry out their plans.

Sterns said the Department's Office of Community Services, which helped most of the New Jersey communities prepare Model Cities applications, would continue to provide technical assistance upon request. In addition, the Office will provide assistance to communities that intend to file initial applications for federal grants during the second round.

Hoboken will use the \$18,000 state allocation to cover the yearly salary of its Model Cities project director, allowing it to use more of its \$99,000 federal Model Cities grant for other portions of the program. In the other six communities, the money will pay for Model Cities directors and one or two staff members with experience or education in urban development. They will be seeking persons with ability in physical planning, social or human resources planning, and econ-

State Model Cities Box Score

CITY	STATE GRANT	LOCAL SHARE	FEDERAL GRANT REQUEST	POPULATION
Jersey City	\$ 45,000	\$ 4,500	\$147,438	271,000
Camden	\$ 43,000	\$ 4,300	\$159,008	117,000
East Orange	\$ 40,000	\$ 4,000	\$120,397	78,000
Atlantic City	\$ 36,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 66,808	62,000
Perth Amboy	\$ 34,000	\$ 3,400	\$105,952	40,000
Orange	\$ 27,000	\$ 2,700	\$ 77,427	35,000
Hoboken	\$ 18,000	\$ 1,800	\$ 99,000*	48,000
TOTAL:	\$243,000	\$24,300	\$776,030	

* Hoboken's request was approved.

omic manpower development.

Model Cities staff members will be recruited and selected by the individual cities, with the concurrence and approval of the Department.

John W. Gleeson, director of the Office of Community Services, said contracts between the Department and all seven cities are now being negotiated. Once the contract is signed, he said, each city will receive approximately one-fourth of its state grant total, with the remaining portion to be distributed monthly, following state approval of local progress reports.

In return, each city also will be required to provide a local share amounting to 10 per cent above its state grant. Gleeson said the local share would consist entirely of in-kind contributions, such as equipment, supplies, facilities, transportation and secretarial services. No cash contributions would be required, he said.

"Our Department will be looking to the cities to devise innovations to

streamline their administrative machinery and cut costs of municipal operation," Gleeson explained.

Campaign Promotes Safety Among Aged

A special statewide educational campaign to promote safety practices among elderly persons and those who live with them has been launched by the Division on Aging of the Department of Community Affairs.

The campaign, aimed at preventing injuries among elderly New Jerseyites during 1968, is jointly sponsored by the Division on Aging and the New Jersey State Safety Council. It will operate through the State's 11 Centers on Aging, local offices that dispense information about the aged.

The centers, established by local governments through Department-dispersed Federal grants, will direct preventive education campaigns at older people and at the community at large.

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