

Condemnation Notices Issued In Alexandria

More than 100 property owners were to receive Government condemnation notices distributed by G. Stuart Hamm, the deputy United States marshal, beginning yesterday for land in five blocks of the downtown section of Alexandria which is being taken over by the Federal Public Housing Authority for a 166-unit Negro housing development.

At the Federal Court in Alexandria it was announced yesterday that an order vesting title to the land in the Government as of Monday, July 24, signed by Judge C. C. Wyche, was received from Richmond and filed yesterday.

Must Vacate by August 8

Immediate Government possession of all unoccupied property was granted with the provision that occupants of dwellings must vacate by Tuesday, August 8, the 15-day period granted by the court. The deputy marshal was not expected to complete distribution of notices to owners before next Tuesday and as many are landlords and do not live at the addresses, a delay in getting orders to occupants was anticipated.

The condemnation in two sections on opposite sides of Washington st., the main thoroughfare through the downtown area, includes the following five blocks:

Three blocks in Section A bounded by, Oronoco, Royal, Princess and Pitt sts.; Pendleton, Royal, Oronoco and Pitt sts.; Wythe, Fairfax, Pendleton and Royal sts.; and two blocks in Section B bounded by, Patrick, Montgomery, Henry and First sts.; Henry, Madison, Montgomery and Patrick sts.

Bids Exceed Funds

The Negro housing development will be in four, six and eight-unit sections built of brick and cinder block. A community hall is planned for the northeast corner of Royal and Pendleton sts. Bids in excess of the \$716,000 available for the project have been received by the Alexandria Housing Authority as agent for the FPHA and the commissioners are now endeavoring to change the specifications or obtain additional funds to permit work to begin in the near future.

A total of \$134,082 has been placed on deposit at the District Court for purchase of the land. Among the principal owners out of more than 100 and the amounts allotted for purchase of their property by the Government are:

J. Zarim, \$17,435; Anna Ruben, \$6950; Honora Nalls, \$5750; Mrs. Martin D. Delaney, \$5375; Ella and Walter S. Smith, \$11,000; the Suburban Club Ginger Ale Co., \$10,500; Alexandria, Barcroft & Washington Transit Co., \$13,155; Donald McEococagum, \$3460; Beulah B. and Walter Herring, \$2400; Sarah C. and Alfred Collins, \$2250; Sadie Jone, \$2300; Thomas and Minnie Bonner, \$2650; Maggie M. Medley, \$2250; Janice Holmes, \$2725; Fannie L. Gray, \$1825.