

51 Alexandria Negro Families To Be Moved

The 51 Negro families now living in five blocks of the downtown section of Alexandria which has been condemned by the Government will be housed in the Federal Negro trailer camp which occupies two blocks on North Alfred st. between Madison and Montgomery sts., it was announced yesterday by John Y. Kerr, assistant director of the Alexandria Housing Authority.

The condemned property to which title is held by more than 100 owners was taken over by the Federal Public Housing Authority July 24. Occupants of the dwellings must vacate by August 8.

A decision on bids submitted for the construction of the 166-unit Negro war housing project planned for two sites in the east and west sections of the downtown neighborhood is expected to be made sometime next week as all 13 bids were above the \$716,000 available for the development, Kerr said.

The FPHA trailer camp established in June of last year as temporary housing for Negro workers at Fort Belvoir until civilian quarters could be provided for them on the military reservation, has a total of 64 trailers and it is anticipated that not all of the 51 families required to vacate the condemned property will require trailer accommodations, Kerr pointed out.

Applications for trailers are being received by the AHA at the office of the John Roberts Homes Housing Development on North West and Princess sts. Mrs. Frances Albert of the AHA and Miss Barbara Watkins, director of the War Housing Center in Alexandria, are advising the occupants on making the move.

Kerr said that while it may be necessary for some of the single persons to double up in trailers, if as is anticipated, there are extra trailers let over, they will be removed after August 8. The entire trailer camp is to be disbanded and the trailers taken away from Alexandria within six months after the Negro project is completed, he said.