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Urban Renewal:

What's It All About?

(Earl Newkirk, executive director of the city redevelopment agency, discusses urban renewal and redevelopment in these columns three times weekly. Suggestions, comments and queries are welcomed by the agency, whose office is in the city hall annex, 322 Church street, GA 6-0460.)

By Earl Newkirk

Today's column is once more devoted primarily to those living in the San Lorenzo park project. Once again we are receiving letters, phone calls, and inquiries at the office asking "When is moving time?" and, "For how much is our property appraised?"

With regard to the first question "When is moving time?" we can only repeat what we have said in these columns before . . . your redevelopment agency hopes to begin acquisition of properties in the San Lorenzo Park project sometime next spring, if we can stick to our present schedule.

And this "schedule," as you know, is conditioned by a lot of "ifs"; if the reuses contemplated for the project area prove marketable. By this we mean, for example, is there a "market" for a new hotel-convention center as proposed?

Is there, or will there be, a private redeveloper or developers interested in, and financially capable of building it? And what of the marketability of land for the proposed multi-family apartment type use proposed?

Will we be able to sell land for this purpose? We have told you of the firm of Dwight Merriam & Sons of San Francisco, whom your redevelopment agency has hired as the "reuse and marketability" appraisers . . . to help provide us with the answers to these questions.

Then there's the if concerning public hearings. If you and the majority of our fellow townspeople believe in what this project can do for the betterment of our entire community, such support should be shown at the two public hearings.

This is why we have urgently requested everyone to express support or lack thereof now. Your redevelopment agency is simply trying to do the job you hired us to do in the best way we know how.

If you believe the agency, the plans, anything should be altered at any time . . . let us know now. Don't wait for public hearings where delay may be more time consuming.

Any major change in the re-

development plan then will necessitate a "second round" of public hearings. And remember, that means not only changing the plans, but four weeks public notice of another hearing by the redevelopment agency and three weeks public notice of another hearing by the city council . . . plus the time consuming hearings themselves and adoption of the revised redevelopment plan.

Two more important ifs . . . if the city council approves the redevelopment plan and if the federal government approves the loan and capital grant to carry out the project.

Naturally, we will have made certain that the federal government will provide the "where-withal" to carry out the particular redevelopment plan we recommend before we ever present it to the city council.

These, then, are some of the major ifs definitely to be borne in mind by everyone of us when we try to "second guess" at a time schedule.

We'll talk about the second question, "For how much is property appraised?" in our next column.

Burma Wants Red Troops To Withdraw

Rangoon, Burma (P). — Burma today pressed Communist China to withdraw Red troops which military sources say have occupied about 1000 square miles of Burmese territory.

There were no reports of new advances. Clashes with Burmese forces and some casualties were said to have occurred when the Chinese units moved up to 60 miles at various points into Burma's northern territory.

A government spokesman said Burma was "seriously concerned" about the moves along the northeast border and had brought the situation to the attention of the Peiping government.

"Negotiations are now in progress with a view to the withdrawal of these Chinese troops to the Chinese side of the border," a foreign office statement said.

There was no accurate count of the strength of the Chinese force, but estimates here put the total at not less than 500 troops. Chinese patrols have crossed Burma's border in small numbers in the past, but have withdrawn after Burmese protests. The Chinese Communists have blamed these incidents on errors of local com-