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## Lamure Desires to Buy Park Lands

On March 6th Mr. Pierre Lamure petitioned the Board of Directors of the Homes Association to purchase for his own use lots E and F of Block 1350, Palos Verdes Homes Association Park Lands known as Apsley Vista. Presumably, he desires this park property to become part of his private holdings which surround the lots in question.

"Of course," said Mr. Lamure, "I will promise to beautify the property, abide by the Homes Association restrictions and will not build upon it, except, perhaps, a swimming pool this summer."

### NO ACTION BY BOARD

The Homes Association Board of Directors took no action on the matter other than to refer it to Mr. G. Brooks Snelgrove, manager, for investigation. In the opinion of the NEWS, the request should have been then and there flatly refused.

It is specifically stated in the deed given the Homes Association by the Bank of America, successor in interest to the Commonwealth Trust Company, that no part of Palos Verdes park lands shall be sold or conveyed by the Palos Verdes Homes Association, except: (1) Lot T of Tract 6886 for erection and maintenance of public schools, (2) a group of lots near and on the golf course for use as a double track railroad, (3) provision for the Bank of America to improve any or all lots for the benefit of Palos Verdes Estates, (4) use of a reasonable amount of land for water mains.

Now appears a somewhat astounding state of affairs. Mr. Lamure petitioned the board to sell him these public lands. No other than the Board of Directors of the Homes Association knows what action will be taken. Nevertheless, without the authority of the Homes Association or the Bank of America, Mr. Lamure has already erected a wall on the park land, has planted a lawn and generally landscaped the park to blend with the yard of his adjoining home.

### PARK ARGUMENT

It will be remembered that Mr. Lamure was chairman of the Committee for Incorporation into a city of the sixth class. It will be remembered that one of the principal arguments in the propaganda for incorporation, and distributed by this committee, was that by such incorporation the park lands of Palos Verdes Estates would be saved and perpetuated for the benefit of the residents and property owners of the Estates.

Now comes a resident, who was active in bringing about such incorporation, and seeks to acquire certain of these park lands for his own private use and benefit to the exclusion of the use and benefit of the various other residents and property owners of the Estates.

The NEWS has no particular quarrel with Mr. Lamure or anyone else who lives or owns property in Palos Verdes Estates. The fact remains, however, that should this petition be granted a dangerous precedent would be established. The NEWS recognizes that funds are needed. Throughout the campaign.

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paign for election the NEWS recognized that funds would be needed, and was fearful of what might happen. Its fears are already justified, but much sooner than it expected. If Mr. Lamure's application is granted or even considered, then Mr. Brown, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jones, Mr. Doe and Mr. Roe might in their turn appear before the Board of Directors and purchase the golf links, the swimming pool, the beach frontage and any and all others of the park lands which the formation of the city was to save for all time to come.

The issue may as well be joined now as any other time. In another column there is a demand that the Board of Directors of the Homes Association declare their specific intent as to the future of that organization.

These gentlemen have grave responsibilities toward some 5000 units of membership. These units of membership are scattered throughout the country. Whether they are of the value of five dollars, or five hundred thousand dollars, they are entitled to full protection of their every right. The NEWS cannot compel the Board of Directors to do, or not to do, anything. It can, and will, inform these men and women of the conduct of their affairs.