

# Army Housing Project Assured For Columbia

A defense housing project costing \$1,000,000 will be built here for enlisted men stationed at Fort Jackson and the government will purchase a land area of not less than 29 acres as a site. Sealed proposals on land offered as a location for the project will be opened here tomorrow. An advertisement elsewhere in The State today gives details.

An engineer representative of the Federal Work administration, Frank E. Ross, will be here within the next few days to start the purchase of the necessary land.

The Columbia Housing authority was praised yesterday afternoon by Fort Jackson officers for its efforts in pushing the project to a successful conclusion.

Proposals (sealed, and in duplicate) will be received up to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning by Mr. Ross. The proposals should be addressed to Mr. Ross, care of the postmaster, Columbia, S. C.

The proposals should state the price per acre, with the government reserving the right to buy part, or all of the land at the price stated. A separate price should be named for the improvements, if any.

No information had been received yesterday as to the number of houses to be used as quarters for non-commissioned officers and their families, but it was believed that at least 150 would be constructed, the number requested from the national defense housing commission for non-coms.

The request for the housing was submitted by the Columbia Housing

authority, and was indorsed by Major General Philip B. Peyton, Fort Jackson post commander. However, the project will most likely be constructed under the defense program instead of the United States Housing authority. It has been a mooted question in Washington as to which agency would undertake future defense housing throughout the nation.

Congress recently approved \$150,000,000 for defense housing. Some defense housing, as in Charleston, has been under U. S. H. A.

The project here is expected to be constructed through the Federal Works agency.

At the present time, there are 100 families of non-commissioned officers at Gonzales Gardens. Erection of the defense project housing homes here may permit them to move into the new dwellings.

Washington, Oct. 5—(AP)—C. F. Palmer, housing coordinator for the national defense commission, said today the defense program had created a need for between 160,000 and 200,000 housing units which would cost about \$700,000,000.

Addressing the government's central housing committee, Palmer said private capital would have to furnish about \$410,000,000 of that sum because the government's housing agencies have only \$290,000,000 available for that purpose.

Palmer told the committee that work already was under way on 27,240 dwelling units in 110 of what he called the "most urgent and critical situations." Of these, he said, 12,640 units were for the navy; 13,900 for the army and 700 for the maritime commission and would provide housing for families of low income civilians and service enlisted men.