

# FDC to Clear Way For Fall Start On City Hall



BENJAMIN HAMILTON.

## Aylmer Asks FDC Help On Projects

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The help of the Federal District Commission in financing capital projects is being asked by Aylmer.

In his brief presented yesterday to the Joint Senate-Commons FDC Committee the town asked assistance for "advances of need undertakings" that included:

1. Construction of a river-front beach-park.
2. Modernisation of the filtration plant.
3. Other not precisely defined projects required by Aylmer in "furthering National Capital development".

This assistance of the FDC for "advance of need projects" is the carrying of interest charges for as long as 10 years on large scale capital expenditures for development and improvements that ordinarily would not be required were it not for the National Capital Plan.

(In Ottawa, the FDC over the next 15 years on eight projects is extending "advance of need" help up to \$2,750,000.)

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## Terrorists Told to Murder Harding

NICOSSIA, Cyprus, May 12. — (Reuters).—The Greek Cypriot terrorist organisation EOKA, called today upon its followers to execute Sir John Harding, governor of this British Mediterranean Island colony.

The call came in leaflets signed by "Digenis", the terrorist chief who is believed to be a former Greek Army colonel, George Grivas.

Although there is a British price of £10,000 on the terrorist chief's head, the leaflets said there would be no reward for the assassin of Harding.

A brief message, describing the governor as "Gangster Harding", said: "We do not offer any monetary reward for Harding's execution, which is a duty for each and every Greek. But whoever kills him can be assured that his name will be written in gold letters on the pantheon of the Cyprus liberation struggle".

Several weeks ago a defective time bomb was found under

## Will Approve Much-Discussed Plans on Monday

The Federal District Commission will approve the much-discussed plans for the Ottawa city hall on Green Island at the commissioners' Monday meeting, informed sources predicted today.

The new city hall will fit in with an FDC plan for the beautification of the Rideau river mouth. Involved also is the removal of the old Edwards Mill building at John and Sussex and the erection there of a memorial to Commonwealth airmen killed in service or training in North America during World War II.

Start Building in Fall.  
Construction of the city hall and removal of this building will likely start in the Fall.

The object of the Federal District Commission is to restore Rideau Falls and the river mouth as nearly as possible to the state so admired by early travellers along the Ottawa.

Since Ottawa City Council approved the choice of Green Island as a city hall site in January, negotiations have been going on between the city and the FDC over the stone-and-glass building which the city plans to erect.

Numerous Changes.  
The negotiations have been detailed and the Architectural Subcommittee of the FDC has suggested numerous changes, generally minor, which have been incorporated into the city plans. At the subcommittee's suggestion, a story was added to the building. It is also understood that a city plan to place the structure about 200 feet south of Sussex Drive has been changed and that the building is to be set back much further and raised above the level of Sussex.

As a result of these changes, informants predict that the subcommittee will recommend Monday to the full commission that the city plans be approved and that the commission will accept the recommendation.

Land Covenant.  
In step with the architectural negotiations, others have been going on in connection with the conditions under which Green Island shall be conveyed to the city by the FDC. The commission originally proposed that the island be exchanged for the site of the old city hall on Confederation Square.

Mayor Whitton, however, insisted that the city retain title to the old city hall site and an arrangement was proposed whereby the city would subscribe to a covenant preventing it from building any structure above ground on the site—the FDC is concerned, not so much with the ownership of the property as in seeing that it remains free of buildings; the city offered various other properties about the city in exchange for Green Island.

The FDC agreed in principle to this arrangement and the covenant has been under discussion for the last week. On Tuesday, Board of Control agreed to a group of FDC suggestions as to what it should contain.

It is understood that the covenant will also be presented for FDC approval Monday. It would allow the city to construct an underground parking garage on the Elgin street site and would have the FDC lease to the city a triangle of land north of the site so as to extend the area on which the city may hold functions.