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Trying to Trim Fire Station Cost

Original Estimate Hits \$303,000



DR. HANNAH CALLS FOR AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS
 Says Point-4 program helps people help themselves
 (Joe Wheeler Photo)

Cites Need for Aid to Underdeveloped Areas

"Even if we were to defeat the Soviet Communists on the battlefield, we still would not have won the war against communism, for it is a war for the minds of men," declared Dr. John A. Hannah, Michigan State College president, in an address at Cranbrook auditorium Friday evening.

"In Point-4 we are engaged in a whole new program to make available to the peoples of the world our American know how and help people to help themselves, and it is our only hope in this undeclared war between the democracies and soviet communism," he said.

"WE ARE SPENDING 60 billions of American money now for military strength and recognize that it has to be done. But even after spending this year after year, we still are not sure we would win the war-over communism."

He pointed out that in the undeveloped areas which comprises about 50% of the world's land area and 46% of the world's people, conditions are below minimum living standards.

"When people are hungry they are unhappy, and when people are chronically unhappy they easily arrive at conclusions based on prejudices and propaganda of the communists," Hannah said. "The communists want to get the resources of these areas, economic, human, mineral or otherwise."

Whether we help people in these undeveloped areas of the world on a humanitarian basis or by a cold, hard, selfish interest in the United States, we come up with the same answer, he declared. By

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If Birmingham residents desire their proposed east side fire station to be used only for fire-fighting purposes, it can be constructed for \$225,000, Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith admitted to the city commission Monday night.

But it will not include the proper training facilities nor space for repair of fire apparatus or deep water well equipment, he emphasized.

"I am just as surprised as you are over the \$303,000 estimated price of the new station as we had designed it to include all these facilities," Griffith acknowledged.

His statement came as commissioners considered how the proposed station, to be located at Adams and Bowers, could be trimmed so the construction might be closer to \$225,000.

"The commission will discuss the station's requirements again next Monday night."

AT A MEETING last week between the commission and the city plan board, Fred M. Harley, of Harley, Ellington and Day, Inc., architects who were asked to submit cost estimates, said the building as outlined to them by city officials would cost between \$285,000 and \$303,000.

"We feel that this estimated cost will provide the construction materials most suitable for a building of this nature. We will endeavor to obtain every possible economy without sacrificing the quality of construction," Harley said.

As tentatively sketched by the architects, the station would be modern in design and of face brick.

MONDAY NIGHT City Manager D. C. Egbert said the station's cost could be cut down if one bay were eliminated both on the first and second stories. This would save 2,800 square feet of area, he said.

Chief Griffith has recommended that the new station include facilities for better training of personnel, plus room for repair of fire apparatus and deep water well equipment.

The fire department for many years has maintained the city's wells and pumps, repaired its own apparatus and even constructed new equipment.

According to Griffith, these latter operations would be drastically curtailed if the size of the station is reduced.

HE ADMITTED to Mayor Dean Beier that the smaller station could adequately handle east side residential fires for perhaps 10 years before expansion again was necessary.

"But this would not hold true if additional residential or industrial areas were annexed to the city. We would be faced with immediate problems if any annexation took place east of the railroad," the chief declared.

(Dearborn Motors Vice President)

Charter Amendment
Would Clarify
Subrogation Rights
 A proposed charter amendment is being prepared by City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall to more specifically outline the city's rights to collect from a third party those benefits to which an heir would be entitled in event of the accidental death of a city employee.

According to Hascall, the city's present retirement system provisions leave considerable doubt concerning the city's right to collect from a third party the amount of the benefits the city would be required to pay to heirs of a city employee's estate.

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