

OPEN BIDS JUNE 1 FOR WEST SIDE HOMES PROJECT

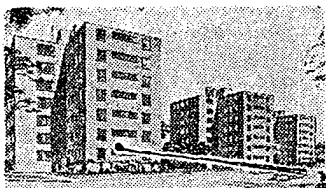
126 Units to Be Erected Beside Expressway

A definite indication that the city's housing program will get under way this summer was given yesterday when the Chicago Housing authority announced that it will open bids June 1 for construction of the first of the nine relocation housing projects.

Robert R. Taylor, CHA chairman, said the bid opening will be for the project on the west side site bounded by Harrison st., Sacramento and Francisco avs., and the right of way of the Congress st. expressway. The board of education, owner of the land, has agreed to the sale of the site, Taylor said.

Three 7 Story Buildings

Designed by Pace Associates, the project will consist of three seven story buildings containing 126 units. Like the other proposed relocation housing projects.



Proposed housing unit

the apartments are to be used for rehousing families displaced by the razing of structures in the city's slum clearance and super-highway programs.

The three buildings, which will be Z-shaped, will contain an automatic elevator and a scissor type stairway. All of the 126 apartments will have an exposure on the Congress st. expressway. The architectural details, Taylor said, are expected to result in economy of construction and efficiency in operation and maintenance.

Among structural economies planned are flat slab floors of concrete which will eliminate certain framing and customary beams and girders. Concrete columns within the buildings are to be left exposed and merely painted without being plastered. Closet doors have been eliminated. Aluminum window frames which require no painting will be used.

42 With 3 Bedrooms

The project will contain 42 units of the combination living-bedroom type, 42 units with one bedroom, and 42 with three bedrooms. Part of the space between the buildings will be equipped as a children's playground.

If land acquisition proceeds on schedule, the CHA expects to break ground on several other relocation sites this summer, Taylor said. The nine projects are to be built at a cost of approximately \$18,300,000.