

Board Defers Action on Intermediate Institution

Salem—(U.P.)—The Board of Control has deferred any construction work on the new intermediate penal institution until the 1955 Legislature meets.

Gov. Paul L. Patterson said that with the opening of the legislative session little more than a month away, he felt some assurance of further financial contribution, above the \$1,250,000 authorized by the 1953 Legislature, should be obtained from the

Legislature before any work is launched. He said:

"It will take a large part of the original appropriation to install water system, boiler plant, sewage treatment plant and as temporary living quarters for convicts used in the construction, a kitchen and a portion of the administrative unit.

"This means that when all this necessary work is com-

pleted, there would not be any living quarters for the 540 men and boys who are expected to be quartered initially in the institution."

Gov. Patterson said that, in view of the shortage of state funds with which the Legislature may be faced, he felt it was best to consult with members of the Ways and Means Committee, outline the situation and find out their wishes in regard to con-

struction of the institution.

J. D. Annand of Portland, architect on the project, told the board that Dr. Sanford Bates, nationally known prison authority who is consultant on Oregon's intermediate institution, has strongly recommended that the superintendent of the new institution have some educational background in order to accomplish the aims set up for the new institution.

Annand further suggested that the man the Board of Control picks for superintendent of the new institution should be employed to work as a sort of clerk of construction so that he might offer his own suggestions in connection with arrangements within the institution and likewise become familiar with the physical set-up before taking over as superintendent.

The board also agreed to set

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up an advisory committee to aid in selecting a site for the new mental hospital to be built in the Portland area.

Glenn Stanton of Portland, architect on the project, said he did not feel there was sufficient

room for the institution at the medical center on Sam Jackson Hill. He said he favored a rural location rather than one in a congested residential area.

Under terms of the act authorizing the institution, twice ap-

proved by the voters, the hospital must be located within 20 miles of the Multnomah county courthouse.

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