

NEW CITY BONDS PLAN TO BE PUT TO LEGISLATURE

Bill Authorizing Supervisors to Float Loan is Favored By Officials

City officials have a new plan for securing a bond flotation to finance the pressing needs for sewers and waterworks improvements.

Defeated at the recent election because the necessary 66 per cent majority did not vote in favor of the bonds, and with no apparent means of getting a supreme court decision on the knotty points of how to count some badly-marked ballots, the officials have now mapped out another course.

Superintendent of Water Murray explained it as follows this morning:

"We are working on a bill to be introduced as early as possible in the legislature, authorizing the city and county of Honolulu to issue the bonds, with the approval of the President. The bill will authorize the bond issue for the specific purposes. This the legislature has the right to do, and if the need for improvements can be brought before the members, I am sure they will make the authorization."

The bill will probably be introduced this week in the senate and probably a public hearing will be called on it.

While Superintendent Murray was outlining the plans for the bond authorization, a report was brought to the garbage department desk, only a few feet away, about an overflowing cesspool in the Beachwalk district.

"This shows how badly we need sewers in that district," he said, and related the following incident which he declares came under his personal observation yesterday:

"The Moana hotel is digging out a new cesspool on its lawn. Yesterday a gang of men was at work cleaning out the 'sump' of the old cesspool, and the black muck, the residue soaked into the soil from long use, was being poured directly into the stream running down between the Outrigger Club and the Moana premises.

"I went out for a swim and swam out to the raft. Coming back, I began to get the effects of this stuff running down the stream, and I stood up and waded ashore.

"There is no question the Moana Hotel had to clean out this pool and it seems there was no other place to pump the stuff, but the point is that the people down on the beach had to bathe in it if they went into the water in this neighborhood. It seems to me that while the work is going on this stretch of beach should be closed to bathers, for swimming is not only unpleasant but insanitary under such conditions. Of course this is a matter for the board of health to take up.

"The bigger point is the argument that Honolulu has got to put sewers in this district. The situation is growing intolerable."

Supervisor Horner, who was with Murray, said that while he has opposed some of the improvement projects through bond sales, he favors the Waikiki sewerage plans. "There is no question we have a very serious problem out there," he said.