

Washington Suggestion Day 10/5/63  
City Officials Are Unhappy  
With Slicing Up of Park

City officials are chagrined over a proposal by the U. S. comptroller general that another slice of Riverside Park be acquired by the Coast Guard Academy for expansion of facilities.

Comptroller General Joseph T. Campbell has suggested acquisition of land near the academy, particularly some in the Riverside Park area, be considered as an alternative to filling in land now covered by the Thames River.

The Coast Guard, it was reported in Washington, already has pointed out to the comptroller general that taking more of the park won't help its relations with the city.

Campbell made the suggestion in a General Accounting Office

report to President Kennedy, and Congress, made public Thursday.

It would save the federal government more than a million dollars, he said.

"This is the last usable water-side recreation area near the river that we have," Mayor Richard R. Martin commented.

"If they grab that as has happened before (New London received \$35,000 last spring for another piece of park land), I'm sure the Academy will find an aroused citizenry making its voice heard."

Martin noted he wasn't surprised at the proposal since "they (the CGA) was surveying the land a few months back."

Councilor Thomas J. Griffin, administration committee chair-

man, echoed Martin's concern. "Can't Give More"

"We gave the CG all the land we really can afford to give them without taking away recreation facilities from the people and children living near the park," Griffin said.

"We put in a lot of new recreational equipment there and built a new basketball court. I don't know where we would go," the councilor said.

The Riverside Park site originally consisted of nearly 32 acres. The government took 12.52 acres for CGA expansion.

Some \$13,000 alone is being spent on the park by the city. Said Martin: "We aren't going to stand by and see our park taken from us."

## Obituary

PAUL FISHBEIN

and Mrs. J. Oscar Johnson of Southington; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Fremont Funeral

home, Frank Majewski, John Linda, Robert Angell, Alfred Wernicki and George Ashworth.

Mrs. Wernicki died Wednesday night at the W. W. Backus Hos-