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SOCIETY'S BUILDING CONTAINS FINE GENEALOGY LIBRARY
... Joseph H. Jenkins, society president, scans volume

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which it is sometimes confused. Requirements for membership in the Sons of the Revolution are strict. One must have an ancestor who bore arms in the War of Independence, signed the Declaration of Independence or signed the Declaration of Independence issued by one of the 13 original States.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency told the Citizen-News: "The Sons of the Revolution building cannot stay where it now is. It does not fit into our land use plans; but we have not decided on what course of action to take.

"We'll most likely come to a decision by the end of the year. We've now acquired 275 of the 396 buildings in the 136-acre area bounded roughly by First St. on the north, Hill on the east, Harbor Freeway on the west and Fourth St. on the south. In public and private

funds it is a \$350 million project.

"Two or three of the original property owners are participating in the plan and will make their buildings fit into it. All other properties have been bought out or will be or will be condemned.

"We have the right to take property by eminent domain. The California Supreme Court has upheld our right to seize property in this manner for community redevelopment."

A long-time resident of the area who is forced to move by the agency told us: "Many of the Bunker Hill buildings got rundown and ugly-looking; but you must remember this was because there was, for a long time, no enforcement in the area of the city's safety and repair codes. Big financial interests want to have it this way, perhaps so they can reap a fat profit."

City Beauty Plan to Give Boys' Jobs

LOS ANGELES—A six-week summer program for employment of high school boys for city beautification has received the green light from City Council.

It would become effective next year if the \$43,650 appropriation requested by Councilman Billy Mills to finance the youth program is finally approved.

Request for the money was sent to the council's finance committee following unanimous approval of the Mills' plan.

Under the plan, about 90 teenagers would work for the Bureau of Street Maintenance during summer school vacation.

Mills proposes they be assigned such tasks as trimming and pruning trees, clean alleys and tunnels and remove debris, especially from the Venice Canals.

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