

# Acreage Deal Assures Playground for Palms

**PALMS** — A park and playground at Overland Ave. and Dunleer St. has been assured residents now that the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department has title to 4.7 acres at the site.

However, the department will not take possession of the property until Jan. 15, approximately 60 days from close of escrow.

Los Angeles has purchased the 4.7 acres from Mrs. Garnet Rainey, owner, for \$302,500.

## Retains Oil Rights

Mrs. Rainey will retain the property's oil rights, which are already encumbered by an oil lease, according to a department spokesman.

At the same time, an agreement specifies that no drilling will be accomplished from the park's surface and that the Recreation and Park Commission will not aid the oil drilling lessee in obtaining a drilling permit.

There are several structures on the property that will be used in the park-playground's recreation activities, the spokesman added.

Terms in the contract also give the seller the right to remove a one-story residence from the premises.

Acquisition of the property is being made under provisions of the city's 1957 recreation and park bond fund.

The action ends efforts made last year to acquire a park site on Overland Ave.

## Need to Be Fulfilled

The city's purchase of the Rainey property will fulfill a need for a park-playground in the area, according to local civic leaders.

Residents have been after such a facility for the Palms-Rancho Park communities since 1947-48, when the Rancho Golf Course was being designed and constructed.