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PARK PLAN

Rancho Tract Sought Today By Veterans

City, County, State
Heads Pledge Aid
for Program

Launching a concerted drive today, members of the Cheviot Hills Post No. 501, American Legion, announced plans for the establishment of a huge recreation park on the site of the Rancho golf course, which would serve residents of Cheviot Hills, Monte Mar Vista, Culver-Palms and Country Club area, according to C. D. Aseltine, post commander.

"We have already received assurances from city, county, and state officials as well as congressional leaders of this district," Aseltine said, "and practically every civic organization in this district has pledged aid in securing the Rancho course for park purposes."

Aseltine said that at present, the course is leased out by the government but that the present lease would soon expire. The tract is 125 acres in size and is bounded by Pico boulevard on the north, Monte Mar Drive on the south, Motor avenue on the east and Patricia avenue on the west.

"After contacting the treasury department," Aseltine stated, "we learned that it would be possible to obtain the land for park purposes. Both Councilmen Robert S. MacAllister and Stephen W. Cunningham, of Los Angeles, are highly enthusiastic about the plan, and have promised to aid us in every way. In the letter we sent to civic leaders; civic officials and organizations, we pointed out that at present, Los Angeles has not one single large park west of Western avenue, and in view of this fact, western Los Angeles was entitled to such a place for recreational purposes.

"However, owing to the tremendous size of such a project, it is necessary that this become a community drive as it directly affects every resident in this district. This is an opportunity that residents should not overlook, and is certainly meritorious of any effort expended on the parts of every civic, social, fraternal, veterans, women's and school organization in this area to obtain this project," he concluded.

The announcement of the park program was made after a committee of the post composed of C. D. Aseltine, Hal Hughes, Harry Samm, Walter Thiel and Barney Geissler, met last night in the Cheviot Hills home of the post commander.