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Where Now, Little City Halls?

Mayor Lindsay and Robert M. Blum, the lawyer in charge of the projected little city halls, are determined to get them going, in spite of the setback that the Board of Estimate and the City Council administered last week when they refused the Mayor's request to include the \$200,000 allocation for the little city halls in the budget. (The Mayor had vetoed the budget sent him without this allocation, and both the City Council and the Board of Estimate overrode his veto.)

Without the money it will not be easy to get the best locations, at intersections, for example, or the best qualified personnel, according to Mr. Blum. They need money to pay for the leases, on which the Board of Estimate, being in reality the city's landlord, must pass. They also need money to pay the salaries of the staff.

Mr. Blum is considering buildings that the city already owns, or rents, for which leases aren't required, and he intends to get

Sylvan Fox in New Post

Sylvan Fox, W. 12 St., was appointed deputy commissioner in charge of press relations by Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary last week. Mr. Fox was city editor of the *World-Telegram* from August 1, 1965, until its cessation of publication, April 23, 1966. Previously, he had been chief assistant city editor and a staff writer on the paper. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1963 for his participation in the paper's coverage of an airline disaster.

Before joining the *World-Telegram*, he had been on the staffs of the *Buffalo Evening News*. Sche-

nectady *Union-Star*, and Little Falls (New York) *Evening Times*. He is the author of the book *The Unanswered Questions About President Kennedy's Assassination*, published last year.

Mr. Fox lives here with his wife Gloria, who is a psychiatric nursing teacher at St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, and their daughter Erica, 15.

personnel from other city agencies. He hopes to have a "pilot" program of two or three city halls started sometime this summer. When asked where these would be located, he said he had "no comment at present" because a final decision had not been made. He gave the same answer when asked from what city agencies the employees would be drawn. "Until the locations of the little city halls are known," he said, "there would be no point in naming the agencies from which personnel would come."

From another source, it was learned that these first city halls may be located in "less articulate areas than the Village," whose citizens are accustomed to protesting inequities and know how to do so in an organized way. "Less articulate areas," such as Brownsville in Brooklyn, for example.

Mr. Blum hopes that the performance by the "pilot" little city halls will cause the City Council and Board of Estimate to reconsider allocating needed money to finance more little city hall offices.

These city halls will not have large staffs; they were never meant to have. And they will need volunteers from each community to help carry out the program.

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