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Council Cautious In Weighing College Action After Protests

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Residents of tiny Saddle River and their cautious Borough Council may be girding for lengthy fight against plans to build the State College of North Jersey on a 265-acre site in the borough.

More than 40 residents voiced disapproval of the plan at last night's council meeting. The council refused to go on record against the college. But Mayor George Vargish said the govern-

ing body was acting on advice of counsel in passing a mildly worded resolution, calling on college officials to explain their decision to locate the college in the borough.

Vargish would not say whether the council was laying the groundwork for future legal action.

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Objections to the college were varied, but they basically revolved around the residents' feeling that the school would change the rural atmosphere of the 2,500-resident community.

Some residents objected to the student element the college would bring to the borough. One woman remarked, "I would hate to read in the paper that Saddle River was the site of another college riot."

Another woman reflected on

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the size of the college and the size of Saddle River and told the mayor. "A town as small as Saddle River can easily be swallowed up. . . . Saddle River just won't be here again."

Many of residents voice opposition to the council's resolution and urged that the governing body to take stronger action. Vargish stood firm and explained that time will show the wisdom of the council's action.

Most of residents who spoke at last night's session expressed pessimism, but said they would fight the state over the site.

Under questioning Vargish urged residents to write their objections to their state senators and members of the state Board of High Education. Vargish said the council would be seeking support from neighboring communities and legislators.

Vargish explained at the session that the council was never told of the decision to locate the college in the borough until the news was released to the press.

He said the governing body was caught off guard and will take no further action until it has a better idea of why Saddle River was chosen. Toward that end the council passed the resolution to seek more information from the college's site selection committee.

Vargish said the borough will be represented at a public hearing on the site, scheduled for Nov. 12 in Hackensack.

GE Wage Strike Nears

NEW YORK (UPI) — The first total nationwide walkout against the General Electric Co. since 1946 appears almost certain. Unions rejected the company's latest wage offer yesterday and strike votes are being taken by union locals.

Contracts involving the coalition of 12 unions representing approximately 110,000 employees expire Sunday night. More than 147,000 workers would be affected by the strike, which could begin Monday.

Paul Jennings, president of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, said his members would strike unless there is a new move by the company.

Representatives of IUE's 65 locals voted yesterday to reject the company's offer and Jennings said he had a firm commitment with the United Electrical Workers.

COLLEGE SITE — Where state institution would go.