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## 7th Ave. School Site:

### Tenant Group—Anti; Parents, Board—Pro

Controversy is certain to be injected into the open hearings on the question of a suitable site for a new junior high school to be held by the City Planning Commission at City Hall today (Wednesday). John Lawrence, of the Council for the Improvement of Village Internal Conditions, called a meeting last Monday night on West 13th Street to oppose building a new junior high school on Seventh Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets. This is the site which will be urged by the Local School Board and the Lower West Side Interschool Committee.

C. Leo Calarco, school board head, and Mrs. Laura Green, chairman of the interschool committee, have taken the position that the site meets with the approval of both Village and Chelsea PTA's, that it is very conveniently located for pupils who have to travel, and that school facilities for Village children are constantly diminishing.

Speakers scheduled to uphold

this position include heads and members of the several PTA's and Assemblyman William F. Passante, a member of the Local School Board.

Approximately 35 people, mostly residents and property owners in the proposed site, heard Mr. Lawrence say that the new school—to be called J. H. S. 70—should be placed above 14th Street because 70 per cent of the children who will attend do not live in the Village. Eventually, the center of school population, he said, will be around 25th Street and Eighth Avenue. He also claimed that 200 families will be evicted if the Seventh Avenue site is used.

Mr. Lawrence described the arguments for locating the school below 14th Street as "racist" and "selfish," revolving around the concentration of Puerto Ricans living above 14th Street and the convenience to Village children of having a school in the area.

Speakers who volunteered to represent the opposition to the Seventh Avenue site at the City Hall hearings were Barry Doig, Hugo D'Agostino, Mrs. Rose Paono, and Mrs. Rae Fried.

### 'Crucible' at High School

Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" will be performed by the senior class at the Elisabeth Irwin High School, 40 Charlton Street, this Friday and Saturday evenings at 8.40.

Tickets for the play, which was directed by faculty member Mary Van Dyke of Bank Street, are available at the school for \$1.

### 'OLD FRANCE—White Marble'

Professor Ralph Bates of NYU discusses some of the highlights of the Versailles period in France—under the title "Old France and White Marble"—this Saturday evening at 8.15 in the Student Lounge, 3 Washington Square North.

### DORMITORY ON THE

"SQUARE." Hayden Residence Hall, 35 Washington Square West, was officially dedicated last Friday, in ceremonies attended by 300 persons. The building, which houses students and faculty members of NYU's law school, has been in use since last fall.



**FROM BASS FIDDLE TO BANJO:** Music came to Washington Square last Sunday at exactly 2 in the afternoon. Barring the fountain being turned on by the Parks Department, it is likely to continue every Sunday—from 2 to 6—until the end of September. The performers, mostly young, drew a large audience which blended in so well that the casual onlooker could not tell where one began and the other left off. Folk music was still number one in the Washington Square repertoire, but some stylish jazz slipped in now and then.

### Shepherd Sparks Parade in Village

Jean Shepherd, WOR's conversationalist extraordinary, led a strange procession Monday night when he left the Marlboro Book Store, on West 8th Street, where he had sponsored a "Rally for Night People."

More than 200 jubilant fans followed Shepherd for several blocks eastward on 8th Street, until squad cars investigated the odd parade. Those who persisted in the march ended up in an automat on 14th Street, where one Night Person was overheard saying: "This is real living Dadalism."

### Free Library Concert

Music by Beethoven, Mozart, and Dvorak will be performed by the Albert Katz Quintet for Clarinet and Strings in a concert tonight (Wednesday) at 8.15 in the Mullenberg Branch Library, 209 West 23rd Street. The concert, which is part of the "Living Music" series, is free.

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### NYU Plans Writers' Conference



WARREN BOWER

NYU expects an influx of people from all over the country to participate in the two-week Summer Writers' Conference, scheduled for July 29, which has just been announced by the Washington Square Center.

Dean Warren Bower, whose "Readers' Almanac" is the oldest continuous book program on radio, will be in charge of arrangements.

An intensive program of 36 lectures will cover the novel, the short story, poetry, the magazine article and non-fiction book, juvenile writing, and television script-writing. The lecturers will include Ralph Bates, Charles Angoff, Louise Bogan, Edward H. Schmidt, Lee Wyndham, and Michelle Cousin.

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