

# BIG GROUP TO ATTEND FLOOD AID HEARING

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Houstonians to Go to Wash-  
ington in Effort to Get  
\$10,000,000 for Brays  
Bayou Work. 1/7/48

A large delegation of Houston business, civic and medical leaders will attend a hearing in Washington January 19 before the United States engineers' board, in an effort to secure some \$10,000,000 of government funds for flood control work along Bray's Bayou.

The delegation will seek to counter the unfavorable report on the proposed improvement work which has been filed by the district office of the army engineer corps at Galveston. The engineer corps has jurisdiction in flood control work affecting navigable waterways.

The district office reported the cost of proposed flood control work on Bray's Bayou would outweigh the advantages to be gained, but the delegation of Houstonians will point out that the improvements will be justified on the grounds of benefit to the Texas Medical Center, although representatives of other affected interests also will attend to support the proposed improvement.

The delegation will be headed by Dr. E. W. Bertner, head of the Texas Medical Center; Warren S. Bellows, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Oscar

Holcombe and County Judge Glenn A. Perry.

Other influential Houstonians who will attend:

Harry Hanszen and George R. Brown, chairman and vice-chairman of the Rice Institute board of trustees; Col. W. B. Bates, vice-chairman of the University of Houston board of regents; John H. Freeman of the Anderson Foundation, Port Commission Chairman W. G. Saville; Capt. C. W. Brunson, commanding officer of the Naval Hospital; Glenn McCarthy, oilman and builder of McCarthy Center; Dr. Frederick C. Elliott of the Texas University medical school; Dr. R. Lee Clark, director of the Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research; Sterling Evans, president of the Federal Land Bank and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce flood control committee; H. A. Kipp, consulting engineer for the Medical Center; Public Works Director J. M. Nagle; Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, member of the Medical Center board of trustees; George Journeay, president of St. Luke's Hospital board; Raymond P. Elledge, president of Methodist Hospital board, and representatives of Hermann Hospital, the Council of Veterans Organization and the cities of West University Place, Bellaire and Southside Place.

## Big Damage Feared.

Mr. Kipp said that if rains severe as those of 1929 and 1935 occurred again, resultant damage to the Texas Medical Center and other surrounding developments would be "disastrous."

He revealed that the Baylor University medical school already has begun work on levees on three sides of the school to hold back possible floods.

It was pointed out that the school has some \$100,000 in "difficult to replace" equipment installed in the basement, and that floods would sharply curtail the medical school's activities.

Col. B. L. Robinson, Galveston district engineer, has informed Medical Center authorities that the \$100,000,000 development has a "serious flood threat hanging over its head," it was said.