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Letter From Home

For a friend or member of the family in the service, living elsewhere or away at school

For the week ending Sunday, Aug. 17, 1975

REDEVELOPMENT OF FIVE BLOCKS in downtown Minneapolis should be awarded an Edmonton, Alberta, firm, a city search committee recommended after a Houston company dropped out. The Houston firm withdrew because of a newspaper article reporting an argument between its officials and City Council President Louis DeMars over the company's offer to build a new headquarters for the Pillsbury Co., possibly outside Minneapolis. The $145-million "City Center '75" project would involve reconstruction of the area between Marquette Av. and 2nd Av. N. and from 6th to 7th Sts. plus the block between Hennepin Av. and 1st Av. N. from 5th to 6th Sts.

Another development was shut down when the Jonathan Development Corp. laid off its personnel and stopped work on the new town of Jonathan, southwest of Minneapolis. A Philadelphia firm may take over the financially troubled 5-year-old community.

A Hennepin Av. landmark will change its style. The Gay Nineties bar will send its strip-teasers away and become a discotheque. The changeover will come after the national American Legion convention meets this week in Minneapolis and 50,000 visiting legionnaires and their families leave.

NEWS OF THE ENVIRONMENT: Contamination of Minnesota and Wisconsin rivers by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) is more serious than thought, a study by several government agencies said. Samples taken from fish show concentrations above federal standards. PCBs have caused birth defects and reproductive failures in test animals.

A permanent ban on logging in the parts of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area containing the least touched forests was ordered by U.S. District Judge Miles Lord.

A contract to construct a $5.4-million demonstration facility to determine the best way of disposing of hazardous wastes has been negotiated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The facility would be run by the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission, which disposes of Twin Cities sewage.

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