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President Clark Kerr of the University of California today expressed satisfaction at the fact that the House of Representatives has passed a bill that will eventually transfer Camp Matthews from the Marines to the University as part of its general campus in San Diego. The Senate has already passed a similar measure.

"The passage of this legislation takes us a big step nearer to a general campus of the University in San Diego," President Kerr said. "We will now be able to continue planning, in more definitive terms, for the large number of students who will need to be accommodated by the University in the San Diego area within the next four years.

"Our plans for a general campus at San Diego-- one ultimately expected to reach 27,500 students-- have been based on the assumption that Camp Matthews would be made available. The acquisition of this land now seems assured, and we look forward to the time when the Secretary of the Navy can execute final transfer of the land to The Regents.

"There are still many problems to be worked out, such as utilities agreements, the relocation of the highway, and other aspects of the relationship between the Camp Matthews site and the public lands made available to The Regents.

Chancellor York and I are confident such problems can be solved promptly and satisfactorily to all parties, and we continue our great expectations for a large and distinguished campus of the University at San Diego.

"We are very grateful to the many individuals and groups who worked to secure passage of the Camp Matthews legislation. We appreciate the cooperation received from the entire California delegation in the Congress and in particular the efforts of Senators Kuchel and Engle and of Representatives Cohelen and Wilson. The San Diego Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations also have been helpful in our acquiring this land for a University campus.