

Rhodes Backs New Medical School Plan

Favors Toledo Site,
Wants Fast Action
If Lawmakers Meet

COLUMBUS, Sept. 15 (AP)—Governor Rhodes said today that if and when a special session of the Legislature is called, it will be asked to approve a new college of medicine at Toledo and a new Cleveland state university.

He said the Legislature would be asked to follow recommendations of the Ohio Board of Regents that such institutions be established. Governor Rhodes added in a prepared statement:

"The Board of Regents is to be commended for the diligence and devotion with which it is shaping its master plan for higher education in Ohio. The studies have clearly indicated the need for the Cleveland and the Toledo facilities, and the board's recommendations deserve serious attention and early action."

Nine-Member Board

Should the facilities be approved, a nine-member board of trustees would have to be appointed for each school to begin the negotiations and make the necessary recommendations.

For the Toledo school, the board would be faced with a special problem.

"Planning must be carefully coordinated," the governor said, "so that while the separate medical college is definitely a state-supported institution, it will be working in close relationship with the University of Toledo."

Master Plan Begins

At Cleveland, he said, the board in all probability would start negotiations with Fenn College as a base.

The governor called the program for the two new schools "the beginning of the master plan for higher education by the Board of Regents."

Congressional and state Legislature redistricting also are expected to be prime subjects for consideration at any special session of the Legislature.