

# STANFORD VA HOSPITAL OK'D

The last legal obstacle to the building of a \$20,000,000 Veterans Administration hospital on the Stanford University campus was cleared yesterday.

Federal Judge Edward P. Murphy signed an order directing the Government to turn over \$525,193 to the Stanford trustees in payment for eighty-eight acres of land.

It marked the culmination of a friendly condemnation suit necessary on both sides. The Stanford trustees are prohibited from selling any of the deeded lands, while the VA can build only on Government owned property.

Only minor formalities remain to be executed before the VA takes title to the property located in Santa Clara County near the intersection of Junipero Serra Boulevard and Page Mill Road.

As now planned, the hospital will contain 1,000 beds, 750 for mental patients and the rest for general surgical and medical cases. It is estimated it will take five years to build.

However, VA may alter the plans to add 500 more beds to replace the Oakland Veterans Hospital which it has indicated it wishes to abandon.