

Most of the money spent to build the encampment, about \$70,000, went for plywood. That wood, carted away last week, belongs to SCLC, and one offer to buy it for \$15,000 already has come in.

The wood was purchased through Hechinger Building Materials. Officials of the firm say the SCLC was charged the lumber costs only, with the company absorbing about \$10,000 in handling and overhead connected with getting the material to the tent city site.

John Hechinger, chairman of the District City Council and a member of the family that runs the building-supply firm, said he contributed a small amount directly to SCLC. He would not say how much.

Once the wood and other materials arrived at the site, a massive effort was required to put up the encampment. Here, as on a number of other fronts, volunteers from the Washington area, led by students and staff of Xavierian College in Silver Spring, got the job done. Dwellings for about 3,000 people and a number of large buildings quickly went up.

The Rev. John Adams, director of the National Council of Churches liaison office with the campaign, said his staff had filtered over \$40,000 to SCLC through a special office in the Methodist Building.

This was only a small part of the donations that went into the campaign he continued, because his office told most major donors to send their money directly to SCLC's Atlanta headquarters.

Making an estimate of the total amount he believes religious groups sent to the campaign, Adams placed the figure at \$125,000. That, he added, "is probably low."

Adams said he was not including the major \$50,000 donation from the United Presbyterians, U.S.A., that Abernathy announced from the platform on Solidarity Day because Adams believes that contribution was earmarked for the Martin Luther King Memorial Fund to be used for work in slum rehabilitation.

Money for the campaign is continuing to come in—\$4,000 came in over the week, Adams said.

Citing an increase in calls to his office, Adams said the closing of Resurrection City and the mass arrests of last week have given him the impression that "we are entering into a phase where there could be greater support (for the campaign) than earlier."

"I have the feeling," he continued, "that the dramatic way the closing took place with the overreaction of the power structure, and the beautiful nonviolent action has impressed the clergy."

COST TO TAXPAYER

Adams said the National Council of Churches has been working since February to raise funds and places a value of about \$75,000 on the staff services expended.

What the campaign cost the taxpayer (irrespective of what gains the SCLC made in prying loose federal funds for social welfare programs) is falling into place. The total will be about \$1 million, most of it charged to the District government budget.

On Friday, separate estimates came from the District budget office and the Interior Department on money spent during the campaign and estimates for restoring the 12-acre West Potomac Park site to its former condition.

Through last Sunday, what District budget officer D. Peter Herman calls "expenditures above normal" totaled close to \$500,000, mostly for police overtime. Extra spending for last week probably will run more than \$100,000. The Interior Department said extra spending by the National Park Service totaled about \$160,000.

Restoration costs were computed separately, with the total for the park cleanup, mostly borne by Interior, put at \$85,000. National Guard and other military-alert expenses have not yet been determined.

BYRD COMMENTS

A report of District expenditures from Herman's office Friday prompted Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., to comment to the Senate: "Had the campaign produced substantive results for the poor, these losses suffered might be somewhat less painful."