

# 'White Paper,' \$2 Million To Push Gambling Plan

Atlantic City — Proponents of legalized casino-type gambling for this resort will shortly prepare a "white paper" listing the advantages and the legal hurdles to be cleared before such a measure can be adopted.

Meyer I. Segal, chairman of the Action Committee for Legalized Gambling, said his group plans to raise \$2 million to launch the program.

He said Gary Malamut, co-owner of the Shelburne Hotel chain and vice chairman of the committee met in Newark yesterday with business and civic supporters of the plan.

### To Seek Wide Support

The Atlantic City group will attempt to get support for the move from all sections of the state.

In order to implement the plan, the State Legislature must first vote to hold a state-wide referendum which would allow New Jersey voters to decide whether they want casino-type gambling in Atlantic City.

Legislature also would have to decide what percentage of the gambling revenues would go to the state, county and municipal governments.

### Other Cities Might Try

City Commissioner William T. Sommers pointed out that one of the hurdles local inter-

ests might have to overcome would be possible efforts by other cities to obtain permission to have casino-type gambling.

Sommers said that under present state law the benefits from race track revenues to county and municipal governments are negligible.

Segal said the state constitution can be changed to remedy this situation.

### 3 Committee Members

There are three members of the committee to legalize gambling. In addition to Segal and Malamut, retired Army Brig. Gen. Andrew Cella serves as secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Segal said today that four other members would be selected shortly.

Martin Blatt, a local lawyer, is serving as counsel for the group. Other lawyers will be selected to work with the committee at a later date to help raise the \$2 million to finance the project.