PRINCESS ANNE COLLEGE TO BE KEPT ON 'SHORE

Legislative Council Votes To Retain School Under U. Of M. Control

[By A Sun Staff Correspondent]
Salisbury, Md., Dec. 17—The Legislative Council voted here tonight in favor of keeping the Princess Anne College for Negroes at its present site and, as at present, under the jurisdiction of the University of Maryland.

The council thus opposed the report of the Marbury Commission on Higher Education, which had advocated that the college be abandoned.

The vote, 13 to 4, in favor of retention of the Eastern Shore school, with one member of the council abstaining from voting, followed more than an hour and a half of debate.

Motion To Defer Beaten
Previously, another motion—to defer action on the question until December 30—had been defeated, 10 to 8.

Eastern Shore members of the council argued that if action were to be delayed, the University of Maryland probably would lose two contracts totaling $347,000 for new construction at Princess Anne, on which bids already had been received.

The university has asked the Board of Public Works for permission to let the contracts.

C. Ferdinand Sybert, Speaker of the House of Delegates, criticized the action of the Council as "snap judgment."

Voted Against Motion

In voting against the final motion to leave unchanged the status of the school, Mr. Sybert said that he favored "keeping the college where it is," but at present did not want "to pass on the whole question."

Earlier, nineteen of the twenty members of the Legislative Council had inspected facilities of the Princess Anne College and listened to advocates to its retention on the 'Shore.

In proposing abandonment of Princess Anne, the Marbury report recommended that the Norman State College be designated the land-grant college for Negroes in Maryland.

State Senator Joseph R. Byrnes, chairman of the Legislative Council, said he was "very favorably (Continued on Page 8, Column 1)"
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