Governor Rejects Deal in Connecticut For Park Acreage

rejected the deal.

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a deal that collapsed amid charges of

state again yesterday but the Governor

Jay Jackson, the Governor's legal

adviser, told Paul Davidoff, who had off-

ered the land for sale to the state yester-

day, that "the state is not interested in

acquiring the property," according to Lar-

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For Park Acreage

HARTFORD, Oct. 22 (AP)—Gov. Ella

and Sherman.

The land has been sold to a New York T. Grasso has rejected for the second time organization that is headed by Mr. David-Outdoor Recreation to purchase the land a plan to create a new state park on off and that hoped to have the state buy from Mr. Weil.

rye deBear, an aide to the Governor.

Lake Candlewood by acquiring a contro- it. The land, which straddles the New versial 253-acre tract in New Fairfield Fairfield-Sherman town line on the shores of the picturesque lake in the far western

The tract, owned by Stephen Weil, is part of Connecticut, was sold by Mr. Weil property that had placed its value at

land that was offered two years ago in for \$6.6 million to Mr. Davidoff's orga- nearly 20 times the price that Mr. Weil

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impropriety. The land was offered to the New York, But Mr. Davidoff said the sale ly.

the land.

But the deal fell through because local officials and residents opposed it and be cause of a questionable appraisal of the

nization, the Suburban Action Institute of

was contingent on public acquisition of

an extended time. The state would have

and to sell the remainder

used money from the Federal Bureau of

deduction on his Federal income taxes.

had bought it for several years previous-

was no evidence of criminality, but he added that elements of the deal had appeared questionable.

determine whether anyone had broken Two years ago, Mr. Weil planned to any laws. The Chief State's Attorney, Jogive part of the land to the state, which seph Gormley Jr., concluded that there would have qualified him for a large

After the Governor had halted the first deal, she ordered an investigation to