

City Lounge Co. Plans Expansion

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The president of the Jamestown Lounge Co. is planning a major expansion at the Winsor Street plant.

The Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency recommended yesterday that a \$137,500 AL Tech Trust Fund loan be granted to the company for a portion of the proposed \$388,000 expansion.

Company President Paul H. Combs told the IDA that the expansion could create the need for about 15 new employees. It would also increase the production of the company and expand its line of furniture by about 30 percent.

Combs said that he is **seeking a private**

loan for another portion of the expansion project.

Jamestown Lounge was purchased by Combs in November 1978. Industrial Development Director David Dawson commented that the company had been in a break-even situation for years but since Combs took over, the company has shown a profit.

"So many other manufacturers have been lost to the south. But here, we have one of the finest furniture companies and it is staying in Jamestown," Dawson commented.

The director added that the loan application had already been processed

by his office and had been at the Job Development Authority office in Albany. The final approval of the loan must come from the state commissioner of commerce.

The AL Tech Trust Fund was established by the federal Economic Development Administration to help save the former Allegheny Ludlum steel plant in Dunkirk.

The group that took over the plant, A Tech, now repays the loan. That money goes into the fund to make low-interest loans available to other Chautauqua County industries for expansion.

Jamestown Lounge was organized 1888.