

Women Voters Hit Civil Service Law

Mrs. Edmund Nagler, president of the San Mateo League of Women Voters, announced in a letter to State Assemblyman Louis P. Francis, its opposition to Senate bill 562, calling it a threat to the state civil service system.

Such a law, they said, would allow the governor to fill up to four vacant civil service positions in each state department with political appointees of deputy status.

It further provides that each one of these political appointees shall have a confidential, noncivil service secretary. Thus, there will be the possibility of adding eight persons exempt from civil service to each of the approximately 25 California state agencies.

Mrs. Nagler states that the League of Women Voters of California, with 10,000 members throughout the state, primarily opposes this bill because it is contrary to the principle of public employment on the basis of merit. The League believes that some measure of merit, such as experience, training, education, or fitness, should be used as a basis for employment in state jobs.

It is recognized that some flexibility and immediate responsibility to the elected executive is required in top state jobs. In California, the state Constitution sets the pattern of state jobs exempt from civil service. If it is true that more flexibility and responsibility is needed in top departmental jobs, then the league suggests that this should be accomplished within the framework of the already established civil service system by trying out new and worthy methods based on merit.

Rights Bills Passed by State Senate

Two bills concerning rights of persons arrested for misdemeanors, both offered by San Mateo Assemblyman Louis Francis, were passed by the State Senate and sent to the Governor yesterday.

One measure authorizes the officer in charge of the jail and the clerk or the justice of the municipal court to approve as well as accept bail. It further provides that bill may be so approved and accepted in an amount fixed by the order admitting to bail as well as the amount fixed by the arrest warrant or schedule of bail.

A provision requires the judges in each county to prepare and adopt a county-wide uniform bail schedule.

Francis explained that this bill will facilitate the release of persons who are arrested for misdemeanor offenses when the judge is not available in court. Persons arrested for misdemeanors may be released from custody by signing a written promise to appear in court on the charge, instead of being taken before a judge, if the Governor signs another bill authorized by Francis.

It provides that when a person is arrested for misdemeanors under state law and does not demand to be taken before a judge, the arresting officer may issue to him a written notice to appear in court, and if such a person agrees to appear, shall release him from custody.

Alert Cop Stops Boy in Stolen Car

A 14-year-old San Mateo boy who looked just a little too young to be driving a car attracted attention of Officer Richard Lust who halted him for questioning at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, only to discover the youth had stolen the car.

It was registered to W. G. Canfield, 309 Rockwood drive, South San Francisco. Officer Richard Lust said he spotted the youth driving along southbound on South Norfolk street and halted him at the intersection with Shoreview avenue. The car owner had apparently loaned the auto to Robert Gibbs of 2035 Teonderoga avenue, San Mateo. The car had been left at the bus depot in San Mateo.

The youth was taken to Hillcrest juvenile home.

Belmont Boy Still in Jail, Check Made to Wrong Man

The case of an imprisoned Belmont youth in Mexico began to take on the comic overtones of a Caribbean revolution today when it was found that determined efforts by the boy's mother and the United States government to free him had foundered at the cashier's cage.



HALE, HEARTY AND FAREWELL—Principal Paul Claudon, right, bids godspeed to eight of his Capuchino High school teachers who are leaving, by resignation or leave of absence, for advanced fields. Left to right, seated, Ray McHugh and Norman Friends. Standing, Charles Alva, Robert Sund, Norman Arslan, James Rutherford, Richard O'Malley and Claudon.

7 CAP TEACHERS OFF TO WORLD TOURS, COLLEGES

SAN BRUNO — Seven popular Capuchino high school instructors gathered with their principal in the all-night Grad Night "cocktail palace" here last night for a last get-together before going on to higher fields. Principal Paul Claudon wished them godspeed as they talked over their plans. Ray McHugh of the social studies department, will be on leave for a year, with three possible areas of study that include offers of fellowships at Stanford, Harvard, and the University of Minnesota; McHugh's specialty is United States history. Counselor Norman Friend, also of the social studies department, will leave for sabbatical study in the Mid-Eastern countries and the Holy Land following his stint of teaching world history in summer school.

Charles Alva, head of the English department at Capuchino, has resigned to complete his doctoral studies at Stanford where he will be a teaching assistant to English Department Head Dr. Grauman. One of the original staff at Capuchino when it opened in September of 1950, Alva received special recognition from Claudon and the faculty at the final faculty meeting of the year after school was closed yesterday.

State Senate Passes Bill; To Aid Peninsula Schools

SACRAMENTO — Legislation by Assemblyman Louis Francis of San Mateo county was passed by the senate today and sent to Governor Brown to increase the projection of student enrollment from five years to seven years for state school building aid and to help eliminate double and triple sessions.

Specifically, the Francis bill permits the department of education to approve a school district's application for an appropriation for the purchase of a site or comprehensive master plan if it determines that the enrollment of a high school will be sufficient to show need within seven years from the date of the application. Under the present law, the projection is limited to five years.

It also provides relief for elementary school districts by providing that the department may approve the application for an elementary grade level maintained by the district to utilize a period of seven years from the date of the application if it is necessary to meet the emergency conditions existing in that certain district because of a rapid increase in the enrollment of pupils or the scarcity of land within the district, or both. There are several school districts in San Mateo county that need this assistance, Francis said.

Another feature of the bill permits the inclusion of costs for the preparation of plans and specifications for school facilities and for the development of the site. The San Bruno Park school district is a typical example of one of these districts in dire

need due to the rapid growth of population and disappearance of available school sites. It has 578 pupils in grades one, two and three on "double session" and 293 kindergarten pupils on "triple session."

The next school year, 12 kindergarten classes will be on "triple session" and 40 classes of primary grade children will be on "double session" plus 10 classes of seventh graders on "double session."

The district has an enrollment of 4255 pupils at present and the projected enrollment for the 1959-60 school year is 4750 pupils, and for the 1960-61 school year, an enrollment of approximately 5300 pupils.

Ninety-six per cent of all bank deposits in the U. S. are protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

College Aides Hold Pre-Grad Celebration

College of San Mateo faculty gathered last night at the Elks club in San Mateo for the traditional annual dinner prior to commencement tomorrow.

Honored guests were the members of the board of trustees, their wives and husband, Messers and Mesdames Geoffrey Bromfield, Lester Nettle, U. S. Simmonds Jr., Robert A. Tarver, Raymond T. Whitney, and retiring faculty members Ada R. Boveridge and Edla Walter, to whom gifts of remembrance were presented.

Following dinner, at which faculty association president James Ice presided, entertainment chairman Mel Ellett had arranged a series of numbers presented by faculty-student entertainment teams.

Ada R. Beveridge and student actors Molly Minehan and Michael Thornton read a scene from Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." Fredric Roehr, pianist, and student trumpeter Phillip Lesh, played several duets, and Jean Berensmeier and student dancers Cecilia Kolloch and Pearl Rabin presented modern dance numbers.

The association paid tribute to the trustees whose vision and tireless devotion in planning and developing the college program and new campus on College Heights are deeply appreciated.

The evening concluded with the installation of 1959-60 officers of the association, President Gilbert Berryhill, vice-president Herbert Gossett, secretary, Edward Mullen and treasurer Louis Yaeger.

Yale Chorus Hopes to Repeat Hit in Russia

Editor's Note — Next week a chorus of young Yale men will take off for the Soviet Union on their second summer visit to spread goodwill on wings of song. Here's what the unofficial Ivy League ambassadors think will happen.

It depends on how much money they can muster.

But the plans are made. They intend to leave the United States June 15, arrive in Moscow June 23, and travel to Riga, Lvov and the Black Sea resorts of Sochi and Yalta.

The chorus members feel their visits are a form of cultural exchange between the two countries, but on a man-in-the-street level. They don't travel as a unit and they apply for their visas as individuals. There is no spokesman as such for the group. They are not a delegation.

"Be at Mayakovsky Square at 8 tonight," is a sample of the informal instructions under which the chorus operates.

The Americans show up at the designated hour, two or three at a time. When enough of them are on hand, the singing begins. Latecomers merely stroll up to the rest of the singers, and join in. When the concert is over, the real fun begins. Most members of the Soviet people, are curious about America and Americans. The Americans will break off into groups of two or three at the most. And they'll engage in lengthy conversations with the Russian people.

The Americans give a picture of life in the United States. They answer all questions put to them by the Russians. The Russians do the same for them. And they've already got plenty of pleasant memories tucked away from a year ago. They've visited Russians in their homes, and had serious discussions with them. The chorus members feel they've helped dispel, on a small scale, the notion that Americans are warmongers and exploiters.

The chorus director and arranger, Denis Mickiewicz, is a graduate student in comparative literature. He was born in Riga — one of the cities the chorus plans to visit — but he says he has no relatives there.

Jazz Session

One of the chorus, Charles Neff of Claremont, Calif., recalls a jazz session with young Soviets after one of their concerts. Neff can play a trumpet. Mickiewicz handles a guitar.

The setting for the jam session was the Mayakovsky Library in Moscow. It was going along fine—Americans and Soviets playing "taboo" jazz together—until someone at the library called a halt because the noise was getting out of hand. And jazz, as soon as it shows a modern trend, is condemned in the Soviet Union as a sign of "bourgeois decadence."

Only in one spot — the Republic of Georgia — did the chorus fail to make a hit with their Russian songs. In Tiflis, the Georgian capital, the chorus was cheered and applauded when they sang American folk songs and spirituals. The crowd wasn't pleased with the Russian songs.

Probably this can be explained by the fact that many of these hot-blooded people are quick to point out to foreigners that "we are not Russians, we are Georgians."

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College Honors San Mateo Girl

Eleanor Westbrook Mosher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mosher of 3901 Marshall avenue, San Mateo, a junior at Scripps college, Claremont, was awarded a modern language prize for advanced French conversation at the college, Thursday.



GRAND GRAD NIGHT—Scenes from Burlingame High school's all-night Grad Night Party at the Peninsula Golf and Country club. Watching the dancers above are from left to right, Marianne Nickell, Richard Stephens, Harold Blum, Sue Edwards, Dianne Erickson and Don Chappell.

U. S. to Enter Steel Talks

NEW YORK (AP)—The federal government will move Monday in an attempt to jog stalemated steel negotiations.

Joseph F. Finnegan, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, meets with David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers Union.

The following Monday he will meet with Roger M. Blough, chairman of the board of U. S. Steel Corp. Both meetings will be in Washington. McDonald and Blough will be there to outline their positions at dinner sessions before a group of Democratic Senators.

Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa) took the lead in arranging the

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