TAKING COMMAND . . . Lt. Gen. John W. O'Neill of Palos Verdes took command of the Air Force's recently activated Space and Missile Systems Organizations (SAMSO) during ceremonies this week at its headquarters in El Segundo. General O'Neill will head an organization with a fiscal year budget of more than two billion dolalrs and a development team of more than 6,000 engineers, scientists and managers, located across the country. Maj. Gen. John L. McCoy, front, left, former commander of Ballistic Systems Division, will serve as General O'Neill's deputy commander for missiles at San Bernardino.

Area Resident Assumes Command of Air Center

Traditional military ceremonies today marked the assumption of command by Lt. Gen. John W. O'Neill of the Air Force Systems Command's newly organized Space and Missile Organization (SAMSO) at its headquarters in El Segundo.

With General O'Neill's order of "Case the organizational Standards" in the presence of his staff members and senior organizational commanders, the flags of the Space Systems Division and the Ballistic Systems Division were furled and inserted into their cases then replaced by the flag of the nine day old organization.

General O'Neill, a native of Brookline, Mass., and a graduate of Boston University is a veteran of the Air Force space and missile programs. Prior to his appointment as SAMSO Commander he served as commander of the Air Force's Electronics Systems Division at L. G. Hanscom Field, Boston, Mass.

Among his decorations are the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

He is married to the former Dorothea M. Howley of Arlington, Massachusetts. General and Mrs. O'Neill have six children and reside in Palos Verdes.

Watson Calls for New State Tax Commission

County Assessor Philip E. Watson has called for the establishment of a state tax commission which would study the entire fiscal structure of the state and local government with the goal of mapping a complete overhaul of what he called "our hodgepodge tax structure."

Speaking at a Town Hall meeting, Watson warned that "present tinkering with revenue sources can ultimately lead to financial chaos.

"Since the last major overhaul of state financing 30 years ago, we've been relying on a succession of last-minute tax measures to meet our soaring revenue needs," Watson said.

"This grasping at financial straws brought us this year to the verge of an empty treasury."

Watson also warned that the entire property tax structure is threatened by the legislature's failure to come to grips with any kind of meaningful property tax relief.

"Homeowners, particularly those on small, fixed incomes, are bearing a disproportionate share of the cost of local government," he said. "One of these days we're going to have to face the fact that we've about reached the point where only the wealthy can afford to own their own homes."

Watson said that recent legislation designed to "reform" assessment practice had failed to protect the homeowner because it, in effect, increased homeowner assessments without controlling the amount of taxes that could be levied against them.

On Commission

Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent, personnel services for the Torrance schools, has been named to represent the California Associal of School Personnel

sociation of School Personnel Administrators on the California Association of School Administrators Administrative policies commission for the 1967-68 school year.

Obscenity Classified

Knox Asks Senate Approval for Bills

Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO—Assemblyman John T. Knox, D-Richmond, author of a bill which would set up a classification of "indecent" material and prohibit its sale or distribution to minors, said he won't accept any drastic changes from the senate.

The bill was approved recently by the assembly, following action in the committee on criminal procedure to kill the senate's pornography bills.

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THOSE BILLS, AB78 and 79 by Robert J. Lagomarsino, R-Ojai, has changed the definition of obscene material to provide it was obscene if its redeeming social importance was secondary.

Knox's AB1664 does not touch the definition of obscene material which many claim has been the big stumbling block to enforcement—the section providing matter is not obscene unless it is utterly without redeeming social importance.

But it sets up a new category of indecent material which could have slight social importance, and makes its distribution or sale to persons under 18 years of age illegal.

"I don't want to say that I won't accept amendments to my bill," Knox said. "But if the senate changes it drastically, to put in the shape of the Lagomarsino bills, I'll simply drop it.

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"I BELIEVE those bills were unconstitutional and I don't want to carry unconstitutional bills," he said.

There have been indications from some senators that they may amend provisions of the Lagamarsino bills into AB1664. The Lagomarsino bills have been supported by Governor Ronald Reagan, Lieutenant Governor Robert H. Finch, and Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch. Despite this support, Knox still maintained he felt the bills were unconstitutional.

Summer Registration To Open at El Camino

week post summer session at El Camino College will be held Aug. 4, in the Communications Center building, according to Dr. Leo Christian, dean of admissions.

Students who attended the past spring semester are scheduled to register from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. New or re-entering students will sign up for classes between 10 and 11 o'clock.

Classes begin Aug. 7 and continue through Sept. 1.

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"REGISTRANTS must be legal residents of the El Camino College District or the Los Angeles contract area to be able to take a class during this four-week session," Christian said.

Out-of-state residents, now living within the El Camino district will be accepted, but must pay a tuition fee of $11 per unit at the time of registration, Christian added.

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PLACEMENT tests, if required, must be completed five school days prior to registration. Reservations for these tests may be made in the college counseling office.

Further information regarding registration procedures is available in the admissions office.

For those planning to take classes at El Camino during the regular fall semester, registration dates are from Aug. 21 through Sept. 1.

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