

Chapel Urges Approval Of Proposition No. 1-A

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You may remember that for nearly 12 years, serving you in the California State Legislature I have urged you to read in detail the pamphlet published and distributed at each general election by the Secretary of State which gives the exact language of all proposed amendments to the Constitution of California (so-called "Propositions"), the arguments for and against the proposed amendments, and the names of the ostensible authors of the arguments. I have repeatedly urged that you read the proposed amendments themselves, even though they are long and dull.

I have over and over again asked you not to rely entirely on the arguments for and against the amendments, and certainly not rely entirely on the names of the ostensible authors of the arguments. In other words, I have been asking you for

nearly 12 years to do your own thinking and not take the word of someone else.

FOR THE SAME reason, in press releases and in all public addresses, I have carefully told people that I have my private, personal ideas about how and why I shall vote on certain proposed amendments (propositions), but also I have carefully said that I do not want anyone to vote as I intend to do without reading the pamphlet issued by the Secretary of State and forming their own opinion. Each voter is just as qualified to form his opinion as any incumbent or other candidate for office.

Proposition 1-A on the ballot is to provide bonds for state college, junior college, and university facilities; to provide facilities to care for mentally retarded and mentally ill and to provide narcotics control, correctional and forest fire-fighting facilities in the

amount of \$270 million dollars. Eighty per cent of the total of the bond issue will be used for building construction, equipment and site acquisition needs for the California State Colleges, the public junior colleges, and the University of California.

PRACTICALLY the same bond issue was badly defeated at the primary election, on June 5, 1962. The present Proposition 1-A lists the indicated purposes for which the money will be spent, as you can discover when you read it in the Secretary of State's pamphlet. This is a clarification of the same bond issue defeated at the June primary election and may attract more favorable voters.

You probably know that I was first in the legislature to start the movement for a South Bay College, was the author of the assembly bill on the subject, and the floor

leader of the senate bill on the same subject. Five million dollars was appropriated for the purchase of the land. The site will be selected sometime after the November general election but it will be in the South Bay, in or very close to the 46th Assembly District, not far from the ocean.

RESPONSIBLE officials of the new South Bay State College have told me that if Proposition 1-A passes, it will expedite the construction of the new college. Remember, we appropriated the money for the land out of the general funds but money provided by Proposition 1-A can be used for construction of buildings.

These same officials tell me that if Proposition 1-A does not pass, then the legislature will appropriate the money for the buildings out of the general funds of the state instead of using bond money, but this

will delay the construction of the buildings.

The length of the delay is not known by anyone. Some officials say six months, some say a year, and some guess that it might be 18 months before the legislature appropriates money out of the general fund and thus enable the South Bay State College buildings to be built without using bond money.

FOR THIS REASON, most of the people vitally interested in the early construction of the South Bay State College, are urging a YES vote on Proposition 1-A simply to start constructing buildings sooner.

Finally, it is repetitious but please let me once more urge you to patiently read all of the pamphlet mailed you with the sample ballot by the Secretary of State. Please form your own opinion and do not take the easy approach by asking someone how you should

vote or relying entirely on what you read in some publication other than the official pamphlet.



TV CANDIDS by Terrence O'Flaherty

"Combat" is the title of a new hour-long dramatic series which will follow an infantry platoon through the European invasion. The opening episode was well produced and performed, full of legitimate suspense and completely absorbing.

The series is produced by Robert Blees, who was the guy behind "Bus Stop," one of last season's failures. It was he who defended the tasteless episode where teenage crooner Fabian was engaged to play an unrepentant young killer in an effort to ensnare the teenage audience.

In his new assignment, Blees told the press that the Pentagon has issued various commands on how to portray our World War II enemy:

The Army has asked us to go out of our way to show the Germans were extremely capable soldiers and worthy fighters. That's fine with me because we don't want our 1944 combat troops fighting a bunch of bums. But I suppose the real reason for the order is to refrain from insulting the West Germans who may be fighting on our side if there is another war.

"Furthermore," said Blees, "the current crises through the world have created tremendous interest in the horrors of war." Despite puerile statements like these, Blees has managed to turn out a promising show.

The performers on "Combat" are experienced actors, though not famous ones: Rick Jason as the lieutenant, Vic Morrow as the sergeant and Pierre Jalbert as a private.

In coming months, the platoon will work its way across France to Germany in much the same manner as "Wagon Train" is working its way from St. Joseph to the coast.

For those who are weary of Frank Sinatra—either on or off stage—I have some bad news: There's another one waiting in the wings.

Frank Sinatra Jr. made his show-business debut on a recent Jack Benny Show. He's a drama student at USC and wants to be an entertainer. He looks surprisingly like his father—particularly in profile—and he's just as thin.

He was understandably awkward on his debut singing "My Kind of Girl," but he has a good voice and with better physical control, he should be able to make it on his own. His shyness is in his favor—a characteristic not associated with his father.

Ever since Edward G. Robinson threw a brick through the editor's window in "Front Page," Hollywood has been attempting to capture the spirit of a newspaper city room. Most of the efforts have been as phony as a movie star's smile. This season television gets into the act.

The show is "Saints and Sinners," a new NBS series of considerable promise which will now be seen weekly. Producer Marc Daniels is making an effort to have the programs "genuinely reflect newsrooms, journalists and the operations of a big city newspaper."

In many respects, "Saints and Sinners" comes closer than most to making a newspaper city room seem plausible. It stars Nick Adams, whose acting talent is limited to two facial expressions—one quizzical, one totally blank. But he moves around fast and it helps to cover up this inadequacy.

There is a bitterness to the Adams personality that makes him exceedingly unattractive even in a sympathetic situation. His total lack of humor—which was also evident in his recent series, "The Rebel"—remains his greatest drawback.

Garden Checklist

1. Native plants are best set out in fall. Winter rains which follow will help to establish them.
2. Many evergreens are also benefited by fall planting for the above reason.
3. Set out your favorite perennials from nursery flats this month and next.
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