

'Cigacide' Warning Issued by Seventh-Day Adventists' Pastor

A warning that many persons are slipping closer to "cigacide" because responsible agencies are "going slow" on public warnings about the health dangers of cigarette smoking was sounded today by Pastor Manson Metcalf of Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church, Acacia Avenue and Sonoma Street.

"Just because the immediacy of the U.S. Surgeon General's Committee report condemning

cigarette smoking has passed, that does not mean cigarette smoking is any less damaging to health," said Pastor Metcalf.

THE LOCAL clergyman said many church leaders see a definite refutation of Biblical counsel in the lives of persons who continue smoking despite overwhelming evidence that it is harmful to health.

"The Bible clearly declares that man's body is 'the temple

of God' and that 'If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy... I Corinthians 2:16, 17," said Pastor Metcalf.

"THIS SCRIPTURE plainly indicates that those who bring harm willfully to their bodies may expect the judgment of the God of Heaven," the minister asserted.

Pastor Metcalf said "because Seventh-day Adventists have

taught for nearly 100 years that tobacco is a slow, insidious, but most malignant poison, the Church is supporting an international Five-Day Plan to help persons break the smoking habit."

The plan, according to the minister, is a non-religious presentation utilizing physiological and psychological group therapy. More than 500,000 persons in North America alone have taken the Five-Day Plan with 60 per cent still off cigarettes at the end of one year.

Music is the mediator between the spiritual and the sensual life. — Beethoven.

BIRTHS

TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HANSEN—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 2541 Fugate, a boy, Robert Rosa, March 7.

GERGEN—Mr. and Mrs. William, 1232 Madras Place, a boy, Matthew Paul, March 11.

LAUGHNEY—Mr. and Mrs. E. G., 1027 Korbblum Ave., a boy, Brice Edward, March 12.

SULLIVAN—Mr. and Mrs. George M., 2317 Torrance Blvd., a boy, George Patrick, March 12.

POWLER—Mr. and Mrs. Lee, 23303 S. Marigold Ave., a girl, Laura Jean, March 13.

WHITECOTTON—Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick, 53 E. 224th St., a boy, Randal Alan, March 14.

CARTER—Mr. and Mrs. George, 1535 W. 206th St., a boy, Rick Bryan, March 14.

DEIDMON—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, 1733 S. Evelyn, a boy, James Edward, March 14.

DIXON—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 2626 Brian St., a girl, Tamara Jean, March 15.

ANDERSON—Mr. and Mrs. Rex, 1503 W. 214th St., a girl, March 17.

BUSTAMANTE—Mr. and Mrs. Isidro, 2208 Fries Ave., a girl, Dolores, March 16.

RUSSELL—Mr. and Mrs. Richard, 1531 Plaza Del Amo, a girl, Keitha Lynn, March 17.

SIEG—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 4606 W. 148th St., a girl, Susan Lorraine, March 17.

HAGGARD—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 3542 W. 132nd St., a boy, Robert Charles III, March 18.

BELL—Mr. and Mrs. Carl, 4048 W. 162nd St., a boy, John Clay, March 19.

GREEN—Mr. and Mrs. Carleton, 134 Paseo de Gracia, a boy, Evan Drake, March 19.

RICHARDSON—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, 3510 Arvada St., a boy, Jeffrey Eldon, March 19.

STURGES—Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 340 S. Helberta Ave., a boy, Todd Ivan, March 25.

LEWIS—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, 22509 Anchor St., a girl, March 26.

GEORGE—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, 17021 S. Hoover, a boy, Gregory William, March 31.

Way Cleared for Assembly Action

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District

Now that the principal partisan issue before us has been cleared up by the establishment of the fact that it is no longer possible for any proposed bond issues to appear on the primary ballot, the way for some action on the 1964-65 budget appears to have opened considerably. Progress on it has been slowed almost to a halt by the need for four Re-

publican votes, in addition to all the Democrats in the Assembly, to give the budget the necessary two-thirds majority to put it into effect July 1.

The Assembly Republican caucus, after intensive study, came up with a series of proposed reductions in the \$3.67 billion total requested, amounting in all to \$63.5 million. The major cut recommended is one of \$27.8 million in social welfare, which it was said could be accomplished without any reduction in service.

Welfare programs in which substantial decreases are proposed include aid to the disabled, \$12.5 million; aid to families with dependent children, \$8 million; medical assistance for the aged, \$4.6 million, and old age aid, \$2.5 million. It was said that these reductions would harm no one. It was asserted that the budget contemplates increases in these programs far in excess of what should be considered "normal growth." It was also pointed out that past budgets have consistently overestimated welfare costs, so these inflated forecasts should be eliminated.

OTHER SIZEABLE cuts recommended include one of \$10 million for a proposed central heating plant in Sacramento; another of \$17 million by delaying construction of two new office buildings, and another of \$8 million by making mandatory certain practices of leaving authorized job positions unfilled to save salary costs.

Smaller reductions were also proposed, to be achieved by eliminating a new office of tourism and a new housing and community development unit, by cutting the budget for the consumer counsel, and by delaying purchase of property for a new state museum.

As might have been expected, this program of recommended budget reductions met with mixed reactions. However, it did not meet a completely ice-cold reception from administration leaders, executive or legislative, though the welfare proposals drew heavy opposing fire.

WHEN THE program was released, the Assembly Ways and Means Committee suspended action on budget matters until certain "peace" conferences could be arranged and held. Republican leaders of the Assembly soon after met with the Governor to discuss with him their "positive plan for disposition of the budget." Both sides described the meeting as friendly, and there are indications that negotiations may be continued in additional conferences.

Plans were also made for meetings between Democratic and Republican leaders of the Assembly to discuss these new budget proposals. As one remarked, "at least we have reached a stage of joining the issues."

Meanwhile, the other major topic of our sessions, state support of public schools, is still so tangled in confusion that even the skilled newsmen who cover our Capitol hesitate at trying to explain what goes on.

Spartan Miss Qualifies for State Tourney

Rosemary Heath, a South High senior, will participate in the State Speech Tournament at Santa Barbara tomorrow and Saturday. She won a place in the state tourney by winning second place at the district qualifying tournament last week.

Three students advanced to the semi-finals. They are Barbara Bingham, who won the girls' oratorical interpretation; Amy Rodney, girls' impromptu winner, and Miss Heath, mixed original oratory and dramatic interpretation.

Other Spartans who participated in the contest were Sandra Christensen, Steven Fischer, Alana Hurst, JoAnn Burkus, Ellen Jones, Robert Vogl, Marsha Hurst, Patty Stephens, Lee Pearce, Kimberly Wright, and Terry Liblick.

School Slates Alumni Dinner

The Harbor City Christian School will hold the annual alumni dinner tomorrow at Clifton's in Lakewood. All former graduates are invited to attend.



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