

Education Gets Biggest Share Of State Budget

State College Wins Two-Year Accreditation

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One thing is now certain: California state government will continue to operate during fiscal 1964-65. After weeks of effort we succeeded in passing a budget bill which appropriates some \$3.65 billion for the year. At long last we could adjourn our two special sessions, and return to our districts.

Both the Senate and the Assembly accepted the report of the conference committee on the budget by overwhelming votes. The final total represents a cut of some \$19 million below the amount requested by the Governor. The largest eliminations were those for two additional state office buildings and a central heating plant in Sacramento.

Senate budget leaders forecast that the budget would result in a general fund surplus of about \$12 million at the end of the fiscal year, as compared to one of about \$115 million at the end of the current year.

AS ALWAYS, expenditure for education is the biggest item in the budget total, some \$1.4 billion, or around 37 per cent of the total budget. Of this amount, close to \$300 million will go for higher education at the University and the state colleges, the balance of more than \$1.1 billion to local school districts. Highways, the Highway Patrol and Motor Vehicle Department will account for about \$700 million, around 19 per cent of the total.

Appropriations for health and welfare programs add up

to some \$600 million, 16 per cent of the total. A policy decision which could have a noticeable effect on future welfare costs was made when the conference committee accepted the Assembly proposal that the budget for social welfare programs be put on a "closed," rather than an "open end" basis.

In brief, this policy prevents the Department of Finance from approving expenditure of any welfare funds needed to pay the cost of any changes in rules made by the Department of Social Welfare, if such changes would raise costs above budgetary ceilings. In effect, this would strengthen legislative control over welfare costs.

CONSTRUCTION projects

adding up to about \$380 million are included in the budget total, but most of them will be paid for out of bond funds. This tends to distort the picture concerning expenditures which will be financed from current revenues. It also obscures the true costs of paying for construction through bond funds, which require expenditures for amortization and interest charges over many years.

As is not unusual, the final version of the budget bill contains several provisions which go further than simple appropriation of money, and also establishes state policy with respect to certain matters. One, for instance grants state funds to help build sewage facilities for the south end of Lake Tahoe, but contains lan-

guage withholding the grants if any sewage effluent is to be dumped in the American River. Another forbids the Department of Water Resources to build power transmission lines until alternate methods of transmission are studied. Still another cuts funds for graduate instruction in social work at state colleges, and so limits their curricula.

Now that our budgetary and other legislative enactment labors are finished, our interim studies will continue.

Flying somewhere for vacation. If the flight is a long one, get up and walk around a bit every now and then, your Los Angeles County Heart Assn. suggests, to keep the circulation in your legs from slowing down. Stretch your legs on motor trips, too.

Leo F. Cain, president of the California State College at Palos Verdes, announced this week that the Western Assn. of Schools and Colleges has accredited the new college.

First students enrolling in the college in 1965 will be attending an accredited institution, said Dr. Cain in announcing the action. The Western Assn. of School and Colleges is the official accrediting agency for higher education in the western United States.

The association said the new campuses of the University of California and the State College system would receive initial two-year periods of initial accreditation as of the date of their opening to students.

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