COUNCIL CANDIDATE JOHN BARTON
Monkeyshines in appointments by state officials?

REVOLT ON REWARDS

Barton to Demand Party Probe of State Appointments

John Barton, Torrance attorney and first to announce he is a candidate in the spring City Council election, is seeking an investigation by the Democrat party on appointments made by elected state officials.

As delegate from the Torrance Democratic Club to the Fresno convention Feb. 13-15, Barton will press for a resolution to get analyses from all Assembly districts.

He will call for answers to five questions: 1. Were the appointments first submitted to Democrat Assembly councils? 2. Did the council pass on them favorably or unfavorably? 3. What is the appointee's party affiliation? 4. Was party machinery bypassed? 5. If the official party structure was bypassed, why was the appointment made?

Barton noted that in the 17th Congressional District only two of 15 appointments so far have been made from the ranks of hard-working and dedicated Democrats.

Upon his return from the Fresno convention Barton will open the throttle on his council campaign, he told The Press.

Smokers Cough Up Millions in Taxes

Cigarette taxes to the state from November distributions of 164,709,000 packages of cigarettes amounted to $4,941,300, according to the state Board of Equalization.

Total cost to smokers by Dec. 31 was $33,638,203.