

Hahn Ponders Federal Suit to Eliminate Smog from Autos

On motion of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the Board of Supervisors recently instructed County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy to review and determine the possibility of a federal suit to compel the automotive industry to develop and install exhaust control devices to eliminate smog from the automobile.

Hahn's motion came after Smith Griswold, Air Pollution Control Officer, testified that automobiles, trucks and buses are responsible for 80 per cent of smog in Los Angeles County.

Kennedy was instructed to prepare a formal legal opinion on the possibility of taking federal court action against the auto industry after conferring with State Attorney General Stanley Mosk, and the federal district Attorney General's office.

"A special federal grand jury should be convened to study this problem and to initiate action against the automobile industry," Hahn declared.

FEDERAL ACTION

He added that action in the federal courts would be required to compel the automotive industry to meet its responsibility for the health and welfare of the 6,000,000 people of Los Angeles County since the federal government is the only agency that can require the automobile makers to perfect and install smog eliminating exhaust devices on new cars as they roll off the assembly line.

Hahn emphasized that since "expert testimony by Griswold has shown that 80 per cent of smog is caused by cars, trucks and buses it is time that the federal government takes steps to protect the people of Los Angeles County."

He pointed out that Kennedy's opinion on the possibility of a federal court suit against the auto industry would have a far reaching effect, but that the car manufacturers had been served notice year after year of the urgency of developing exhaust smog control devices and placing them on new cars as they are being manufactured.

URGES PRESIDENTS

Hahn has written the presidents of the auto manufacturing companies each year since February, 1953, urging them to meet their responsibilities to the people of Los Angeles County by eliminating smog from cars.

"Just last year the Medical Association advised people with respiratory prob-

lems to move out of Los Angeles County area," he stated.

Hahn added that the automobile industry should assign the highest possible priority to licking the smog problem from automobiles.

He stressed that he does not believe that more funds, more data, or more research on the causes of smog is needed by either Los Angeles County or the State of California.

"The research has been

completed, all of the data compiled; there is no need for any more reports. What we need now is action," Hahn continued.

The real answer to the smog problem, he said, has to be from the automobile manufacturers in Detroit who have been dragging their feet, and a suit by the federal government to compel them to eliminate auto smog is essential for the health and welfare of the public.

College to Offer Fine Arts Course Over Television

Masterpieces of western literature and art will be the subject of a new television series over KCOP, Channel 13, offered by Los Angeles State College three times weekly starting February 5.

The literature and fine arts course will be presented Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Instructors will include Dr. Irwin Swerdlow, assistant professor of English, formerly of Harvard University and Dartmouth College, and Richard F. Cassidy, assistant professor of art, both members of the LASC faculty.

The upper division course will give two units of extensive credit. It entails no prerequisites for enrollment. Persons wishing to take the course for credit should mail their enrollment application to the Telecourse Extension Office at the college no later than February 18.

Required reading for the course will include Bernard Shaw's "Art and Civilization;" "The Romance of Tristan and Iseult;" Dante's "The Inferno;" Shakespeare's "King Lear;" Cervantes' "Don Quixote;" Abbe Prevost's "Manon Lescaut;" Voltaire's "Candide;"

Goethe's "Faust;" Balzac, "Pere Goriot;" Tolstoy, "War and Peace."

The final examination for the course will be held on the campus May 26, 1962. Persons wishing additional information can phone Capitol 5-1631, Ext. 503. Fee for the course is \$7.50.

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Local Artists Favored in Show Held Next Month

Inez Staff, manager of Peninsula Gallery, has announced that local artists will be favored in the gallery's February show, "Palos Verdes Peninsula in Art." The show will feature entirely works of art on the Palos Verdes theme.

Those artists wishing to submit work should contact Inez Staff at the gallery which is located at 1714 So. Calina, Hollywood Riviera, Cal. call FR 8-7033.

Deadline for entries is Jan. 30th.