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BAND DEBUTS . . . Warren Weaver and Cynthia Hodge discuss plans for Bishop Montgomery's newly organized band, with director John Bowen. The Knights Band made its first appearance last week at the Montgomery-Fermin Lasuen football game. During the coming months, it will appear with vocal and art groups in a Christmas concert and a spring concert.

# **Nation's Teachers Reject Extreme Political Wings**

per cent of those polled con-sidered themselves firm

One of the most reassuring things about the public schools is the criticism leveled at the teaching prossion from both extremes

the political spectrum. The fanatical rightist accuses the schools of slavishly following an exclusively ultra-liberal line of indoc-trination. The left-wing extremist, on the other hand, views the schools as dom-inated by middle-class teachers too concerned with pro-fessionalism and regrettably unwilling to man the barricades for each week's revol-

utionary cause. Like most Americans, school teachers, generally speaking, conform to neith-er image. Within a healthy framework of disagreement, they hew much closer to the traditional middle of the road.

A recent summary of Na-tional Education Association

# **Effects** of **Smoking Is Club** Topic

Smoking and its effects on the human body will be dis-cussed by Richard S. Gaines at a meeting of the Torrance Rotary Club today. Gaines is a staff member of the Tuber-culosis and Health Association

of Los Angeles County. The Rotary Club will meet for lunch at the Palms Res-taurant, 1925 W. Carson St. Some 70 members and guests are expected to attend. A program associate in res-

A program associate in respiratory diseases for the Christmas Seal Association, Gaines has been with the pio-for more than 10 years. He currently is assigned to pre-barel Westott. Class Office Mgr. Breathmobile, a mobile respiration of the Christmas Seal Breathmobile, a mobile respiration of the Christmas Seal unit which will be put into operation carly next year.

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ary problems, a large ma-jority of teachers favored majority of teachers — but far from all — tend toward conservative views. Eighteen greater teacher authority. 72 per cent favored judicious use of corporal punish-ment at the elementary level and 47 per cent at the sidered themselves in trim conservatives, whereas 8 per cent declared themselves as dedicated liberals. Thirty per cent said they tended to be liberal and 43 per cent believed they tended to be conservative. high school level.

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conservative.

On the subject of contro-versial topics, a large major-ity of teachers—80 per cent —favored sex education as a proper part of the high school curriculum. Seventy eight per cent reported no opposition to teaching about the United Nations and half of all polled favored teach-

ing about communism. On the issue of de facto On the issue of de facto segregation, 40 per cent of all teachers polled favored continuation of neighbor-hood schools without spe-cific plans to eliminate seg-regation, Nearly as many-37 per cent-would permit transfers to less crowded elementary schools and pro-vide b us transportation

while another 14 per cent Press Derald

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# polls of teacher opinion con-ducted during the past few years reveals that as be-tween liberal and conserva-tive political attitudes, a

Eighty-five per cent of all teachers polled felt that smoking should be prohib-ited on school grounds.

Nearly all teachers—96.6 per cent—apparently agree with California's Superintendent of Public Instruction Max Rafferty in his low tion Max Rafferty in his low opinion of the "cult of the slob"; they replied that the schools should have the au-thority to prohibit objec-tional clothing such as tight-



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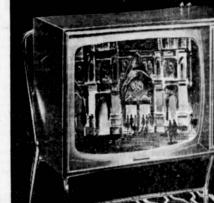
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