

Senate Reapportionment Making Major Progress

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 Major progress on the prickly problem of reapportioning our State Senate was recently announced by the chairman of the 13 member Special Senate Committee on Reapportionment. It will be recalled that last summer the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that both houses of state legislatures having two, must be apportioned on the basis of "one man, one vote." Not long afterward, acting on a case involving California, a panel of three federal judges ordered our Legislature to come up with a law to re-district the Senate on a population basis, not later than July 1.

Earlier in this session, the chairman introduced a proposed constitutional amendment which would make necessary changes in the provisions relating to the Senate. He also introduced a skeleton bill to enable changing sections of the Elections Code which set boundaries for Senate districts. He has now

amended this bill to include specific provisions for new Senate Districts.

His plan is unique among the many tentative schemes which have been discussed, and would bring about a momentous departure from existing law on Senate districts. First, it would provide for 24 districts in the state, and would divide the forty Senators among them. In districts entitled to more than one Senator, candidates would run at large.

LOS ANGELES County would be a single district with twelve members. Five counties would each be allocated two Senators, Alameda, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, and Santa Clara. At the opposite end of the scale, fourteen counties from the Oregon border through the Sierrita Inyo County, would be one district, with one Senator. Two other single member districts would have five and seven counties, respectively.

The chairman said he ad-

mits the plan deviates somewhat from the one man, one vote concept, but feels it does comply with the basic principle involved. He said it would reduce the population disparity between districts from the current 450 to 1 to 2.5 to 1, thus making a "tremendous stride" in the right direction. Hearings on the bill as amended are planned for the near future.

Though the Senate is thus complying with the mandate to develop a reapportionment plan, it is fight-

ing vigorously on another front to avoid redistricting on a population basis, if at all possible. In this battle it is joined with thousands of California citizens, organized to work actively in support of a remedial amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

THE PRINCIPLE transcends party lines or sectional differences, as is evidenced by the fact that California voters have four times defeated the polls efforts to change the existing "federal"

system of legislative apportionment.

The purpose of this campaign is to secure a constitutional guarantee that one house of a state legislature may reflect factors other than population if a majority of the voters of that state so desire. In Congress and in the various states millions of people are joining to support this proposed amendment. Resolutions favoring it have passed both houses in 25 states. In seven others, similar action has been taken in

one house, and awaits consideration in the second. This promises to be one of the most important and dramatic legislative contests in American history.

Harbor Bar Meets Friday

Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Lynn D. Compton, deputy in charge of area and branch offices, will be guest speaker at an April 16 meeting of the Harbor Bar Association at the Pirates Galley, 2440 S. Western, San Pedro. A 6:30 p.m. cocktail hour will be followed by a 7:30 p.m. dinner.

Projects of the District Attorney's office. Meeting discussion, to be presided over by President Richard M. Wonder, will also include discussion on special matters of interest to the local bar.

Compton will discuss new p.m. dinner.

On Animal Bites

Health Chief Issues Alert

By K. H. SUTHERLAND, M.D.
 County Health Officer

This week, most schools in the Los Angeles area are closed for Easter vacation and school children are free for a week to enjoy this preface to summer and to let off whatever steam they have built up.

One little known statistical observation of the Easter season concerns the increased number of dog bites reported during such a vacation period.

For many years, health officials have known that about 75 per cent of the dog bite victims reported are children. It has also been noted that there is a rise in the number of bites when children are out of school, particularly when weather is conducive to play out of doors.

such measures could be avoided if it might be ascertained the animal is healthy.

BECAUSE NO person has ever survived after developing rabies, so far as medical records show, and because rabies may occur at any time among wild animals in this area, the disease must be considered to be a distinct threat to any person who has been bitten by any warm-blooded animal, birds excluded. The best protection against rabies is prevention of bites and reduction of the disease among our pet population through routine immunization of dogs.

Anyone who wishes additional information on rabies may obtain a leaflet by sending a written request to the Division of Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 220 N. Broadway, Los Angeles 12.

RECENT RESEARCH into the factors involved in these dog bites give some guide lines as to certain actions that may reduce such occurrences. From studies of the circumstances during which most bites occur, it is estimated that if the following seven measures were adopted, dog bites could be reduced by some 40 to 50 per cent.

- Do not give a dog to children under the age of six years.
- Teach children how to care for their pets and not to tease or abuse dogs.
- Discourage playing ball with a dog, riding bicycles and other vehicles in the vicinity of excited dogs, and running while playing with a dog, if it excites him.
- Do not intercede in dog fights. Do not pet, startle, or take food away from a dog while feeding him.
- Exercise caution while assisting injured or sick animals.
- Avoid abruptly arousing sleeping dogs. Be careful in picking up pups so as not to offend the mother dog.
- Avoid holding the face next to a dog's.

WHEN OBTAINING a pet for children, parents should consider the fact that female dogs inflict more bites than do male dogs. Another important measure in dog bite prevention is confinement of the animal to the owner's property when it is not on a leash or otherwise restrained. Throughout the Los Angeles area, the law prohibits owners from letting their dogs run at large.

If an animal should bite a person, this bite should be reported at once to the nearest office of the Los Angeles County Health Department. Furthermore, it is extremely important that the biting animal be identified and its whereabouts established so that it may be placed under observation for rabies. A great many bite victims—both child and adult—must undergo Pasteur treatment for prevention of rabies only because the biting animal cannot be found and observed for signs of the disease. In all or virtually all of these cases, the discomfort of



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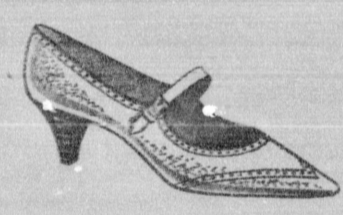
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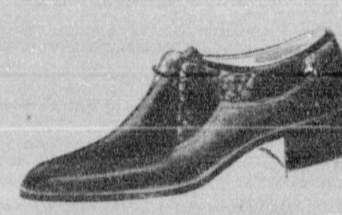
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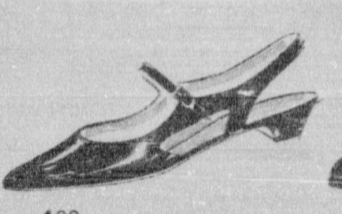
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