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(Continued from Page 1) expenditure for it, and the Legislature had to allocate the money.

DR. CAIN SAID the stu-

dents of the area were the ones being shorted. The Southwest area of the county has the highest portions of high school graduates, he said.

He stressed that classes would open in September on a limited basis in temporary quarters, but said "because of the peripatetic nature of the college, it has been difficult for students to decide to enroll."

A resolution to be signed by area community and school leaders is being prepared for the board of trustees who will meet later this month.

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**Mariner IV May Answer Questions About Mars**

(Editor's Note: Mariner IV is scheduled to start taking pictures of Mars today during its fly-by at a range of 5,600 miles. The pictures will be transmitted back to earth during the next few days.)

By ALPHONZO BELL, Congressman, 28th District

For centuries man has been fascinated by the idea of life elsewhere in the universe, especially on Mars. His suppositions have always been sophisticated by today's scientific standards. Only 27 years ago, Orson Welles could inadvertently precipitate a near panic with his radio drama about an invasion from Mars.

Serious investigation and technological advances have today made possible more accurate knowledge about the world beyond our own planet. Although what we currently suspect bears little resemblance to the life forms envisaged by science fiction writers of other years, the subject is no less intriguing. Facts gathered so far about

Mars suggest that life would have had to adapt to survival conditions very different from ours. Equatorial temperatures range from 50 degrees above zero to 90 below. Although the length of a Martian day is only 37 minutes longer than Earth's, a year on Mars is almost twice as long as an annual cycle on Earth.

SCIENTISTS disagree on estimates of other crucial conditions. Some even dispute the contention that there is life in any form on Mars.

A subject of speculation has been the greenish-blue areas which appear to darken and lighten periodically. Does this suggest seasonal variation in vegetation growth? Or is it a change in mineral coloration? And what are the famed Martian "canals"? Just how much greater is the intensity of solar radiation from that reaching Earth? Is the atmosphere as low in oxygen and water vapor as analyses indicate?

Soon we shall have some of the answers.

TODAY, Mariner IV will start photographing Mars. It has already obtained other evidence to help sustain or disprove speculations about life on the red planet.

Launched by an Atlas Agena booster last November, Mariner IV will have traveled approximately 325 million miles when its tele-

vision cameras begin to take pictures of the planet's surface. The 575-pound vehicle is expected to snap 21 photographs and transmit them more than 134.5 million miles back to Earth. Those taken from Mariner's best vantage point will, hopefully, enable scientists to determine surface features as relatively small as two miles across.

Although the expectation of seeing the surface of Mars has captured public fancy, instruments other than cameras on the space vehicle will give us more detail about other features vital to our knowledge about the existence of life forms on Mars and to our getting there. For example, Mariner IV will provide information on the intensity of high-energy radiation, the existence of a radiation belt around Mars, the strength and direction of magnetic fields in interplanetary space, and the atmospheric density around Mars.

WHAT IS especially significant about Mariner IV is that it is the first craft launched by the United States to explore space further from the sun than Earth's orbit. There will be more exploration and experimentation, for man's view is increasingly expanding outward. This first attempt surely presages the far off day when a manned planetary landing can be achieved.

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(Continued from Page 1) Lawndale, up \$2 million to \$37,742,670; Rolling Hills, up \$2 million to \$10,679,310; and Rolling Hills Estates, up more than \$6 million to \$24,299,050.

Watson warned the assessments are exclusive of public utilities valuation, which must be set by the California Public Utilities Commission, and before equalization.

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