



PLANNING AWARDS . . . Members of the city's Armed Forces Day trophy committee prepare judging standards for the 7th annual AFD parade and competition on May 21. Committeemen from left are Lt. Cmdr. Russell F. Kornman, Long Beach Naval Station; Lt. (jg) James F. McCahill, 11th Coast Guard District, Long Beach; Maj. Lennard Masterson, California National Guard, Manhattan

Beach; Edwin W. Sullivan, parade coordinator, Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Col. Lawrence E. Schutte (holding trophy), Commander, 670th Radar Squadron, Fort MacArthur; Lt. Col. J. J. Leogue (standing) El Toro Marine Air Station; Col. James H. Stell, Patton Army Reserve Center, Maywood; and Lee Tussing for the city of Torrance.

Senior Officers to Head Military Judging Panels

Consistency of judging by competent military representatives is being emphasized by Larry Bowman, Trophy Committee chairman, for the 7th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade, May 21.

Bowman indicated a senior officer from each service—Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force, and Army—plus two civilian judges will determine the best parade and exhibit entries. All entries will be judged.

Separate judging standards

are established for motorized units, marching units, marching bands, and exhibits. Parade entries will be judged for marching interval alignment, personal and equipment appearance, execution of commands, and cadence. Bands will be rated additionally for intonation tone quality and playing precision.

FOR EXHIBITS, judges will consider depiction of mission, originality, technical achieve-

ment, easily understood, and public reaction.

Perpetual trophies will include Best Exhibit Area Entry, Best Local Entry, Best Military Music Unit, Best National Guard Entry, Best Military Drill Team Entry, Best Reserve Forces Unit Entry, and Best Regular Forces Unit Entry.

Non-perpetual trophies will be awarded for Best Aerospace Exhibit, Best Combat Exhibit, Best ROTC Unit (Senior), Best ROTC Unit (Junior), Best Civilian Entry, Best Civilian Music Entry, Outstanding Entry—Open Class Marching Unit, and Outstanding Entry—Open Class Motorized Unit.

Bonds on Ballot

Medical Leaders Urge Support for Hospital

Members of Los Angeles County's Medical profession are in agreement with leaders of government and hospital administration experts that a 438-bed County hospital in the Watts-Willowbrook area is critically needed to correct substandard health conditions, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn declared today.

"They recognize the urgent need for improved public medical facilities to serve families in this area," Hahn said. "The lack of available medical and hospital facilities has contributed greatly to alarming disease statistics in this area."

Proposition A, the \$123 million County Hospital Bond Issue, must be approved by voters at the June 7 primary election if this need is to be met, Hahn added.

AS AN example of the support from the medical profession, Hahn noted the Charles R. Drew Medical Society has endorsed Proposition A and has pledged its membership to actively support the passage of the bond issue.

Dr. Henry Heins, president of the society composed of Los Angeles County physicians and others in allied fields of the medical profession, indicated the group will affiliate with the USC and UCLA medical schools to

help support the hospital bonds.

COUNTY supervisors placed proposition on the ballot to provide financing for the construction of the hospital for the southeast area, a sector which has a top statewide priority, based on State Hospital Advisory Council standards, Hahn indicated.

Voters have also been urged by the Los Angeles City Council to vote "yes" on Proposition A for the proposed hospital.

In a resolution by Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, the council was told that the completed hospital will bring 1,300 new jobs to the area with the annual payroll in excess of \$8 million.



Tapestry Weaving Class Set

A course in modern tapestry weaving on frame looms is being conducted by the Palos Verdes Community Arts Workshop. Mrs. Marjorie O'Shaughnessy of Long Beach City College is the instructor. Enrollment in the class is limited to 20 students. Persons desiring to enroll may obtain information about the class by calling FR 8-4646.

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Taxpayers' Group Urges Delay on State Budget

By VINCENT THOMAS

Assemblyman, 68th District Further delay in enactment of a budget bill for fiscal 1966-67 seems almost certain as I write this. A meeting between leaders of both parties in the Assembly, hopefully intended to assist in breaking the deadlock between them which killed the budget bill in the defunct 1966 budget session, was reported to have been "a delightful discussion of the major issues," but no decisions were reached, and it was understood that differences would have to be resolved through "normal legislative processes."

The issue which has snagged the budget hard and fast is, of course, the administration proposal to close the gap between the suggested expenditure program of \$4.6 billion and the anticipated revenues available to pay for it by changing the state's accounting system to the accrual basis.

The California Taxpayers' Association recently released a detailed formal statement urging that action on the state budget bill and certain related measures be postponed until after the Department of Finance submits its May revision of revenue estimates for 1966-67.

THE ASSOCIATION calls attention to the facts that in three of the last six years, the department reduced its earlier income estimates by an average of \$16.9 million, but that in the other three, it raised them by an average of \$60.1 million. With year-end surpluses estimated at \$17.4 million in the budget version passed by the Senate, and at only \$3.4 million in that rejected by the Assembly, the association declares that no urgency exists which requires action before the revised estimates are available.

Specifically, delay in action on four pending measures was recommended; the budget bill, the accrual bill (already passed by the Senate), the \$295 million bond issue for higher education construction, and the bill to earmark tideland oil revenue for capital outlay. Postponement of action on these bills would provide opportunities to carry out other important fiscal proposals.

FOR ONE, the association says, the Department of Finance should be ordered to determine all possible one-time revenue sources and amounts. As examples, funds needed for the Medical As-

sistance Program could be unused for months, and the timing of actual cash grants to local agencies could be an important factor in funds available for other uses. For another, the discretionary powers of the administration in accruing revenues, or using funds should be restricted, and detailed reporting on actual versus estimated receipts should be required.

Continued efforts should be made to cut the budget in many respects. Revisions should be made in statements as to the cash position of, and loans made to the general fund from special funds. Accrual will increase surpluses in many special funds, some of which could be available for transfer to the general fund.

An especially important recommendation from the association is that the principal bond rating firms be asked to evaluate the impact on the rating of all California bonds of the various suggested methods of financing our state government. It is noted that possible adverse effect of accrual on the market for our bonds has not been studied.

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