

# Southland Leaders Back \$850 Million Bond Issue

The largest endorsement of any campaign in Southern California history has been accorded Proposition W, the \$850 million water bond issue on the June 7 ballot.

This achievement was disclosed today by Preston Hotchkis, general chairman of the Citizens Water Bonds Committee, directing the campaign for passage of the measure.

"Political support," Hotchkis said, "is now virtually unanimous following recent

action by the Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee and endorsements by high ranking political officials."

GOVERNOR Edmund G. Brown has proclaimed his unqualified support of the measure, Hotchkis added. The governor was joined by Mayor Sam Yorty, of Los Angeles, his rival for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination at the primary election.

"There can be no other so-

lution for the people of Southern California," Gov. Brown asserted after a recent inspection of the Feather River State Water Project which will deliver water to the Southland from the North in 1971.

Mayor Yorty said in an announcement that he is "happy to endorse Proposition W and I will recommend a Yes vote at my press conferences in the weeks before the election."

The Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee endorsed the bonds earlier.

THE BOND issue was proposed by the Metropolitan Water District for financing a vast water distribution system in its six-county area required to handle an additional 2 million acre-feet of state water annually.

The only alternative is a heavy increase in the district property tax.

A significant development in the current list of endorsements was that by the Property Owners Tax Association of California, Inc., whose members represent the rank

and file of a major segment of real property tax-paying citizens, Hotchkis pointed out.

## AGENT PROMOTED

Arthur J. Rumrill has been promoted from an agent to an assistant district manager in the local office of American National Insurance Co., 1727 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

Airman I.C. Nelson D. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Greene of 2278 W. 229th Place, has been selected Outstanding Airman of the Month for his unit at Tan Son Nhut Airfield, Viet Nam.

Airman Greene, an intelligence specialist, was honored for his exemplary conduct and duty performance.

Marine L.C. Michael J. Kolb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Kolb of 16621 Patronella, is serving with Marine Air Base Squadron 12 of Marine Aircraft Group 12 at Chu Lai, Viet Nam.

Marine Aircraft Group 12 is a unit of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and uses the A4E "Skyhawk" jet aircraft.

Hotchkis said that the measure has the support of a wide cross-section of political, labor, business, ethnic, church, industrial, civic, and many other influential organizations all over the district.

THE EVER-mounting list of endorsements includes the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce which set the pattern early for scores of other chambers throughout Southern California.

Other early endorsees included the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council, the Mexican-American Political Association of Southern California, Los Angeles Realty Board, Council of Churches in Southern California, and many other organizations.

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