

# Legislators Could Spend the Summer in Sacramento

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The California State Legislature recessed the afternoon of Wednesday, June 1, but all of us must return to Sacramento in time to resume our work on Monday, June 13. This means that we will be operating again under the First and Second Extraordinary ("Special") Sessions, brought into being by proclamations issued by Governor Brown.

During the long series of roll calls on amendments to Senate Bill No. 3, by Senator Randolph Collier and others, I voted NO on all amendments and YES on the final passage of the bill back to the Senate, where it had to return for Senate concurrence on some amendments to the bill placed there by Assembly committees. Senate Bill No. 3, as you may know, is the famous "implied consent" or "drunk driving bill." On Monday, June 13, the bill will still be in the Senate. If the Senate concurs with the Assembly amendments, the bill goes to Governor Brown who will sign it into law unless something unforeseen occurs.

EVEN MORE important is the budget bill which must be enacted, in some form or other, not later than June 30, which is the end of the fiscal year. It is my guess that on final passage the budget will be about fifty million dollars smaller than it was when introduced early this year.

Another unresolved problem is the proposed amendment to the State Constitution to provide for long regular sessions each year and some kind of adequate wages for members of the Legislature. Assuming that the Legislature ever agrees on this, it must be placed on the ballot for the General Election of Nov. 8, 1966.

In other words, amendments to the State Constitution require a vote of the people, whether such amendments are on the ballot as a result of the act of the Legislature or as a result of the initiative of the people of California.

STILL IN the Senate is a bill for the reform of assessment practices of the county tax assessors of California. I am very familiar with this subject because for 16 years I have been a member of the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation. In addition, for a long time I have been a member of our Subcommittee on Assessment Practices.

Everybody agrees that a reform is needed but nobody wants to be the person who gets reformed. This is something like smallpox. It is just a word in the dictionary unless you get it and are quarantined with a yellow sign on your front door.

UNDER THE Constitution, the Governor can call the Legislature into Extraordinary ("Special") Session any time he wishes. This being true it is entirely possible that the Legislature may be in session this year through the hot Sacramento summer.

## 'Y! to Hold First Bazaar

The Triangle Council of the Torrance Family YMCA will sponsor its first Bazaar Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the new, round "Y" at 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

Twenty-two clubs of girls ranging from fourth through eighth grades will be selling items made during the past months. In addition mothers will operate a kitchen offering hot dogs, sloppy joes, coffee and punch, and Hi-Y girls will act as hostesses in the patio coffee shop. Baked goods as well as gift and craft items will be ready for sale and for the youngsters, aged 6 to 16, a fish-pond will be in operation in the center of the campfire circle where five hundred goldfish will be looking for new homes.

Several demonstrations will be of interest to women in particular and men and women of all ages should find the art gallery most interesting.

The clubs will retain 50 per cent of their profit for club use and the other 50 per cent as well as 100 per cent from the Kitchen will go toward the Triangle Council project of paying for the drapes in the multi-purpose room.

through the beautiful Sacramento autumn, when the leaves of the trees change their colors, and even through the nippy Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. All this we do, and more, too, for \$500 per month, minus deductions, plus "fringe benefits" which are more fringed than beneficial.

Personally, I am not kicking because if I did not enjoy being overworked and underpaid I would resign after giving timely notice to my constituents. Underneath it all is the fact that I like people. I enjoy helping people and most of all, I want to brighten the corner where I am.

RETURNING to the subject of bills which are still unresolved in the Legislature, I am convinced that all Assemblymen and State Senators want to represent their districts. The problem is to learn what our constituents want. This is why I frequently ask you to write to me about things within the jurisdiction of the Legislature.

A formal letter is not required. Simply write on a piece of paper or a postal card what you want or do not want and the reason or reasons for your question or suggestion. Address the postal card or envelope either to Room 4001, State Capitol, Sacramento 14; or to Post Office Box 327, Redondo Beach, and I will receive it.

If you intend to come to Sacramento and let me know in advance, I can arrange my time to take you into committee hearings, or to the floor of either the Assembly or the Senate.

IF YOU ARE interested in battle flags, I can take you to the Veterans' Building, which is not far from the Capitol. There, just inside the front door there is displayed because I served on the California when it was the flag-battle flag of the United States Ship California. The ship's bell of the U.S.S. California is in the park not far from the east entrance to the Capitol. Near the ship's bell is a replica of the Liberty Bell, the original being inside Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Both the battle flag of the California and its ship's bell are very dear to my heart.

The ship's bell, the man who rang that ship's bell when he was on the California has a career job in the office of the State Treasurer. The ship's bell, the man who rang it, and the battle flag of the U.S.S. California are to me important "fringe benefits," with or without a constitutional pay raise, I am glad to report.

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