

Armed Forces

Doctor (Captain) Larry T. Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard T. Burke of 23611 Anza Ave., has completed orientation at Brooks AFB, Tex., as a new officer in the U. S. Air Force Medical Service. He is being reassigned to the USAF medical facility at K. I. Sawyer AFB, Mich.

Dr. Bourke, who attended St. John's Seminary, Elkhorn, Neb., and Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha, Neb., received his M. D. degree from Creighton University. He is a member of Phi Rho Sigma.

Staff Sgt. Edward M. Rogers, whose father, Hal Rogers, lives at 4104 Spencer St., recently took part in a successful close air support mission over Vietnam.

Sergeant Rogers was a gunner aboard an AC-47 Dragonship from the 3rd Air Commando Squadron at Bien Hoa AB, Vietnam, which was sent to assist a Vietnamese Regional Forces outpost 40 miles northeast of Bien Hoa which was under attack.

Dennis E. O'Leary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. O'Leary of 4206 W. 169th St., has been promoted to airman first class in the U. S. Air Force.

Airman O'Leary is a heli-

copter mechanic at Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

Airman Dale G. Sandusky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward A. Sandusky of 4635 Hollison St.,

Army Pvt. Ian J. Tanza, has been assigned to the Air son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Force Technical Center at Tanza of 620 Calle Miramar, Sheppard AFB, Tex., for specialized schooling as a medic course July 12 at Ft. Ord. cal service specialist.

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TO PERFORM SUNDAY . . . The 15th Air Force Band, a 50-piece concert band from March Air Force Base, will present the third in the series of "Music for a Summer Sunday" programs at Torrance Park. The concert will be held in the Torrance Park

Bandshell Sunday, beginning at 3:30 p.m. The band is under the direction of Capt. James C. Whittenton. Admission to the concert is free. Musical programs are being held each Sunday at Torrance Park and El Retiro Park.

New Procedures Outlined For Nov. 5 Election Here

Massive preparations are being made to increase efficiency in election procedures and voting tabulations for the Nov. 5 general election, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

County Registrar-Recorder Ray Lee reported to Hahn that crews are working day and night to prepare for an estimated 90 per cent turnout of voters.

Supervisor Hahn has demanded increased efficiency after several problems developed in the June primary, when the new IBM Votomatic devices were used for the first time in Los Angeles County.

Adequate staffing is being provided.

• A meeting of the Voting Device Committee is being called for Aug. 14 to go over all primary election problems and evaluate proposed solutions.

Originally, reduced boards had been planned.

Lee said in precincts with more than 600 registered, a sixth board member may even be added to increase efficiency.

"Concern over world conditions such as the Vietnam problem and crises in our cities, will bring the highest voter turnout in our history," Hahn said. "I predict the turnout for the November election will be close to 92 per cent."

REGISTRAR LEE also acknowledged as extremely valuable Hahn's insistence on five-member precinct boards to handle the doubled workload of merged precincts.

IN THE PRIMARY, a total of 2,075,661, 71.3 per cent of the registered voters, cast ballots and final, unofficial returns were available at 10:55 a.m. the day after the election.

Problems in the primary involved late delivery of 100,000 sample ballots, jammed telephone lines to the Registrar of Voters, and few tabulations prior to the early morning hours.

At Hahn's request, Lee has initiated several steps to meet these problems, including:

- A special staff of 105 clerks on the day shift and 90 on the 4 p.m. to midnight shift are preparing complete mailing lists with precinct registers for the mailing of sample ballots.
- Six mail-inserting machines are getting major overhauls after many breakdowns in the primary mailing. Because of mechanical failure, they averaged only 150,000 envelopes stuffed per day, when they should have averaged 200,000. Approximately 3.3 million computer-printed sample ballot packets will be mailed from Oct. 3 to Oct. 22.
- The possibility of hiring temporary help to work around-the-clock shifts is being considered because of the expected flood of more than 400,000 new or changed registrations between Sept. 1 and Sept. 20. Registration closes Sept. 12 and affidavits must be checked on each registration change.
- A special computer will be rented in August to assist in sample ballot mailing and possibly for use in polling places. (Supervisor Hahn has suggested for some time that the lists be printed in alphabetical order to save time at the polls. Present state law requires printing only by street address, but permits alphabetical.)
- Special consultants of Pacific Telephone Co. have suggested steps to unjam the telephones on election day, including the installation of a group of "call out" phones to complement 120 incoming

Marijuana Plant Found

A Torrance woman who discovered marijuana growing in her garden has turned the plant over to police.

Mrs. Agnes E. Young of 18808 Yukon Ave. became suspicious about the plant when a neighbor commented that the foliage looked like marijuana leaves.

Consolidation of County Lifeguards Proposed

A comprehensive study aimed at consolidation of lifeguard services "from Malibu to Long Beach" has been initiated by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

In calling for the study, Hahn estimated that \$250,000 annually could be saved by such consolidation.

At present, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Long Beach, the City of Santa Monica and the County of Los Angeles all have lifeguard services along adjoining beaches lining this county.

The county allocates \$300,000 annually to help meet the expenses of the three cities' lifeguard services as well as spending nearly \$1.1 million in operating its own.

Asked to study the proposal for possible implementation next year were the County Chief Administrative Officer, Parks and Recreation Commission, Efficiency and Economy Committee, and each city involved.

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