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RELEASE: Immediate

#232

Governor Ronald Reagan has issued a proclamation calling attention to the American Cancer Society's Annual Cancer Crusade.

Text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's Annual Cancer Crusade has attracted the volunteer efforts of thousands of Californians; and

"WHEREAS, these volunteers will continue their work until virtually every family in the state has been contact; and

" WHEREAS, the American Cancer Crusade workers, by their voluntary efforts, have played a major role in the advances of recent years in the detection and treatment of this disease; and

"WHEREAS, the purpose of the Annual Cancer Crusade is to alert the public to cancer's warning signs; to stress the need for periodic checkups and to raise the funds for programs of research, education and service to cancer patients;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby commend the American Cancer Society's Annual Cancer Crusade to the attention of all Californians and urge that they support the fight against cancer."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

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So that there will be no misinterpretation or confusion as to remarks made by Governor Reagan at the Sacramento airport today, the following was transcribed from a tape recording of the interview:

"Well, I never set out to make a career of public life. I was coming about to the end of a career and looking forward to sitting on the porch in a rocking chair and I still haven't changed that. I did what I'm doing because I had some strong beliefs and thought that circumstances had put me in a place where I could be of some service."

Any implication that the governor is considering retiring from public life is in error. His reference to "end of a career" was to his career as an actor and not as governor.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today named Robert A. Hornby of Los Angeles, president and chief executive officer of the Pacific Lighting Corporation, as a member of the State Coordinating Council for Higher Education.

The post pays necessary expenses and requires Senate confirmation.

Hornby, 67, will fill the unexpired term of Dudley Swim of Monterey who resigned. The term will end November 1, 1970. Swim was recently appointed to the State College Board of Trustees by Governor Reagan.

Hornby, a Republican, is a trustee of the University of Southern California and a member of the school's Buildings and Grounds Committee. He is a member of the U.S.C. School of Business Advisory Council and is a consulting professor-lecturer in the School of Business Administration.

A registered civil engineer, Hornby attended the University of California.

He is a director of the United California Bank and is a member of the firm's administrative committee.

Hornby is a former director of the American Gas Association; is a past president of the Pacific Coast Gas Association; is a director of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; and is a trustee of both the Joint Council on Economic Education in New York City and the Northern California Council on Economic Education.

He lives at 435 South Curson West, Los Angeles

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Governor Ronald Reagan today named Hermosa Beach attorney Thomas W. Fredricks to the municipal court bench of the South Bay Judicial District.

The post pays \$23,000 annually.

Fredricks, a 46-year old Republican, replaces Judge Raymond Choate who was elevated to the Superior Court bench by Governor Reagan.

Fredricks, a 1948 graduate of the University of Southern California Law School, has served as Hermosa Beach city attorney and city prosecutor for the past two decades. In addition, he has been in private practice in Hermosa Beach since 1953.

He is a former president of the South Bay Bar Association and is now serving a second four-year term as a member of the board of trustees of the Hermosa Beach City School District. He was chosen board president in 1965.

Fredricks was a member of the Hermosa Beach Planning Commission from 1958-62 and was selected as Hermosa Beach's "man of the year" in 1963.

He is an honorary life member of the California State Parent Teachers' Association and is a former director of the Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as president and director of the Hermosa Beach Baseball League.

He is a past president and a former director of the South Bay Visiting Nurses Association and is a past director of the South Bay YMCA.

Fredricks is married, has two children, and resides at 562 24th Street, Hermosa Beach.

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236

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Riverside lawyer Gerald F. Schulte to the Riverside Municiple Court bench.

The post pays \$23,000 annually.

Schulte, 41, succeeds Judge Francis Estudillo who was elevated to the Superior Court bench by Governor Reagan.

A Republican, Schulte is a graduate of Stanford University and Hastings College of Law. He is a former assistant Riverside County Counsel and has been a law partner in the firm of Badger, Schulte and Biddle since 1957.

He is a vice president of the Riverside Family Service Organization and is a former president of the Uptown Kiwanis Club. He is a past member of the Riverside City Library Board and is a former chairman of the Riverside Muscular Dystrophy Society. He is also a past president of the Riverside 20-30 Club.

During the Korean War, he served as a 1st Lieutenant with the U.S. Army's Seventh Division. He was a rifle platoon leader and a company commander during the hostilities.

Schulte and his wife, Dorothy, have three children ranging in age from 8 to 15. They reside at 1125 Via Vallarta, Riverside.

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237

Governor Ronald Reagan has named Robert W. Sigg as chairman of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. The appointment was effective March 28.

Sigg, a Republican, was first named to the board by the governor last November. He replaces Gerald F. Maher as chairman. Maher will continue as a member.

Sigg practiced law in Los Angeles with the legal firm of Hill, Farrar and Burrill prior to accepting the \$24,000-a-year appointment as a board member. As chairman, he will receive an additional \$500 annually.

He now resides at 5412 Rainer Way, Carmichael.

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#238

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Leslie E. Wolbert of Paradise to the 3rd District Agricultural Association's board of directors. The association operates the Silver Dollar Fair in Butte County.

The governor also reappointed Ralph T. Filson, a retired Chico High School agricultural teacher, to the board. Filson, a 66-year old Democrat, was first appointed in 1944.

The jobs pay necessary expenses. The appointments are for four-year terms.

Wolbert, a retired electrical superintendent, worked for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in San Rafael for 28 years. A Republican, he now lives at 5800 Pickett Lane, Paradise, and serves as a member of the Paradise Fire Protection District and the American Legion.

Wolbert, 75, replaces John Jaekel of Chico whose term expired.

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RELEASE: Immediate

#239

Governor Ronald Reagan reiterated today that a
"Draft Reagan" committee in California headed by a
Mr. Val Valdez is absolutely unauthorized by the governor.

Governor Reagan again asked Valdez to stop his efforts
on a "Draft Reagan" committee and said his actions are
unwarranted, irresponsible and only serve to confuse the
situation.

The governor pointed out that on January 31 he issued
a statement saying Valdez is not a part of his favorite
son delegation and has no position in the Republican Party.

The renewed request from the governor came as a result
of newspaper ads in the Antelope Valley which said Valdez
is associated with a Reagan for President committee.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Governor Reagan will meet briefly with members of the new Automobile Accident Study Commission at 11:15 A.M. today in the Governor's Council Room.

Copies of the governor's charge to the Commission will be distributed to the press at the meeting.

Press coverage is invited.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

#240

Governor Ronald Reagan announced today that he has signed the following bills:

AB 77 - Ketchum
(Chapter 12)

Provides that for purposes of Vehicle Code provisions relating to the size, weight and load of vehicles, equipment which is attached to the vehicle, such as booms and masts, but which is not attendant to the efficient operation of the vehicle, shall be considered a load.

The bill clarifies an area of confusion as to whether such equipment is an integral part of the vehicle and subject to the single vehicle length limitation, or a load and subject to other Vehicle Code provisions relating to loads. It will facilitate uniform interpretation and enforcement of the Vehicle Code.

AB 82 - Crown
(Chapter 8)

Appropriates \$750,000 for use in the Crippled Children Services program during the remainder of the current fiscal year. This appropriation will augment funds contained in the Budget Act of 1967 for allocation to cities and counties for services to physically handicapped children.

AB 402 - Bagley
(Chapter 10)

Directs the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to modify California's Social Security Agreement to exclude from coverage all services of election workers and officials paid less than \$50 a calendar quarter.

AB 704 - Schabarum
(Chapter 13)

Provides that the total amount of bonds issued by a junior college district which will be superseded by a new junior college district under designated circumstances for all purposes on July 1, 1968, shall not exceed 5 per cent of the taxable property, unmodified by the so-called "Collier Factor," of such district. The bill's provisions are not effective after June 30, 1968.

SB 274 - Kennick
(Chapter 11)

Provides that a county which received less than the maximum reimbursement from the state in any fiscal year for special probation services which reduce the rate of commitments from such county, may receive, in the next succeeding fiscal year and payable in quarterly installments, reimbursement from the state of the difference up to such maximum. The bill applies to amounts payable to counties for the 1966-67 fiscal year and all subsequent fiscal years.

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RELEASE: Immediate

241

Governor Ronald Reagan has issued a proclamation proclaiming
April 5, 1968 as GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR DAY in California.

The text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, the death of General Douglas MacArthur on April 5, 1964, left the people of the free world with a profound sense of sadness and deep loss; and

"WHEREAS, Californians and free men everywhere respect the memory of the "Old Soldier" whose passing they have deeply mourned; and

"WHEREAS, The Bataan-Corregidor Society of America, organized and founded on the concept of liberty and democracy, and dedicated to the cause for which thousands of Americans and Filipinos valiantly fought and gave their lives, is composed of Americans, Filipino-Americans, and Filipinos bound together by an uncommon bond of friendship; and

"WHEREAS, the society is observing the fourth anniversary of the death of General Douglas MacArthur with a memorial dinner April 7, 1968, in San Francisco;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim April 5, 1968 as GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR DAY in California, and invite all the people of California to honor on this day the memory of General Douglas MacArthur and those who fell at Bataan and Corregidor.

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MEMO TO PRESS

Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement:

"The murder of Martin Luther King was a shocking act of violence that solves none of our nation's problems.

"It is more evidence of a moral sickness that seems to be afflicting our nation.

"I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Reverend King.

"I urge all Californians to remain calm in the face of one single act of violence."

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#242

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Hayward newspaper publisher Floyd Sparks as a member of the California Toll Bridge Authority.

The post pays necessary expenses.

Sparks, a 67-year old Republican, succeeds Joseph J. Diviny of San Francisco who resigned.

Sparks publishes the Hayward Daily Review, the Fremont Argus and Livermore Herald. He has owned the Daily Review since 1944.

He is a journalism graduate of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington.

Sparks is a member of the Highway Committee of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce and is on the Highway Advisory Board of Alameda County.

He is married, has two children, and lives at 21218 Birch Street, Hayward.

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#243

Governor Ronald Reagan has named Gretchen Woerz Ehrlich of Santa Barbara to the 19th District Agricultural Association's Board of directors. The association operates the Santa Barbara County Fair.

The governor also reappointed Santa Barbara florist Robert P. Rowe to the board. Rowe, 57, was first appointed in 1960. A Republican, he owns and manages Orchids By Rowe, a Santa Barbara flower shop.

Both appointments pay necessary expenses and are for four-year terms.

Mrs. Ehrlich, a Republican, succeeds Jules J. Brasseur of Santa Barbara whose term expired. She is a housewife and a member of the Junior League of Santa Barbara.

Mrs. Ehrlich and her husband, Grant, have long been interested in breeding and showing horses.

They reside at 532 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara.

Rowe lives at 814 Cambridge Avenue, Santa Barbara.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today named Willows rancher Donald Lederer to the 42nd District Agricultural Association's board of directors. The association operates the Glenn County Fair.

The job pays necessary expenses.

Lederer, 36, will fill out the unexpired term of the late Allan C. Myers of Orland. The term ends January 15, 1969.

A Republican, Lederer raises sheep, hay, alfalfa and barley on his rural Willows ranch.

He is president of the Glenn County Wool Growers' Association and is a former member of the Kanawha School Board. He is also a member of the Junior Livestock Fair Board and is a Willows Key 4-H leader.

He resides at Route 1, Box 228, Willows.

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245

Governor Ronald Reagan today named El Centro insurance man Curtis A. Swain and Lester A. Bornt, a Holtville farmer, to four-year terms on the 45th District Agricultural Association's board of directors.

The association operates the California Mid-Winter Fair.

The posts pay necessary expenses.

Swain, 40, replaces R. S. Obergfell of El Centro. Bornt, a 41-year old Republican, succeeds William L. Moreno of Calexico. Both outgoing members' terms expired.

Swain, a Republican, operates the Swain Insurance Agency in El Centro and is a member of the Rotary Club, the Insurance Agency Association and the Life Underwriters Association.

He lives at 2468 West Main, El Centro.

Bornt is chairman of the Imperial County Planning Committee, is a member of the Holtville Unified School Board; is a director of the Imperial County Farm Bureau; and is a member of the Imperial County Rabies Control Council.

He is engaged in the farming and cattle feeding business.

He resides at Route 1, Box 135, Holtville.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today named cattle ranchers Robert A. Dal Porto of Oakley and Frank S. Arata of Antioch to four-year terms on the 23rd District Agricultural Association's board of directors. The association operates the Contra Costa County Fair.

The posts pay necessary expenses.

Dal Porto, 42, replaces Charles J. Wright of El Sobrante. Arata, a 58-year old Republican, succeeds Joseph S. Silva of Brentwood. Both outgoing members' terms expired.

Dal Porto, a Republican, has served as chairman of the Contra Costa County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee for 15 years and has been a member of the Oakley Union School Board since 1950.

He lives at Route 2, Box 234, Oakley.

Arata is a director of the California Cattlemen's Association and is a member of the California Farm Bureau Federation. He raises beef cattle, hay and grain.

He resides at 514 Lynn Avenue, Antioch.

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247

Governor Ronald Reagan today named physicians Alexander A. Roger of Los Angeles and James L. DePuy of Watsonville to four-year terms on the State Board of Public Health.

The posts pay travel expenses.

Roger, a 57-year old Republican, replaces Arthur E. Varden of San Bernardino. DePuy, 47, succeeds Lenor S. Goerke of Pacific Palisades. Both outgoing members' terms expired.

Roger, a specialist in internal medicine, is a 1933 graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine. He serves as chairman of the Los Angeles County Hospital Advisory Commission and is director and former president of the Los Angeles County Heart Association.

He was chief of staff of the Mount Sinai Hospital from 1946-60.

He resides at 815 North Whittier Drive, Beverly Hills.

DePuy, a Republican, is a 1944 graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School.

He served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. during World War II and the Korean War. He was a surgeon in residence at the U.S. Hospital in San Francisco from 1948-50.

DePuy is board chairman of the Watsonville Community Hospital and is a delegate of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society to the American Medical Association. He has been a partner in the Watsonville medical offices of DePuy, Hoskins, Bushman and Jonat since 1950.

He lives at 40 Eastern Drive, Watsonville.

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#248

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Orange County Farm Bureau president Gordon Holmes Bishop and Anaheim businessman Burr Williams to four-year terms on the 32nd District Agricultural Association's board of directors. The association operates the Orange County Fair.

The jobs pay necessary expenses.

Bishop, 49, replaces Robert L. Wetzler of Anaheim. Williams, a 58-year old Republican, succeeds Ralph A. Diedrich of Fullerton. Both outgoing members' terms expired.

Bishop, a citrus grower, is a member of the Policy Committee of the California Farm Bureau Federation and is a former trustee of the Orange Unified School District. He is a Republican.

He resides at 18621 Lassen Drive, Santa Ana.

Williams operates the Orco Microfilming Service of Anaheim and is a vice president and director of the California Mission Trails Association, Ltd. He is a director of the Big Brothers of Orange County and is a past president of the Anaheim 20-30 Club.

He lives at 312 London Place, Anaheim.

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GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
April 6, 1968
through
April 14, 1968

Saturday, April 6

Noon	Depart Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, for San Francisco International Airport via UAL #63
2:30 p.m.	Arrive San Francisco - Proceed to Tahoe
3:30 p.m. (Approx.)	Arrive Tahoe Airport
6:35 p.m.	International Ski Federation World Cup Competition, No-host reception drop-by with Governor Paul Laxalt, Tamarack Lounge, Sahara Tahoe
7:00 p.m.	Dinner, High Sierra Room, Sahara Tahoe
8:15 p.m.	Banquet program begins. Remarks.

Sunday, April 7

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Final World Cup Race
2:45 p.m.	Live Television - RR Awards - World Cup to Winners - Top of Tram - Heavenly Valley
3:45 p.m.	Depart Tahoe Airport for Phoenix, Arizona
6:15 p.m. (MST)	Arrive Phoenix

Monday, April 8

VACATION - Phoenix

Tuesday, April 9

10:00 a.m. (MST)	Depart Phoenix Airport
11:00 a.m.	Arrive Albuquerque, New Mexico, Airport
11:15 a.m.	Press availability at airport
12:30 p.m.	RSCC luncheon, Albuquerque Civic Auditorium. Speech.
2:15 p.m.	Depart airport for Phoenix
3:15 p.m.	Arrive Phoenix - press availability at airport
6:15 p.m.	RSCC Reception at Goldwater home
7:00 p.m.	RSCC Dinner, Del Webb's Towne House Convention Center. Speech.

Wednesday, April 9

through

Sunday, April 14

NO PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED

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The following directive, signed by William P. Clark, Jr.
was issued today:

"To: Heads of Agencies, Departments, Major Units and
Other Key Personnel

Funeral services for the Reverend Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr., will be held the week of April 8,
1968. Exact day and hour are now unknown, but will
be made public as soon as possible.

Addressees of this memorandum will allow employees
informal time off to attend memorial services as the
employee may desire.

Widest possible dissemination of the informa-
tion contained in this memorandum will be the
responsibility of the above addressees."

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The following is the text of a message from Governor Ronald Reagan that was delivered by Paul Beck, press secretary, to a group meeting at the State Capitol to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King:

"A piece of our nation died last night. It started dying and Dr. King's murder began with our first acceptance of compromise with the laws of the land. That compromise ranges from our indifference when some would apply the law unequally to those today, black or white.

"The American dream that we have nursed so long is not that every man be level with every other man, but that every man be free to become whatever God intended he should be. Keeping this dream and this promise is our responsibility and we can do no less than to make sure that we pass it on to our children.

"One problem overshadows all others in this land and the cowardly hand of an assassin laid that problem on America's doorstep last night. No American should ever again have to tell his child he is denied some of the blessings of this land because he is in some way different. You and I can make the difference. We must insure equal rights and equal opportunity and equal treatment for all our citizens, and we can do this only by becoming involved ourselves."

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Governor Reagan has changed his schedule to arrive in Sacramento from Washington, D.C. at 1:30 a.m., Saturday, April 6, instead of as previously reported. The governor will arrive at the Sacramento Municipal Airport.

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#252

Oakland Mayor John H. Reading will represent the State of California at funeral services tomorrow for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Governor Reagan designated Mayor Reading to be the state's official representative at the rites which will be held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Reverend King served as pastor of the church.

Mayor Reading is scheduled to fly to Atlanta this evening from Oakland.

Meanwhile, Governor Reagan's Executive Secretary William P. Clark Jr. restated the contents of a directive issued Friday permitting State employees informal time off to attend such memorial services as the employee may desire. The directive, which applies to all state employees, regardless of race, color or creed, was sent to heads of state agencies and departments and other key personnel.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement regarding the opening of the major league baseball season Wednesday.

"The opening of the major league baseball season Wednesday will be most welcome to a nation beset by trouble and strife. I am hopeful it will presage a return to normalcy among our people and turn our minds to the better side of our national life.

"Baseball not only is a symbol of competition without rancor but also in recent years has offered Negroes of athletic ability unparalleled chances for fame and success.

"California in the last few years has become the major league baseball capital of the nation.

"With the addition of the Oakland Athletics we now have four teams, two in each league, more than any other state.

"I want particularly to welcome the Athletics to California and to Oakland and wish them the best of success in their league and with their fans. They are a great new asset both to California and to the bay area.

"I am pleased they chose California and I know they will get the support they deserve.

"I am pleased, too, that it is time now to play ball. The nation will be the better off for it."

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RELEASE: Immediate

#254

Governor Ronald Reagan, contacted in Phoenix, Arizona, today and informed that the Parents' Patrol headquarters building in Del Paso Heights, destroyed by an arsonist last night, immediately issued the following statement:

"I am heartsick and angered to learn of this vicious and irresponsible act which is obviously intended to cripple the dedicated efforts of the Parents' Patrol program.

"Arson has always been an attack against the defenseless. This time it is an attack against the very fiber of the community itself. Those responsible must be apprehended and punished.

"But mere punishment of those who perpetrated this deed will not mitigate its effects.

"What is needed--and needed immediately--is a response by all the decent citizens of Sacramento which will tell those who have worked so hard to make the Parents' Patrol program a success, that their efforts have not gone unnoticed and have not been in vain.

"Community action by responsible citizens is basic to the solution of community problems. The Parents' Patrol has been solving problems in our Negro area since this program began last summer. But all of us, black or white, have profited by their work and all of us have a stake in seeing it continued and expanded.

"For this reason, I am today sending a personal letter to the news media and the civic organizations in the Sacramento area appealing to them to lend not only moral but also financial support to the Parents' Patrol program.

"If this program fails, if those who would rather burn than build can succeed in destroying programs like this, then they will be the victors and those who believe in brotherhood and in working together for the common good will be the losers.

"We cannot let this happen. I urge with all my heart that Sacramento prove that efforts and programs such as the Parents' Patrol are worthwhile and can work to the benefit of all our people."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

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Several months ago, two panes of security glass were installed in the windows of the Governor's private study in the Capitol. Subsequently, these panes were found to contain a number of visual imperfections.

The imperfections are now being corrected at no cost to the State of California.

The work was scheduled for this week as a convenience, since Governor Reagan is now away from his office, on vacation.

The above is intended to correct any misunderstandings which may exist in connection with this work.

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RELEASE: Immediate

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The Governor's Office announced today that the following bills have been signed:

AB 251 - Chappie
(Chapter 4)

Authorizes Alpine County to receive \$2,500 annually from the Airport Assistance Revolving Fund for construction and maintenance of an airport without providing any matching funds.

AB 295 - Ray E. Johnson
(Chapter 15)

Deletes provisions requiring the Department of Agriculture to report to the Governor and the Legislature findings on various subjects including artificial insemination of bovine animals, commercial feed, brand inspection fees, milk inspection fees, milk product plant licenses, farm product processors, and stabilization and marketing of fluid milk and fluid cream.

AB 691 - Ray E. Johnson
(Chapter 16)
URGENCY

Appropriates \$152,262 to the Department of Parks and Recreation from the amount appropriated by the Budget Act of 1965 for the development of the Lime Saddle area in the Oroville State Recreation Area, for expenditure in the Thermalito Forebay area, Oroville Project.

The Governor's Office announced today that the following bills have been signed by Acting Governor Robert H. Finch:

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| AB 43 - Burke
(Chapter 24) | Provides that when local property assessments are adjusted upward or downward by the county board of equalization of the county tax appeals board, after the property tax rate has been set on the basis of the original tax roll, the county auditor shall furnish to the superintendent of public instruction on or before April 15 the corrected assessed valuation within local school districts. The superintendent of public instruction is directed to use the corrected assessed valuation for computing district aid and area-wide aid used in computing state school apportionments. |
| AB 61 - McMillan
(Chapter 19) | Exempts textile maintenance establishments (laundries and dry cleaners) weighing, counting, or measuring any article in connection with the business of such establishments from the provisions of the Weighmasters Law. |
| AB 134 - Dent
(Chapter 25) | Prescribes separate procedures concerning uncollected taxes to be applicable in those counties which operate under alternative procedure for distribution of property tax levies on the secured roll, for purposes of establishing school district tax rates by boards of supervisors, involving the fixing of an allowance for subsequent additions, cancellations and corrections affecting the tax rolls, and authorizing the fixing of an allowance for delinquencies. The bill becomes operative on November 1, 1968. |
| AB 164 - Knox
(Chapter 26) | Provides that counties advancing current operating requirements to subsidiary political subdivisions may, upon a finding that time is of the essence, accept bids for loans without advertising and fixes net interest cost at 6 per cent, rather than 5 per cent, on all loans for such purpose. The bill also specifically authorizes use of public agency revenue bonds, notes, tax anticipation warrants, and certain evidences of indebtedness, to secure public deposits. |
| AB 184 - Mobley
(Chapter 27) | Repeals Section 6718 of the Welfare and Institutions Code relating to county auditors' state settlement reports with respect to commitments to hospitals for the mentally retarded. The deleted section was removed from the law in 1965 and inadvertently added to recodification legislation adopted in 1967. |
| AB 187 - Mobley &
Dunlap
(Chapter 28) | Amends Welfare and Institutions Code Section 6713 to correct a section reference. The bill makes no substantive change in the law. |
| AB 188 - Mobley &
Dunlap
(Chapter 20) | Makes a technical amendment to a provision of the Government Code relating to bonded indebtedness for the construction of major county roads. The law presently refers to |

- (AB 188) "primary county roads". The bill eliminates the word "primary" and adds the word "select" as all principal county roads are now designated. The bill also deletes an absolute reference to bonds existing in 1880. Such bonds are no longer in existence.
- AB 189 - Dent
(Chapter 21) Makes a conforming change in the Education Code to reflect legislation enacted in 1967 authorizing a school district to pay salaries of certificated employees twice a month.
- AB 271 - Chappie
(Chapter 29) Extends the time in which a fire protection district can file prescribed statement, map or plat and certificate of completion in order that a district annexation is effective for assessment and tax purposes in 1968.
- AB 337 - Pattee
(Chapter 30) Repeals provisions of the Agricultural Code which provide for the licensing of warehouses to store agricultural products under bond.
- AB 346 - Porter
(Chapter 22) Allows any irrigation district, reclamation district, water district or municipal corporation, to levy a tax on property within its boundaries.
- AB 405 - Knox
(Chapter 31) Provides that the cost of the financial feasibility report required in connection with a city or county reclamation project shall be a charge, in its entirety, against the city or county and allows the city or county to collect a proportion of the cost from private landowners included therein, rather than having the District Securities Commission collect from both the city or county and private landowners.
- AB 884 - Quimby & Coombs
(Chapter 32) Provides that a resolution, trust indenture, or mortgage by a redevelopment agency authorizing redevelopment bonds may provide for the rate of interest on such bonded indebtedness which shall not exceed 7 per cent. The bill further declares that such provision shall be applicable to bonds of a redevelopment agency which have been authorized by the agency prior to the effective date of this act but which have not been issued prior to such date.
- SB 78 - Stiern
(Chapter 17) Eliminates the requirement that the real property transfer tax be evidenced by documentary stamps supplied by the State Board of Equalization.
- SB 137 - Whetmore
(Chapter 23) Specifically allows counties to contract with blind persons licensed by the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to operate snackbars and cafeterias, as well as vending stands, in county owned or occupied buildings.
- SB 185 - Short
(Chapter 18) Authorizes the director of the Department of General Services to sell, exchange, lease or otherwise dispose of 165 acres of Stockton State Hospital land which is no longer needed for hospital purposes.

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RELEASE: Immediate

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Governor Ronald Reagan announced today that the federal government has granted funds to the State Department of Employment with which to resume payment of federal unemployment benefits to federal employees and ex-servicemen for weeks of unemployment beginning April 7.

The funds were made available from next fiscal year's appropriation to finance the federal benefit program. As agent for the federal government, the Department of Employment will now be able to resume payments Monday, April 15.

Payments were suspended with the close of business March 15 when the federal appropriation for the fiscal year 1968 was exhausted.

Payment for the weeks of unemployment ending on March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6 will be made when a supplemental appropriation now before the Congress is approved.

"California cannot legally loan the federal government the money necessary to pay these benefits from its own state unemployment insurance fund," Governor Reagan pointed out.

Three weeks ago he sent a telegram to members of California's congressional delegation asking them to do their utmost to obtain a resumption of benefits.

In the wire, he noted that the suspension in funds was "having a detrimental effect on the morale of our Armed Service personnel returning from Vietnam and on California's economy.

"This is not the first time the state has been forced to suspend these federal benefit payments because of the failure of Congress to approve a timely appropriation," the telegram said.

He asked the state's representatives and senators to do all in their power "to break this log-jam" by bringing about early agreement on the final version of the supplemental appropriation bill, HR-15399.

In February, federal unemployment benefits in California totaled about \$2,325,000.

Regular state unemployment benefits were not interrupted.

EJG

Governor Ronald Reagan today sent a telegram to the Secretary of the Army requesting authorization to organize ^{two} new National Guard units in the state to replace those which will enter federal service in May.

He called the restoration of this troop strength in California "of immediate and critical importance."

The governor's wire was sent following an announcement that two National Guard units from Southern California will enter federal service on May 13. The announcement was made by General Glenn C. Ames, the state adjutant general and commander of the California Army National Guard.

The telegram said:

"Request authorization to organize units to replace the 1st Squadron, 18th Armored Cavalry, and the 40th Aviation Company entering active federal service May 13. The crises in our cities mandate that we retain at the present level our capability to render support to our communities when needed. The activation of these two elements represents a reduction of 1,012 troops in Southern California. I regard the restoration of this strength of immediate and critical importance. Therefore, I respectfully request authority be granted and funding provided for the activation of the Armored Cavalry Squadron and an aviation company."

Acting Governor Robert H. Finch joined with Governor Reagan in expressing "a deep sense of pride in the competence and proficiency of the units which have been / ^{selected} for military service in the active Army.

The lieutenant governor said:

"I am both pleased and proud that our national leaders have recognized the quality of training and degree of combat readiness which these two elite California National Guard units possess. The dedicated men who serve in them will surely bring honor to our state and nation."

He reiterated that "all necessary steps are being taken to insure that the activation does not adversely affect the state's capability for meeting any emergency which might arise in California."

General Ames said the two units which will be pressed into service are part of the Selected Reserve Force which has been undergoing an intensified training program for the past two years in preparation for a possible federal call-up. The units have been manned and equipped at 100 percent and have been given priorities for school and other training spaces to insure that their readiness posture was maintained.

He said that advance elements of these organizations will depart within the next few days for their mobilization stations to make final arrangements for the arrival of the main body of troops which will occur not later than May 13. These units have been called for a 24 months period of federal active service.

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RELEASE; Immediate

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Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following Easter message:

"On Easter, we honor a man who lived and died like no other the world has ever known. To those who believe in His triumph over death, He brought renewed hope, a living faith.

"Yet, His message of love and human brotherhood is one for all men, everywhere--regardless of religion or creed. For His life was spent in the service of His fellow man, no matter how lowly. He was truly His brother's brother, a leader, yet a servant, one who sought to change the hearts of men.

"Is it any wonder, then, that the Prince of Peace should be the architect of the peace we seek? Is it at all strange that His life should be such an example for us to follow in these days of strife and turmoil?

"If true human understanding and brotherhood are to prevail in our land, we, too, must be about His business--that of changing the hearts of men.

My best wishes to all Californians for a joyous and meaningful Easter."

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EJG

Governor Ronald Reagan announced today that the administration has begun implementation of a series of task force recommendations which "will achieve significant operating economies in state government during the years ahead through the creation of an integrated warehouse system using stringent inventory management controls."

He said the action will enable the state to reduce its continuing inventory investment from \$30 million to \$17.5 million annually, thus freeing some \$12.5 million for essential alternative uses. The plan will also reduce overall operating costs by \$3 million per year, from \$8.7 million to \$5.7 million.

"By combining an integrated, centrally managed warehousing program with aggressively applied statewide inventory management policies," he said, "we will be able to avoid duplicated inventories, lack of product standardization, unnecessary staff and warehouse facilities, and uneconomical distribution practices."

The governor said he has signed an executive order authorizing General Andrew R. Lolli, director of the Department of General Services, to proceed with plans to centralize the operations of eight key expendable goods warehouses. The warehouses, which have been operated by individual state departments, will now come under the control of General Services. The eight facilities redistribute supplies to departmental warehouses at or near the point of use.

The state's continuing expendable goods inventory is stored in 1,473 different facilities at 646 separate locations and represents a running investment of \$30 million, Lolli said. Over 3,000,000 square feet and approximately 1,000 man years are now required to service this investment at a direct ownership cost of \$8.7 million per year, he added.

Lolli said \$5 million of the \$30 million continuing inventory investment is currently held in the eight principal redistribution warehouses which will now be administered by General Services.

"Central management of these warehouses will enable the state to reduce the \$5 million inventory to \$2.5 million and cut annual operating costs by \$900,000," he said.

An extension of these efficiencies to all warehousing operations through closely integrated and coordinated inventory management

practices will provide the overall economies projected under the plan, he explained.

Lolli also noted that the State of California owns one and three quarter million items of accountable equipment having an aggregate value in excess of \$330 million. / ^{Forty million} dollars is being spent each year to replace these goods, he said. Lolli emphasized that during the next five years the state will reduce this inventory by more than \$33 million through improved standards for acquisition, utilization, and disposal.

Governor Reagan reemphasized that the continued progress the administration is making to implement such task force studies as these "once again belies the skeptical predictions of some that the recommendations would end up being relegated to the shelves of government to quietly age and gather dust."

He noted that the administration has already implemented more than 265 proposals to improve the quality and efficiency of state government operations. They were submitted by his 250-man task force of business and professional men.

The task force team, known as the Governor's Survey on Efficiency and Cost Control, made some 2,000 specific recommendations of which 832 are now undergoing evaluation and review by the administration. Another 143 will require legislative action.

The 265 proposals which have been put into effect to date are expected to result in potential annual savings to the state approximating \$56.4 million. Potential one-time savings will amount to nearly \$13.8 million.

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EJG

Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement:

"Tonight, as they have for thousands of years, Jewish people throughout the world will celebrate Passover.

"Many times in the past, Passover has been observed at great personal risk to the participants as was, indeed, the first Passover.

"The years of discrimination against, and persecution of, the Jewish people is one of the saddest chapters of human history. To penalize a people because they are, in some way, different is to make a mockery of a dream that is almost as old as man.

"This dream--that men of different religions and different races and different cultures can live together in peace--has come nearest to realization in America, and it is a source of great satisfaction to me that tonight, those of the Jewish faith who reside in California will be able to gather together in peace, to celebrate their holiday without fear.

"On behalf of all of us, I wish them a happy holiday."

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GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

April 15, 1968
through
April 21, 1968

Monday, April 15

9:30 a.m. Meeting with members of the Favorite Son Delegation,
Airport Marina Hotel, Los Angeles
1:00 p.m. Depart Los Angeles International Airport for
Sacramento Municipal Airport
2:00 p.m. Arrive Sacramento

Tuesday, April 16

9:30 a.m. PRESS CONFERENCE
2:45 p.m. Brief greetings to National City Chamber of Commerce
and Senator Mills, Governor's Council Room
4:30 p.m. Presentation of Fire Awards to: Campbell, Oakland,
Santa Ana, Covina, Hayward, Grass Valley, Richmond,
Barstow, Crest Forest Fire District, San Diego,
Pleasanton, Governor's Office

Wednesday, April 17

5:00 p.m. Civic dinner prior to Oakland Athletics Game,
Oakland Arena
7:30 p.m. Governor to throw out first ball for Oakland
Athletics Game, Oakland Coliseum Complex

Thursday, April 18

1:30 p.m. Meeting with editors of State College newspapers
at Hotel Senator
7:00 p.m. Boat trip (and reception on board) from Fisherman's
Wharf, San Francisco, to Jack London Square,
Oakland
8:00 p.m. Marin County fund raiser at Goodman's No. 10
Restaurant, Jack London Square. Remarks.

Friday, April 19

9:30 a.m. Executive Session, Board of Regents, University
of California at Davis

Saturday, April 20 (No public appointments scheduled)

Sunday, April 21 (No public appointments scheduled)

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RELEASE: Immediate

#264

Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement:

"I have asked Assemblyman Jack Veneman, chairman of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, and he has agreed, to introduce a bill today, revising the state income tax law so as to replace this year's system of tax credits, with a system that will conform very closely to the personal exemption provisions of the federal law. In short, instead of the \$8 tax credit in this year's tax bill, we would--if this bill passes--go to a system by which each taxpayer would have a personal exemption of \$600, as well as a \$600 exemption for each dependent. We also hope, when the figures are completed, that we will be able to include in the bill a provision allowing an additional double exemption for all over 65 years of age, as is the case with the federal law.

"By rearranging the tax brackets and allowing a standard deduction of \$1,000 for single taxpayers and \$2,000 for married couples filing joint returns, and increasing the deduction in the case of a single parent who works to support her children, we would ease substantially the extra burden which the middle income taxpayer with a large family had to shoulder this year. The total revenue received by the state under these revisions would remain almost exactly the same as at present, but certain inequities which were encountered in the first year's experience under the tax law would be removed, and we would move much closer to a situation in which the state income tax law is similar to the federal law, thus removing much of the present nuisance that all of us encounter in trying to compute and file two separate tax returns.

"I am very hopeful that Assemblyman Veneman's bill will pass, and that we can thus spread the burden of taxation more equitably on the basis of ability to pay, while recognizing the larger expenditures required by families with more children."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today asked the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to give special consideration to three key points in connection with the proposed establishment of a Redwood National Park in Northern California.

He requested:

--That the committee agree to make the U. S. Department of Agriculture's northern Redwood Purchase Unit available for land exchange purposes in order to maintain the area's basis for stable employment.

--That some form of economic payment be made to local governments to help offset any reduced income they may suffer as a result of the removal of private land and timber from the tax rolls.

--That the question of whether state park lands are to be included in a Redwood National Park be kept optional, as specified in U. S. Senate Bill S-2515.

These points were contained in a prepared statement presented to Committee Chairman Wayne Aspinall of Colorado at the opening of public hearings today in Crescent City on the proposed creation of a Redwood National Park.

The Governor's statement concluded:

"It is my earnest hope that as a result of these and later congressional hearings, we can work together to help create a truly meaningful and magnificent Redwood National Park that can be passed on to posterity as a shining beacon of untrammelled natural beauty.

"I also hope that we can not only create a meaningful park, but also maintain a strong local economy and bring to a permanent end the divisive debate that has raged for the past several years between the aesthetics of conservation and the economics of industry

Governor Reagan's statement was presented to the committee by Secretary for Resources Norman B. Livermore Jr. and State Parks and Recreation Department Director William Penn Mott Jr.

Livermore said, "It is our strong hope that this committee urge the House of Representatives to make it possible to purchase, by means of cash plus the Redwood Purchase Unit, sufficient superlative redwoods to enable the creation of a Redwood National Park. In our opinion, such^a purchase is both possible and desirable."

Mott reiterated the desire of the state to cooperate with the federal government in developing a meaningful Redwood National Park. He called for agreement on the boundary for such a park as soon as possible so that both preservationists and lumbermen finally "know where they stand."

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RELEASE: Immediate

266

Governor Ronald Reagan today named San Jose attorney Alfonso L. Romero and Los Angeles County Deputy Marshal Carl J. Johnson to four-year terms on the State Veterans' Board. The posts pay \$20 per meeting day, plus expenses.

Romero, 44, replaces Irving Klein of Santa Rosa. Johnson, a 56-year old Republican, succeeds Sidney L. Gelber of Hollywood. Both outgoing members' terms expired.

Romero, a Republican, is a 1958 graduate of the Lincoln University Law School. Since 1963, he has been a partner in the San Jose law firm of Field, Romero and Weger. He is vice president of the Mexican-American Civic Council and serves as a trustee of the San Jose Disabled Veterans' Salvage Shop, Inc.

He lives at 625 Sobrato Drive, Campbell.

Johnson has been a deputy marshal in Los Angeles County since 1949 and is a part-time instructor at Rio Hondo Junior College where he teaches a peace officer course.

He is zoning committee chairman of the Fair View Valley Improvement Association; is president of the Operation 55 Community Improvement Association; is a former American Legion commander and is currently vice-chairman of the organization's National Security Council. He also serves as a vice president of the NAACP.

He resides at 976 E. 55th Street, Los Angeles.

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RELEASE: Immediate

267

Governor Ronald Reagan today praised the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee for approving legislation designed to give \$155 million in property tax relief to California property owners.

"I hope this progressive action is the forerunner of a bipartisan effort to return the taxpayers' money to the taxpayers," Governor Reagan said.

The bill (AB 149), carried by Assemblyman John G. Veneman, was sent to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, where the governor said he hopes it will receive "prompt consideration to enable a quick vote by the entire Assembly."

"This legislation is one of the most important measures to come before the Legislature this year," Governor Reagan said.

"It is a major step forward toward easing the burden on California's homeowners. And it carries out a pledge made by the administration and the legislature last year to give meaningful property tax relief to our citizens.

"I earnestly hope this legislation will continue to receive the bipartisan support it deserves for the benefit of all Californians and that all legislators will work together to pass this property tax savings on to their constituents," Governor Reagan said.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

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Governor Reagan will have a luncheon-meeting today at noon in his office with members of a "blue-ribbon" committee selected to help coordinate the governor's "Summer Jobs for Youth" campaign. Members of this committee include: John T. Hay, general manager, California State Chamber of Commerce; William A. Simpson, Jr., president of the William Simpson Construction Company, Los Angeles; and E. James Houseberg, executive vice president of the Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association of Central California, Salinas. Also at the lunch will be Albin J. Gruhn, president of the AFL-CIO, San Francisco, and Einor Mohn, president of the Western Conference of Teamsters, Burlingame. Gruhn and Mohn comprise the coordinating committee for the campaign.

Spencer Williams, secretary for Human Relations, and Peter Weinberger, director of the State Department of Employment will join the governor and the committee members at lunch. Weinberger has been asked by the governor to serve as a focal point of the summer job campaign. Weinberger's staff will offer assistance and support to the Blue-Ribbon Private Industry Committee. In addition, offices of the State Employment Service will serve as community job centers for the summer campaign.

Governor Reagan has asked the committee to advise ways to help California employers take a good, close look at available jobs they have --jobs at the beginning level where real work is involved to justify the pay--and match them to the employment needs of youth.

News film and photo coverage of the first several minutes of the lunch is invited.

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EJG

Governor Ronald Reagan announced today that he has signed the following bills:

AB 51 - Pattee
(Chapter 37)

Permits an elementary school district which withdraws from a junior high school system to transfer to its own district general fund the unused balance of funds available to educate seventh and eighth grades, so as to reduce maximum tax rates which may be assessed for that purpose in the following fiscal year.

AB 227 - Leroy F. Greene
(Chapter 34)

Requires that the State Board of Education in approving proposals for the formation of new unified school districts based upon the division of existing high school districts determine, among other things, that the assessed valuation per pupil in kindergarten through grades twelve in any of the proposed new unified districts does not vary from the average assessed valuation per pupil, in all of the territory of which the new districts are comprised, by more than 10 per cent.

AB 294 - Ray E. Johnson
(Chapter 38)

Permits an incorporated city or fire protection district to file a petition for exemption from county tax levy for structural fire protection once, rather than annually. Board of supervisors may terminate an exemption if the city or district does not comply with the requirements to obtain the exemption.

AB 524 - Belotti
(Chapter 35)

Provides that the increase in the maximum tax rate of a junior college district, for any inter-district attendance agreements and any part and equipment lease agreements, shall remain in effect until the end of the fifth (rather than fourth) consecutive fiscal year, following the election date at which the first district bond issue is passed, in junior college districts in which such fifth year expires on July 1, 1969.

The bill also provides that such increase in the maximum tax rate shall remain in effect until the end of the fourth consecutive fiscal year following such an election date for junior college district in which such fourth year expires on July 1, 1970.

SB 70 - Mills
(Chapter 33)

Permits the board of directors of irrigation districts of over 500,000 acres to appoint the district treasurer. The treasurer of such districts is presently an elected officer.

SB 613 - Lagomarsino
(Chapter 36)

Permits use of a sample ballot not in booklet form in a punchcard voting system when the official ballot will consist of one or more individual ballot cards.

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RELEASE: Immediate

270

Governor Ronald Reagan has reappointed Bishop Department Store owner D. Clark Conder and Gary E. Coyan of Markleeville, an Alpine Unified School District bus driver, to four-year terms on the 18th District Agricultural Association's board of directors.

The association operates the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair.

The posts pay necessary expenses.

Conder, a 54-year old Democrat, was first appointed to the board in 1960. He is president of a department store and shoe store in Bishop. He is also president of the Inyo Wholesale Distributing Company. Conder is a past president of the Lions Club; is a former president and currently a director of the Rotary Club; and is a director and executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

He lives at 668 Sycamore Lane, Bishop.

Coyan, 34, has served on the fair board since 1964. A Republican, he is a director of the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission. In addition to his job as a school bus driver, he owns a resort and ice cream stand in Markleeville.

He resides at Box 28, Markleeville.

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271

Governor Ronald Reagan has named retired real estate man G. Kelton Steele of Freshwater to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Humboldt Bay.

The appointment pays \$500 per annum and requires Senate confirmation.

Steele will fill the unexpired term of Robin P. Arkley of Arcata who resigned. The term ends January 30, 1970.

Steele, a 55-year old Republican, is a past president of the Eureka Rotary Club and Eureka Chamber of Commerce. Until retiring a few years ago, Steele was a timber broker.

He is a native of Humboldt County and received his education in the Eureka public schools. He then attended Stanford University and graduated with a degree in engineering.

He lives at P.O. Box 74, Eureka.

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RELEASE: MONDAY, 4/22, A.M. 'S

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Sacramento--Two hundred members of city and county human relations commissions will meet in Sacramento this week for a Governor's Conference to discuss problems of California's Negroes, Americans of Mexican descent, and other minorities.

Theme of the conference is "Human Rights in California: New Programs and Approaches at the Local Level."

Representatives of all 33 local human relations commissions in California have been invited to the conference. It opens with a dinner meeting April 25 at the El Mirador Hotel and continues with panel discussions throughout Friday, April 26.

Gov. Ronald Reagan will address the group Friday morning. Featured speaker for the luncheon will be Lt. Gov. Robert H. Finch. Chairman for the meeting will be Pier Gherini, chairman of the California Fair Employment Practice Commission.

Speaking at the Thursday evening dinner will be John Anson Ford, Los Angeles County supervisor from 1934 to 1953 and a founder of the first local human relations agency in California, established in Los Angeles County in 1944.

On Friday morning, Ray Schneyer, special assistant to the president of Lockheed Missile and Space Co., will discuss Lockheed's "Vocational Improvement Program", under which disadvantaged, hard-core unemployed applicants with arrest records have been hired as productive workers.

Friday panelists will discuss "Public Programs for Community Service", "Projects of Local Commissions", and "How Local Commissions Can Work with Civil Rights Groups". Moderators for the panels will be Mrs. Stella Sandoval, FEPC Commissioner; Max Mont, Commissioner, Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission; and C. L. Dellums, FEPC Commissioner.

Participating in the panels will be top level REPC and other state agency officials, commissioners and officers representing city and county commissions, and spokesmen for civil rights groups across the State.

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RELEASE: Immediate

273

Fred E. Hummel of Ventura, a leading west coast architect, was named today by Governor Ronald Reagan as California's State Architect.

The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation and pays \$21,000 annually.

Hummel, a 41-year old Republican, will assume the duties of the post May 1. He will fill the unexpired term of Carl C. McElvy of Fair Oaks who is resigning to return to private practice.

McElvy was named to the job in 1963 at the time the post was created. He was reappointed last February by Governor Reagan.

Hummel is a senior partner in the Ventura architectural firm of Hummel, Rasmussen and Love. He began the business as a one-man operation in 1957. The sphere of the firm's operations now extends throughout the United States and to several foreign countries.

He attended Nordhoff High School in Ojai and was graduated from the University of California School of Architecture in Berkeley.

Hummel began his career as an architectural draftsman in Sacramento with the State Division of Architecture in 1952. He worked for the State for about five months before joining the Sacramento architectural firm of Gordon Stafford where he was employed for two and one half years. He then worked for Dreyfuss and Blackford, another Sacramento design firm, for two and one half years. He returned to Ventura to open his own office in 1957.

He is a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War.

In 1962, he served as executive director of the California Council of the American Institute of Architects (A.I.A.); was president of the Santa Barbara chapter of the A.I.A. in 1949; has been a director of the Ventura chapter of the A. I. A. for the past three years; served on the Ventura City Planning Commission in 1963; and has been a director of the Ventura County Forum of the Arts since 1965.

He is a member of the Review Board of the Channel Islands Harbor of Ventura County; is active in YMCA and Boy Scout work; belongs to the Navy League and the Ventura Chamber of Commerce; and has been an architecture instructor for the U. C. L. A. extension program on several occasions over the past few years.

He resides at 3002 Seahorse Avenue, Ventura.

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GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

April 20, 1968
through
April 28, 1968

Saturday, April 20

4:45 p.m. Depart Sacramento Municipal Airport for San Luis Obispo
6:15 p.m. Arrive San Luis Obispo

Overnight

Sunday, April 21

San Luis Obispo Trail Ride

5:00 p.m. Depart California Valley Airport, San Luis Obispo County for Sacramento Municipal Airport
6:30 p.m. Arrive Sacramento

Monday, April 22

10:00 a.m. Brief greetings to Governor's Conference on Delinquency Prevention, Senator Hotel
1:50 p.m. Picture with High School Winner of Design Contest for Governor's Scholars' Award, Governor's Office
2:00 p.m. Meeting with young people attending Hearst Foundation's Senate Youth Program and Senator Donald Grunsky, Governor's Council Room
2:50 p.m. Presentation of "Plan Bulldozer" by representatives of Associated General Contractors, Governor's Office
4:00 p.m. Picture with Burt Smith, Real Estate Commissioner
4:45 p.m. Signing of proclamation for Mother's Day with Assemblyman Ray Johnson, Governor's Office

Tuesday, April 23

10:30 a.m. Meeting with Superintendents of Schools, Governor's Office
1:30 p.m. PRESS CONFERENCE
2:45 p.m. Greetings to Senator Bill Richardson and Chamber of Commerce members, Governor's Office
4:00 p.m. Governor's Council Meeting, Governor's Council Room

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 a.m. Meeting with Union Leaders, Governor's Office
1:30 p.m. Meeting with Junior College Student Body Presidents, Senator Hotel
4:30 p.m. Signing of "America, The Beautiful" proclamation, Governor's Office
7:30 p.m. CSEA Medal of Valor Awards Dinner, El Dorado Hotel

Thursday, April 25

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Presidents of School Boards, Governor's Office
11:45 a.m. CSEA Institute on Government Luncheon, El Dorado Hotel. Speech.

Thursday, April 25 (continued)

2:45 p.m.	Meeting with Assemblyman Ray Johnson and Butte County Republican Women, Governor's Office
5:00 p.m.	Depart Sacramento Municipal Airport for Los Angeles
6:00 p.m.	Arrive Santa Monica Airport
10:00 p.m.	Depart for Santa Monica Airport
11:00 p.m.	Arrive Sacramento Municipal Airport

Friday, April 26

10:00 a.m.	Meeting with members of the FEPC, Governor's Council Room
10:30 a.m.	Governor's Conference on Human Relations, El Mirador Hotel. Speech.
11:00 a.m.	Legislative-Press Golf Tournament, El Macero Country Club
5:00 p.m.	Depart Sacramento Municipal Airport for Boise, Idaho (detailed schedule forthcoming Monday)
	(Overnight - Boise)

Saturday, April 27

Noon	Address, University of Colorado, Boulder
Afternoon	Return to Sacramento

Sunday, April 28

No appointments scheduled

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

In response to numerous requests, the governor's office is considering a press plane for the convenience of the press during the governor's trip to Florida, Chicago and Cleveland beginning on or about May 18 and ending about May 22. Tentative plans indicate a departure from Los Angeles, probably on May 18, and a return to Los Angeles, probably about May 23.

Transportation charges will be prorated among those participating. Hotel and other accommodations will be arranged, with each individual responsible for payment of his own charges.

In order to make plans, it is imperative that reservations be made in writing to me by May 1.

Paul Beck
Press Secretary

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Press coverage is invited at 4 p.m. today when Real Estate Commissioner Burton Smith and representatives of the California Real Estate Association discuss with Governor Reagan a new anti-discrimination clause for real estate contracts.

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RELEASE: Immediate

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Governor Ronald Reagan has reappointed Donald C. Blake of Nevada City to a four-year term on the California Advisory Board of Collection Agencies.

The post pays \$25 per diem plus necessary expenses.

Blake, a 52-year old Republican, was first appointed by the governor last September. His new term will expire in 1972.

He is a former Nevada County supervisor and is retired from a building supply business in the area.

He lives at Route 1, Box 375, Nevada City.

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Governor Ronald Reagan has proclaimed the week of April 21-27, 1968, as Youth Temperance Education Week.

Text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, the incidence of the use of dangerous drugs and narcotics is reaching alarming proportions among California's youth; and

"WHEREAS, this use is undertaken without knowing or understanding the dangers inherent in such practices; and

"WHEREAS, our young people must be taught the perils of such experiments as well as the effects of alcohol on the human system, and the desirability of temperance in the use of alcohol; and

"WHEREAS, a study is now being conducted in the hopes of establishing the guidelines and materials necessary for such an educational program;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 1968, Youth Temperance Education Week and urge the people of California to cooperate with programs of temperance education."

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277

Governor Ronald Reagan has proclaimed the week of April 21-27,
1968, as National Library Week.

Text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, libraries have been maintained in California since the days of the mining camps when miners would often borrow the same book over and over again from the single shelf available; and

"WHEREAS, through the years California's libraries have expanded to provide improved services for the growing population; and

"WHEREAS, our libraries will continue to play an important role in the future as we seek not only the recorded knowledge of the past, but also the up-to-date facts;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 1968, National Library Week in California and urge all citizens to utilize use and support their local libraries."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Because of a conflict in schedules,
the photo session with CREA officials,
scheduled for 4 p.m. today, must be
postponed until a later date.

The meeting will be rescheduled for
a later date.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

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SCHEDULE FOR GOVERNOR'S APRIL 26-27 TRIP
Boise, Idaho

Friday, April 26

5:30 P.M. (PST)	Depart Sacramento (old airport) for Boise, Idaho.
7:00 P.M. (MST)	Arrive Boise.
8:10 P.M.	Arrive Boise College Student Union for RSCC fund-raising dinner. (Speech).
9:30 P.M.	Depart Boise airport for Stapleton International Airport, Denver.
11:00 P.M. (MST)	Arrive Denver (Coombs Aircraft Terminal).
	Overnight, Harvest House Hotel, Boulder, Colorado.

Saturday, April 27

9:30 A.M.	Private breakfast at Harvest House Hotel with University of Colorado Regents, Governor Love, and other officials. (Brief remarks).
11:15 A.M.	Student Forum at Macky Auditorium, University of Colorado. (Speech).
12:00 Noon	Questions and answers from students and press, alternating (30 mins.)
12:45 P.M.	Depart campus for Denver.
1:45 P.M.	Depart Stapleton International Airport, Denver, for Sacramento.
2:45 P.M. (PST)	Arrive Sacramento (old airport).

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#279

Governor Ronald Reagan has proclaimed the week of April 21-27, 1968, as Discover America Planning Week.

Text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, the United States is rich in history and blessed with a wealth of scenic, historical, recreational, cultural, educational and industrial attractions to interest and delight travelers; and

"WHEREAS, by discovering America through travel we can gain knowledge and appreciation of our national heritage; and

"WHEREAS, this understanding helps us to become better citizens;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 1968, Discover America Planning Week and urge the citizens of California to make their plans now to visit some of our historical outstanding landmarks."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today congratulated leaders of both parties in the Assembly who have agreed to a bipartisan effort to pass administration-backed legislation aimed at improving the state's job development and placement programs.

"Constructive and positive leadership such as this is vital and can solve many of the problems we face in California," the governor said.

Governor Reagan said he had asked Lieutenant Governor Robert H. Finch to assist the Assembly leadership and authors of the bills in the package by advising them of findings made by the Job Training and Placement Council. Finch was named by Governor Reagan to head the Council more than a year ago.

"I have repeatedly called attention to the fact that getting jobs for our thousands of unemployed citizens is one of the major tasks that confront us," the governor said.

"The bills contained in this package reflect a growing awareness that government--while taking the lead--cannot single-handedly correct all the ills that beset our society.

"Indeed, it is gratifying to note that the legislation recognizes that the private sector--business, industry, service organizations and the individual--must contribute to this effort to assist the disadvantaged by training the unemployed and then finding jobs for them.

"These bills are the result of intensive study by the administration and their authors for many months and are a joint, cooperative effort aimed at changing conditions which in the past promised much but achieved little.

"I am particularly pleased that my proposal for reorganization of several departments has received this bipartisan support. Legislation creating a Department of Human Resources Development is the direct result of intensive study and work by officials in the Health and Welfare Agency and my cabinet.

"I congratulate those legislators who assisted the administration in preparing this program and urge quick action on this legislation. It is the right thing to do," the governor said.

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281

Governor Ronald Reagan has proclaimed the week of April 21-27, 1968, as UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE WEEK.

Text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, citizens of this community have selflessly served as members of the United States Army Reserve units for many years, answering the call to active duty during two world wars, the Korean conflict, and the Berlin crisis, many sacrificing their lives for the cause of a Free America; and

"WHEREAS, these citizen-soldiers continue to give up weekends, vacations, and evenings to maintain a high state of readiness so that they will be prepared when called upon to defend the nation from external threats to its security; and

"WHEREAS, these citizen-soldiers of the United States Army Reserve are observing their 60th anniversary on April 23 and the people of the community owe so much to these patriotic fellow citizens;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 1968, UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE WEEK and call upon all citizens of California to join in a tribute to the United States Army Reserve citizen-soldiers of this state and country who have given so much of themselves so that this country could remain the greatest democratic society in the world.

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Governor Ronald Reagan has proclaimed the week of April 22-26,
1968 as PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.

Text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, Public Schools Week, an event which has been observed in California since 1919, will be celebrated April 22 through April 26, 1968; and

"WHEREAS, continuing faith in American ideals and institutions, and the social and economic stability of the state and the nation, depend upon free public education; and

"WHEREAS, the purpose of Public Schools Week is to renew the dedication of the citizens of California to the continuation and improvement of our system of free public schools; and

"WHEREAS, Public School Week affords every citizen of the state the opportunity to remain informed about the public schools in his community;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim April 22-26, 1968, PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK and urge the people of California to participate in the programs designed to enhance their understanding of the work of the dedicated teachers and administrators to whom is entrusted the education of the future citizens of this state."

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The following telegram was sent by Governor Ronald Reagan today to all members of the California Congressional Delegation and Senators Thomas H. Kuchel and George Murphy:

"Administration-backed legislation for a broad-scale revision and revitalization of California job development and placement programs has been introduced by Republican and Democratic leaders of the California Assembly. The package of bills has bipartisan support in the Assembly and has received the enthusiastic endorsement of Lieutenant Governor Robert H. Finch and the Senate Republican leader. Principal authors are Assembly Minority Leader Monagan, Speaker Unruh, and Assemblymen Veneman, Campbell and Ralph.

"Designed to meet the tremendous problems of California in unemployment as well as other areas, this legislation consists of a series of six bills which may serve as a model for other states which, like California, must train and find jobs for their citizens and thereby solve a major cause of poverty.

"For this legislation to become fully effective, the package will require changes in federal laws and regulations. The detailed legislative proposals which my administration and the legislature have drawn up will be forwarded to you within the next few days.

"I urgently solicit your support of this program. It is a positive effort which, through bipartisan cooperation, can change programs which in the past promised much but achieved little."

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Governor Ronald Reagan announced today that he has signed the following bills:

AB 60 - Monagan (Chapter 41)	Permits board of supervisors to pass ordinances disposing of unclaimed bicycles and toys in possession of the sheriff to the county welfare department as well as the county probation officer for use in juvenile delinquency work.
AB 214 - Belotti (Chapter 46)	Deletes provisions authorizing the 22nd District Agricultural Association to construct a sports arena. The bill also deletes provision authorizing the Department of Agriculture to advance funds for paying premiums to county or district agricultural associations.
AB 317 - Bagley (Chapter 47)	Makes a nonsubstantive amendment to a Code of Civil Procedure section relating to jurors. The bill was introduced by the Legislative Council as a part of a continuing program of codification to maintain the codes.
AB 318 - Bagley (Chapter 48)	Makes nonsubstantive amendments to Civil Code provisions relating to obligations arising from particular transactions.
AB 355 - Crandall and Dent (Chapter 42)	Authorizes governing boards of school districts to pay in advance for postage stamps and permits and services provided by other governmental agencies when such action will result in decreased cost or which cannot be secured without payment in advance.
AB 370 - Hayes (Chapter 49)	Requires the State Air Resources Board to consider technological feasibility and economic cost in determining criteria for approval of motor vehicle pollution control devices. The bill provides that each vehicle tested for certification comply with emission standards. It further establishes a schedule for installation of certified devices for 1966 or later motor vehicles.
AB 496 - Mulford (Chapter 50)	Allows the benefits of the welfare exemption for fiscal year 1967-68 to certain organizations otherwise qualified therefore except that the articles of incorporation did not provide for irrevocable dedication of corporate property to charitable, scientific, religious or hospital purposes.
SB 60 - Grunsky (Chapter 39)	Provides a procedure whereby territory already a part of a county sanitation district may be annexed to an improvement district in that county sanitation district.

- SB 100 - Danielson
(Chapter 43) Requires all county clerks, instead of just county clerks with voter registration material on computer tape or cards, to provide one copy of the index of registered voters to the Secretary of State at three specific times and permits Secretary of State to make such information available.
- SB 156 - Schmitz
(Chapter 44) Provides that candidates for a city or district election may withdraw their statement of qualification until 5 p.m. of the working day after the close of the nomination period, rather than until 3 calendar days after the close of the nomination period.
- SB 157 - Dymally
(Chapter 40) Makes a nonsubstantive amendment to the Agricultural Code.
The bill was introduced at the request of the Legislative Counsel as a continuing program of codification to maintain the codes.
- SB 178 - Bradley
(Chapter 45) Repeals provisions providing for the Santa Clara-Alameda-San Benito Water Authority.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

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GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

April 29, 1968
through
May 5, 1968

Monday, April 29

1:30 p.m. Meeting with editors of private college newspapers
in the state, Senator Hotel

4:45 p.m. Signing of Mulford-Sherman Resolution (Anti-Litter
Month), Governor's Office

Tuesday, April 30

9:30 a.m. PRESS CONFERENCE

2:00 p.m. Brief remarks to Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and
Assemblyman Carlos Moorhead, Governor's Council
Room

2:30 p.m. Brief meeting with Francis Berton, Commander of
DAV, Governor's Office

Wednesday, May 1

1:30 p.m. Meeting with student body presidents of private
colleges, Senator Hotel

3:00 p.m. Meeting with Senator Howard Way and group from
Madera regarding 75th Anniversary of Madera,
Governor's Office

7:00 p.m. Sacramento Law Day Dinner, Officers Club, Mather
Air Force Base

Thursday, May 2

11:45 a.m. Brief greetings to South Bay Chamber of Commerce,
Governor's Office

1:30 p.m. Greetings to Mendocino students and Assemblyman
Frank Belotti, Governor's Office

2:00 p.m. Meeting with Italian Ambassador to United States
Egidio Ortona and Consul General of Italy Paolo
Molasoni, Governor's Office

2:45 p.m. Meeting with Ivy Baker Priest to pull San Francisco
Harbor Improvement Bonds, Governor's Office

6:00 p.m. Brief appearance at San Luis Obispo BBQ, El Mirador
Hotel

Friday, May 3

10:30 a.m. Depart for Santa Monica Airport
11:30 a.m. Arrive Santa Monica

Noon Address American Women in Radio and Television
Convention, Century Plaza Hotel

9:30 p.m. Return to Sacramento
10:30 p.m. Arrive Sacramento

Saturday, May 4

9:30 a.m. Depart for Oroville Dam Dedication Ceremonies via helicopter
10:30 a.m. Dedication Ceremonies at dam site
11:30 a.m. Tour of pumping plant facilities
12:30 p.m. Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Return to Sacramento
6:30 p.m. Depart for Oakland
7:30 p.m. Arrive Oakland Municipal Auditorium for UROC Convention
Return to Sacramento

Sunday, May 5

2:30 p.m. Salute to Israel, Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Governor Ronald Reagan took emergency action today to assure that California welfare recipients receive their May assistance payments on time--May 1.

The governor signed a proclamation authorizing a loan from the general fund to the state social welfare fund to cover the federal share of welfare payments--some \$33,227,000 which will not become available to the state until May 1.

Under California law, the state controller must remit both state and federal funds to the counties no later than April 26 in order to make payments to recipients on time.

The failure of Congress to make the federal funds available to the state by today necessitated the governor's action.

Governor Reagan noted that welfare payments are made to some 295,500 aged, 12,230 blind, 126,000 disabled and 813,200 dependent children recipients in California.

The monthly federal share of these payments in the state includes \$14,644,700 for old age security, \$813,300 in aid to the blind, \$10,701,300 in aid to families with dependent children, and \$7,062,700 in aid to the needy disabled.

The governor said that failure to receive assistance checks on time would work a severe hardship on many thousands of welfare recipients in California.

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RELEASE: Immediate

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Governor Ronald Reagan has proclaimed the day of May 1, 1968,
as LAW DAY USA.

Text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, May 1st is the Eleventh Annual National Observance of Law Day USA; and

"WHEREAS, the theme of Law Day this year--Only a Lawful Society Can Build a Better Society--bears a timely message; and

"WHEREAS, these words remind us that only by reliance upon the due processes of law, and independent courts, and representative government, can the resources of our nation be marshalled to achieve lasting progress; and

"WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we acknowledge our duty as citizens and recognize our responsibilities as individuals to uphold the law, the agencies of law enforcement, and the courts in the performance of their lawful obligations;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim the day of May 1, 1968, LAW DAY USA and call upon all citizens to join in its observance through appropriate ceremonies, programs and educational activities."

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RELEASE: Immediate

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Governor Ronald Reagan has proclaimed the month of May, 1968,
as "Anti-Litter Month".

Text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, the existing conditions which relate to the effect the appearance of the highways and byways of the State of California may make extra efforts by the residents of California desirable; and

"WHEREAS, litter cleanup costs the taxpayers of California at least \$50 million annually; and

"WHEREAS, it is all-important that Californians do not fall into a state of complacency, for it is only through the individual efforts of its citizenry that California will remain one of the cleanest and most beautiful states in the nation;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim the month of May as California "Anti-Litter Month" and urge all Californians to support this proclamation by their individual efforts for the beautification of this great state."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

A reminder that we MUST have requests in writing by Wednesday for those who desire to make reservations on the press plane scheduled for May 19-22. If you have not notified me in writing, please do so immediately. Thank you.

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Health and Welfare Agency
Spencer Williams, Administrator
April 29, 1968

WELFARE, PROBLEMS AND PROGRESS

"We are a humane and generous people and we accept without reservation our obligation to help the aged, disabled and those unfortunates who, through no fault of their own, must depend upon their fellow man. But we are not going to perpetuate poverty by substituting a permanent dole for a paycheck. There is no humanity or charity in destroying self-reliance, dignity and self-respect...the very substance of moral fiber.

"We seek reforms that will, wherever possible, change relief check to pay check.

"In the whole area of welfare, everything will be done to reduce administrative overhead, cut red tape and return control as much as possible to the county level. And the goal will be investment in, and salvage of, human beings."

---from the inaugural address of Governor Ronald Reagan, Sacramento, California, January 5, 1967.

Welfare in California started on a new, creative course with the inauguration of Governor Ronald Reagan.

The ultimate objective was clear: Break the cycle of dependency that has chained generations to ever-swelling welfare rolls. Many steps will be required to reach that distant destination. The task of turning the welfare tide is enormous in both magnitude and complexity.

Year after year the number of persons on welfare and the money spent to support them has mounted.

In the past decade, expenditures for public assistance have risen 157 percent and the average number of recipients has gone up 126 percent while the state's population has increased by only 38 percent.

The Aid to Families with Dependent Children category leads the way, up from less than \$90 million in 1956-57 to more than \$401.5 million in 1966-67--an increase of 350 percent.

Aid to the Totally Disabled, a program not even in operation a decade ago, accounted for an expenditure of more than \$132.5 million in the past fiscal year.

Old Age Security payments, the largest category in 1956-57, has dropped into second place. However, in 1966-67 it required more than \$347 million, an increase of 47 percent over 1956-57.

On January 1, 1967, there were 1,148,000 Californians receiving cash grants from state welfare programs at an annual cost of \$924 million.

This is equivalent to spending more than \$100,000 an hour, every hour, night and day. It equals \$3 million every business day.

In addition, cash grant welfare recipients received medical assistance at a cost of more than \$373 million, bringing California's welfare bill to \$1.3 billion.

The cash grant program currently includes:

- 292,000 men and women 65 years or older receiving Old Age Security payments. This group accounts for about 35 percent of the total expenditure.*

- 120,000 receiving Aid to the Disabled. Another 12,500 persons receive Aid to the Blind.

- 834,000 persons (75 percent of them children) in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children categories. This group accounts for about 45 percent of the total expenditures for cash grants.

In its first year, the Administration made significant achievements towards its declared goals. They include:

Communication Restored

Before 1967 relationships between the Department of Social Welfare and both the boards of supervisors and the welfare departments of the 58 counties were so tense that effective communication had virtually ceased. The first important step was the reestablishment of effective communication and this has been done.

*see appendix for "profiles" of program recipients.

Today, harmonious working relationships exist and the spirit of cooperation has enabled the State and counties to strengthen their working partnership and make progress towards simplification of welfare procedures.

Cost Cut

Basic administrative expenses of the Department of Social Welfare were reduced 13 percent from original budget requests, a savings of \$1,243,000 in the current fiscal year.

Administration Streamlined, Red Tape Slashed

California was the first state to secure Federal approval for use of a simplified "declaration of need" application for Old Age Security eliminating unnecessary paperwork and repetitious interviews.

Four voluminous categorical aid program manuals were condensed into one. Not only are there 2,358 fewer pages, but the language had been simplified and the content made more understandable.

This monumental revision was a joint State-county effort. Further efforts are under way to make department communications readily accessible to the social workers.

Extension and Liberalization of Welfare Checked

For the first time in 15 years, the Administration successfully checked the historic legislative pattern of extending and liberalizing welfare benefits at each session.

Fraud and Abuse Studied

A statewide Governor's fact-finding conference was convened as the first step in determining the nature and extent of welfare fraud and abuse in California. On the recommendation of the conference, the State Social Welfare Board, with the assistance of a specially appointed advisory committee, conducted five hearings in different areas of the state and took thousands of words of testimony from scores of witnesses representing every conceivable viewpoint. The Board's report and recommendations are not yet formulated.

Medi-Cal Costs Cut

A \$130 million deficit in the Medi-Cal program inherited from the prior fiscal year was eliminated and tighter administrative controls placed in effect which are expected to keep the program within appropriations this current fiscal year. A rollback of physicians' fees, limitation of non-county hospital stays except in special circumstances, and closer checks on the medical necessity for nursing home care were anticipated to save more than \$28 million in the current year.

The first contract for prepayment of physicians' services was signed, marking a major step forward in improving service to recipients while at the same time controlling ever-spiraling costs.

Family Planning

A new family planning policy was adopted which gave social workers the authority to initiate and conduct discussions with welfare recipients with respect to family planning. This was coupled with controls to ensure complete freedom from any pressure or coercion.

A Hand Up Instead of a Handout

Greater emphasis was placed on rehabilitation as a means of restoring individual dignity and self-support. The current budget of the Department of Rehabilitation was increased \$5 million--a sound investment in the future productivity of those rehabilitated.

More than 6,600 disabled persons were returned to employment in the fiscal year ending last June, of which some 1400 were removed from the welfare rolls at a first-year welfare savings of \$2,750,000. The pace accelerated further in the new fiscal year and in the first seven months, the number of disabled persons returned to employment was 90 percent higher than during the same period the previous year.

Summer Jobs Provide More than Money

The State took the lead in providing summer employment for youth, placing 600 in State jobs. The program will be enlarged this year. Directed in a large part towards young people from poverty areas, the program offers more than money. In addition to payment of wages it stresses the virtues of work and provides the self-confidence that comes from one knowing his ability to earn his own way in a competitive economy.

Job Training and Placement Coordinated

State agencies were given clear and specific direction to provide concerted and coordinated programs to secure training and employment for public assistance recipients. The California Job Training and Placement Council, including representatives of both government and private industry, was created to study and recommend ways to reach the hard-core unemployed with needed training and employment.

Cooperation among the county welfare departments and the State departments of Employment and Social Welfare was strengthened. As a result, more emphasis and follow through is now being applied to the requirement that welfare recipients look for and take jobs they can fill.

In addition, the Department of Employment, through its Human Resources Development and Concentrated Employment programs, has emphasized the development of training and placement of persons from poverty areas. Many persons served by these programs are entering the labor market for the first time.

Further Coordination Proposed

Combination of the Job Training and Placement Council, the Service Centers, and the Office of Economic Opportunity into one department of Human Resources Development is proposed as part of the Governor's plan to reorganize the executive branch of State Government. This would further coordinate and strengthen job training and placement efforts.

Cooperation with Private Sector Emphasized

Governor Reagan appointed H. C. McClellan to conduct statewide a program patterned after the one he so successfully initiated in the Watts area of Los Angeles. The entire program is privately financed. His efforts, while directed toward all who lack opportunity, offer particular hope to those minorities with a disproportionate share of poverty and unemployment. Greater effort has been made to cooperate with private welfare agencies.

New Methods Sought

New, more effective ways of reducing public dependency and potential dependency are under study. One such effort is Project FOCUS recently launched in cooperation with Fresno City and County. This pilot program will employ the most modern management techniques to weld together all of the available resources,

Federal, State, local, and private, in a concerted thrust aimed at producing self-reliant citizens.

Growth of Welfare Rolls Slowed

There are encouraging signs that growth of the skyrocketing Aid to the Disabled and Aid to Families with Dependent Children programs has been slowed. While total numbers are still up, the proportion of increase was less rapid than in the three years preceding 1967, in part, at least, the result of the increased emphasis on job placement, expanded efforts of rehabilitation and a closer check on eligibility.

Goals

The major welfare goal of this Administration is to help our disadvantaged and our needy to help themselves to achieve productive, meaningful lives--to learn self-sufficiency and to free themselves to the maximum extent possible from dependency on public assistance. Employment is the route to that goal.

Short Term

Currently there are an estimated 83,000 persons on state welfare rolls who are capable of training or employment. Some 12,000 of these are in training programs, another 26,000 have part-time employment. While the entire group is but a small portion of the total welfare roll, their employment would have a snowball effect since it would eliminate need for aid to their dependents. If all 83,000 were on payrolls instead of aid rolls, the number of persons on welfare could be cut by more than 300,000. This would mean a monthly welfare savings of \$15 million plus providing our economy the benefit of their productivity.

More important, the children in these families would grow up in a self-supporting, independent atmosphere in which they would learn to recognize productive employment as the means to personal fulfillment.

Long Range

The hope for significant reduction in public dependency lies with the 480,000 children 12 years old or less who are now supported on aid programs.

It is with this group that the cycle of recurring public dependency must be snapped. They must not grow up to view welfare as a way of life.

Conclusion

Welfare presents many difficult and complex problems. There are no instant solutions. Major improvement will come only through hard work and sustained determination. Significant progress, however, was made in the first year of this Administration and further achievements are anticipated this year. However, many of the proposals to change the direction of welfare, to stress self-sufficiency, and to streamline welfare administration, require changes in State and Federal laws. Such changes have been requested of the Legislature and the Congress.

In his message to the Legislature, the Governor recommended legislation leading to a uniform standard of assistance which would greatly simplify welfare administration and eliminate present inequities.

To keep assistance to the disabled from becoming even more inequitable, the Governor sponsored urgency legislation to increase the average maximum grant above the now established legal ceiling pending enactment of legislation to provide better home care services for the disabled under a more favorable Federal sharing formula that would reduce State cost by \$4 million and eliminate the \$1.6 million county contribution.

The Governor also proposed that when the taxpayer has been supporting the aged and disabled, then the taxpayer should share in the estate with the provision that no settlement would be required as long as a surviving spouse lives in the home.

Other recommendations were that computations of grants to married persons should take into account all shared items and that unnecessary disability assistance not be given to recipients living with parents whose income is substantial.

Finally, in an effort to provide an incentive for adults receiving aid for dependent children to secure employment rather than remain on welfare, the Governor proposed that the maximum family payments be equal to the earnings of a family breadwinner working for the minimum legal wage.

APPENDIX

CHARACTERISTICS OF AFDC

The typical AFDC family group is comprised of a 31-year-old mother, who has lived here 17 years, and her three children. The family is likely to be of a minority group; 28 percent are Negro and 23 percent are Mexican-Americans. Eighty-five percent of these family groups qualify for aid on the basis of the father's continued absence from the home. The mother has had an average of nine years of education and is without work. Her past employment is likely to have been in some kind of service, as a waitress or domestic.

The average monthly assistance grant to this family is \$171. There is some likelihood of outside income--43 percent have some outside income, averaging about \$90 per month. This usually is in the form of contributions from the absent father, benefits from OASDI, or earnings of the mother. Only about one-third of the families have any personal property of value. Most of those who do have some such property, have only a car--usually valued at less than \$150.

CHARACTERISTICS OF OAS

The typical Old Age Security recipient is 77, widowed, has lived here 35 years, and has received OAS for seven years. Seventy percent are women. Negroes and Mexican-Americans are about equally represented in the caseload, comprising 15 percent of the total on OAS, and other minority groups represent about 3 percent.

The OAS recipient's average total monthly income is \$160 from the welfare grant, medical care and other income such as Social Security. About 25 percent own their home, 3 percent own income-producing property, and 70 percent have property reserves--mostly cash, interment plots, or life insurance. Eighty-three percent live in a house or apartment. Forty-four percent live alone. About 11 percent live in a hotel or rooming house. Six percent live in some type of out-of-home care facility.

There are about 291,000 OAS recipients; 24 percent of the total persons on welfare.

CHARACTERISTICS OF AFDC-U

The typical AFDC-Unemployed family consists of a 33-year-old father, a 30-year-old mother, and their four children. The family has lived here about 15 years. Twenty-two percent are Negro;

CHARACTERISTICS OF AFDC

26 percent are Mexican-American. The children in these families qualify on the basis of the father's unemployment. Usually both parents have completed about nine years of schooling. The father's usual occupation is in operative, semiskilled or unskilled labor. The mothers are less likely to have ever had any kind of job than the mothers in the family group cases; 43 percent of the "U" mothers have never been employed, compared to 23 percent of the family group mothers. Their employment, again, has been in service work.

The "U" family has a monthly welfare grant of \$206. Forty-four percent have some outside income, averaging \$130 per month; in most cases from unemployment insurance benefits or earnings from the father's part-time work. Less than 50 percent of these families have any personal property of value, and nearly all of those who do, own only a car valued at less than \$150. There are about 800,000 AFDC recipients; 66 percent of the total persons on welfare. (AFDC family group and AFDC-Unemployed both within this total.)

CHARACTERISTICS OF CAS

The typical CAS recipient is a 35-year-old woman, who has lived with her husband for about 10 years. She has two children, a 10-year-old son and a 5-year-old daughter. Her husband is unemployed, and she is the sole support of the family. She has completed about 10 years of schooling. Her family is of Mexican-American descent, and she is of Mexican descent. She is a native-born American citizen. She is a native-born American citizen. She is a native-born American citizen.

The CAS recipient's average total monthly income is \$180 from the welfare grant, medical care and other income such as Social Security. About 55 percent live in their own homes, 3 percent own homes, 10 percent live in public housing, and 32 percent live in other types of housing. About 10 percent live in a hotel or rooming house. Six percent live in some type of out-of-home care facility.

There are about 300,000 CAS recipients; 34 percent of the total persons on welfare.

CHARACTERISTICS OF AFDC-F

The typical AFDC-F family consists of a 35-year-old father, a 10-year-old son, and their four children. The family has lived here about 15 years. Twenty-two percent live in public housing, 10 percent live in other types of housing, and 68 percent live in their own homes.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement
in observance of "Invest-in-America Week", April 28 - May 4:

"Californians today enjoy an unparalleled standard of living, reaping the benefits of our industry and enterprise. Through continual voluntary saving and wise investment, we have contributed to our nation's growth, security and freedom.

"Throughout the nation, communities are planning observances to emphasize the importance of each individual's role in building a sound economy. This is not merely a reminder that we should save a portion of our income for personal security; it is a call to all Americans to marshal their financial resources as a means of strengthening our country. Once again we are reminded that with our savings accounts, our investments on homes, life insurance, local business enterprises, in stocks or in bonds, each of us participates in California's and America's growth and prosperity.

"I urge my fellow Californians to consider that the importance of personal savings and investments strengthens our common economic life and to observe April 28 through May 4, 1968 as Invest-in-America Week."

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For your convenience, excerpts from last week's press conference on April 23 follow in which the governor explains his position in response to a question concerning the presidency:

Q. Governor, are you available for the presidency?

A. I'm too old to be drafted in the army. I don't know what the answer to that is. I think any citizen in the United States is available for that office if his fellow citizens decided that he was the individual they wanted.

Q. When you say the job seeks the man for the presidency, you mean someone has to come to you first, you'll never go after it?

A. Well, I think once -- if your party selected you as a nominee, then you go after it, of course. You've accepted the responsibility, if they do. But I could not -- could not conceive of myself soliciting that job, standing up and saying, yes, I want --

Q. Under any circumstances?

A. Well, at the moment, no, I can't.

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