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# Skills Center Plan Vetoed by Peralta

Trustees of the Peralta Junior College District, firmly but politely, rejected last night a proposal that their control of the East Bay Skills Center be relinquished to a private group.

No official vote was taken, but reaction of the board to the proposal, presented by attorney Fred Cooper, was obvious.

Cooper appeared before the board as spokesman for a group of 12 labor, business and community leaders seeking administration of the center.

He emphasized, however, the proposal was not meant to be critical of the way trustees are handling the center. The trustees, in return, expressed appreciation to the group for bringing the question directly to them.

Cooper said private operation of the center would result in more flexibility and experimentation in the program, better communications with the state and federal government, and with business and labor to line up job opportunities.

"We feel that as a board you could do this but you are

## Berkeley Bus Service Change

To provide better service, AC Transit has adjusted evening peak hour connections between its Euclid Avenue service and other bus lines in downtown Berkeley.

Buses on Line 7 will leave Shattuck and University Avenues at 4:55, 5:10, 5:25, 5:40 and 5:55 p.m., a few minutes later than previous schedules, to make better connections for passengers transferring from transbay Line F buses and other district service.

probably too involved in other things..." he said.

Cooper suggested that the board seek reaction to the proposal from business, labor and other groups. But the idea failed to appeal to the trustees.

"Personally," said trustee Stanley McCallrey, "I wouldn't want to give any encouragement to your group that we're about to relinquish the responsibility we've undertaken."

Listed as a member of the

group was Thomas Sutt, an official of West Coast Trade Schools, Inc., of Lynnwood, which operates a similar center in the Watts area of Los Angeles.

Besides Cooper, Oakland members of the group were Ronald T. Weakley, Francis Tom, M. Jack LaRue and Henry J. Rodriguez. Others were three from Berkeley, and one each from San Leandro, Emeryville and Stockton.

In other action, the trustees expressed concern over possible budget cuts and tuition charges for the state's higher education institutions and asked Supt. John W. Dunn to report how they would affect the district.

A resolution asking Alameda County to set up a district trustees election for April 18 was unanimously adopted.

Trustees also authorized leasing the entire building at 300 Grand Ave. for office use when another firm moves out at the end of February.

The district would pay about \$22,000 per year, not including utilities or taxes. It now pays \$29,470 per year to occupy 62.5 percent of the building.



**BROKEN SPAN**—This gaping hole in the Sacramento River Bridge at Rio Vista was ripped by the Italian freighter *Lice* during heavy tule fog Sunday. Engineers hope to have a temporary link open for two-way traffic in two to three weeks.—(AP)

## County May Buy Santa Rita Land

Alameda County within the next few months may be able to buy that portion of Camp Parks which is now leasing for the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center.

This was reported to the

Board of Supervisors today by Vice Adm. Murry Royer, USN (Ret.), who is the legislative advocate, or lobbyist, in Washington, D.C. for the county, the City of Oakland, Port of Oakland and Oakland Chamber of Commerce.

In his report he said the old Camp Parks Air Force Base has now been declared surplus property by the Army and turned over to the General Services Administration.

County Administrator Earl Strathman said the county would like to buy at least 600 acres of the 4,000-acre property, and lease another 300 acres. The Santa Rita installation now consists mainly of old barracks and the county has been prevented from making improvements since it didn't own the area, he said.

## Unions Urge Beet Worker Pay Raise

Minimum hourly pay for sugar beet workers in California, now \$1.35 an hour, should be raised to at least \$2, the AFL-CIO California Labor Federation said today.

Thomas L. Pitts, federation secretary-treasurer, charged that the present scale is "unfair and unreasonable."

In a statement presented at a hearing by the USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in San Francisco, Pitts called for a minimum guarantee for piecework in the sugar beet industry, such as trimming, hoeing and weeding, that would yield a minimum of \$2 an hour.

He said wage rates for cane sugar workers in Hawaii now range from \$1.88 to more than \$3.20 for skilled workers and that these rates will increase on Feb. 1 to \$2.02 and \$3.56 an hour under a contract between the growers and the independent International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

## AT BORDER Eastbay Police Pair Arrested

A Walnut Creek police officer and a woman deputy in the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department are under arrest in Tijuana, Mexico, on charges stemming from a weekend raid on an abortion clinic.

They were identified as Det. Joseph J. Schmidt, 29, of 1460 Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill, and Toni Ivette Kingsley, 28, of 4191 Joan Ave., Concord.

Mexican authorities also took into custody a Tijuana doctor and his receptionist, and two persons from Southern California. All six are being held in the Tijuana city jail.

Tijuana police said Mrs. Kingsley, a divorcee, was a patient of the doctor's, whose fee was reported to be \$500.

Walnut Creek Police Chief Raymond C. Davis said Schmidt, who has been suspended pending a full investigation, took Friday off from his job.

Schmidt told Davis over the telephone that he had no knowledge of any abortion proceedings.

A former Marine and graduate of San Francisco State College, Schmidt joined the department in 1963.

## 'Last Family' Sees Home Burn Down

HAYWARD — For the Antonio Ancona family, life was ending in Russell City.

They were the last family still living in the old community, which is being razed for an industrial park. One relative was one of the area's first settlers.

Yesterday they began moving their possessions to a new home in Union City, south of Hayward.

But arsonists, the plague of Russell City during its final years, struck again.

Ancona told firemen he had left the family's aged home in Russell City with some furniture and had driven to the new residence in Union City at 340 Monte Carlo.

When the Anconas returned to Russell City, they saw their home in flames.

Their pet dog died in the blaze. Most of the family's possessions were lost.

William Wolters, warden for the Alameda County Fire Patrol, said arsonists had set at least two fires inside the old home at 2882 Ohio St. By the time fire units from the Fairview Station arrived, the structure was beyond saving.

Wolters said the loss to furnishings in the home and adjacent house trailer and storage sheds was more than \$6,000.

The family includes Ancona, 46, and his wife, Lita, their seven children, and Mrs.

Ancona's mother, Mrs. Juana Feliciano.

Mrs. Feliciano, 87, was one of the first families to settle in Russell City and the last to move away. She and her husband homesteaded here shortly after the turn of the century and farmed most of the area before homes and later tar paper covered cottages started to fill up on the lands.

Alameda County Redevelopment Agency is planning to turn the community into a future industrial park, and for the past four years has been conducting a relocation program and land clearance of Russell City buildings.

But arsonists have destroyed most of the structures.

## Battery Charge by Pickets

The owner of an Oakland pallet and box manufacturing firm is charged with using his auto to push aside two warehousemen who were picketing his plant at 425 Kennedy St.

Battery complaints were signed against John Van Kannon, 41, of 2196 Queen St., Castro Valley, by the pickets, Joseph M. Lopez, 35, of 2040 92nd Ave., and David M. Allen of 881 Alice St., San Leandro.

Lopez and Allen told police that they were among 30 to 35 pickets who were marching across the driveway of Van Kannon's E-Z Pallet and Box Co. plant on Jan. 9 when he drove his car through and bumped them aside. The men, who belong to International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union Local 6, were not seriously injured.

Van Kannon complained to Oakland police that some of the pickets chased after his car into the company's parking yard and kicked him as he got out. His alleged assailants were not charged.

Van Kannon, free on \$440 bail, is scheduled to appear before Municipal Judge Allen Broussard tomorrow.

Paul Heide, Local 6 business representative, said Van Kannon's company is being picketed for alleged contract violations, including failure to pay overtime and to make payments into the ILWU welfare fund for his employees.

Van Kannon claimed that the dispute is over the firing of a former last Nov. 14 for "drinking on the job."

## 3rd Victim Of Auto Crash Dies

Harold Fay Crowell, 57, a Concord painter, died in Sutter Memorial Hospital, Sacramento, third victim of a head-on crash in deep fog Sunday on Interstate Highway 5 near Maxwell in Colusa County.

His wife, Bethel, 51, who owned Bethel's Beauty Shop at their home address, 151 Joan Ave., Concord, and Alameda insurance man William Michael Perata, 53, were killed in the crash.

California Highway Patrol officers said the accident happened when a car driven by Crowell crossed the center line to pass another car, and struck Perata's car head on. Perata, of 1516 Buena Vista Ave., was returning to Alameda from a business trip to Shasta City.

Crowell died late yesterday.

Two sons, Arthur Crowell of St. Helena and Alan of Concord, and a daughter, Mrs. Sandy Chavez of Concord, survive. Mr. and Mrs. Crowell. Funeral services are pending at the Leugh-Olmert Chapel in Concord.

## Four Stranded on Red Rock Rescued

A Pittsburg commercial fisherman, his son and their two-boat rescuers were taken off Red Rock in San Francisco Bay by the Coast Guard last night.

The 25-foot power boat, the G. Orlando, carrying Joseph P. Orlando, 46, and his son Frank, 13, went aground on the Rock near the San Rafael-Richmond Bridge, shortly after 6 p.m.

The incident was witnessed by their aboard an accompanying boat, the 29-foot cabin cruiser, Alice V.

Aboard the Alice V. were owner Angelo Compomizzo, a steelworker, of 57 Mountain View Ave., Pittsburg, and another of Orlando's sons, Michael, 14.

As they drew near the Alice V. also went aground on the rock, but they found the two

aboard the G. Orlando groggy from exhaust fumes.

Compomizzo radioed the Coast Guard which sent a 40-foot cutter to the scene.

The cutter took the four persons aboard and towed the G. Orlando to the Richmond yacht harbor.

Orlando and his son were examined at the Kaiser Hospital in Richmond and released.

The Alice V. which was taking water, had to be left for a private tow boat to extricate, the Coast Guard said.

The Orlando live at 306 MacArthur Ave.

## Honor Not Found Among Some Thieves

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — Robbers and murderers have no honor — or so a young policeman discovered here.

After transporting a group of African awaiting-trial prisoners to court in an escape-proof van, one man was missed.

The young policeman discovered he missed the van, strangled to death and robbed of the small amount of money the prisoner was known to have carried.

The other prisoners professed innocence — although the man was alive when he boarded the van at the jail.

## 2,800 in Electronics

TOKYO — Japan now has more than 2,800 electronics-manufacturing facilities.

## Man Hits Glass, Dies At Church

RICHMOND — "Something terrible is happening to me."

"Call an ambulance and a doctor!"

Mrs. Opal Messenger, of 6128 Plymouth Ave., heard these, chilling words from her husband over the telephone last night at 9:50 p.m.

Minutes later an ambulance, police and Mrs. Messenger converged on the First Presbyterian Church at 3415 Barrett Ave. and found her husband, Alfred, 53, dead on the office floor.

The main door of the church, made of reinforced glass, was found smashed at the bottom on one side. Blood spots were in the area.

Other blood spots were found in different parts of the church, in the restroom and on the office telephone.

Mrs. Messenger told officers her husband had been complaining of chest pains lately but had declined to see a doctor.

The church pastor, The Rev. Lloyd O. Galt said Messenger, a chemical engineer and a lay worker in the church, had attended a church meeting and left at 9:30 p.m., apparently in good health.

He added that Messenger had a key to the building and apparently went there to finish some church business.

Police surmised he suffered a heart attack and fell as he was leaving or entering the church so that his head smashed the glass door.

## Imitation Postal Markings Barred

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Post Office Department said today it is banning from the mails imitations of official postal markings.

The department said "the ban is aimed mainly at third class bulk mail users who use the official appearing markings as 'attention getters' on advertising circulars."

## Emperor's Visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House announced today that President Johnson will meet informally here with Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia Feb. 14-15.

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