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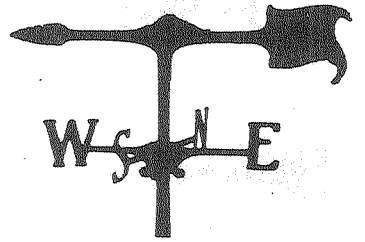
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# REPORTER

News from North, East, South, and West.



## President's Message

I do not have any special article for this issue of the Reporter. I would suggest that you, perhaps, could publish part or all of the Peace Officer Committee's recommendations (the information I sent you several days ago).

As you were informed the Regional Directors were asked to contact as many members as possible for their reaction and recommendations on this very important matter. The Reporter may be one method of spreading the word in case the Directors cannot reach everyone.

If we are to function as a professional organization and if we are to adhere to the objectives of our constitution, then we must be prepared to offer sound recommendation and proposed policy in the law enforcement issue.

I would hope that all of us can approach this issue as objectively as possible and base our decision on facts and our best professional judgment. I would also hope that this does not become an emotional issue.

You might also note that the Board of Directors will meet to discuss and prepare our recommendations to Management on Saturday, June 28, 1969, in the cafeteria in CSEA headquarters. I expect to convene the meeting at approximately 0900. All members are most welcome to attend, it is their Association.

Will see you on the 28th. Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

*Richard L. Brock*  
RICHARD L. BROCK  
President

The following was received from District 1 about the Sleppy family.

We feel that this type of letter is one of the hardest to compose, from the fact that a person never realizes just how many people care and are friends.

How do you say from the bottom of your heart to so many - "Thank you for all you have done. We want to thank you for the monetary contributions - also for your prayers and that deep heartfelt moral support given to our families."

As we said before, this surely is the hardest letter to compose, for there is not enough paper or words to say what we feel in our hearts.

We wish we could personally meet and thank each one of you. Maybe some day we can. But until then, we hope this letter will express our deepest gratitude and thanks.

*Denise*  
*Mike*

Sincerely,

*John Sharon*  
*Kellie Wally*

May 29, 1969

TO: All Officers and Regional Directors

Attached is a copy of the Peace Officer Committee's recommendations as developed by Chairman Darrell Knoefler and his committee. Also attached is a copy of the Recommendations prepared by the Law Enforcement Council of CSEA. They are almost identical and reflect some of the recommendations of the Toothman Report. It is of the utmost importance that CSPRA review these recommendations and develop an Association Policy for presentation to management.

I urge all of you to give this matter immediate attention and secure as wide cross section of opinion in your Region as possible.

I am also requesting an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors for Saturday, June 28, in Sacramento for the purpose of discussing the conclusion reached in your Regions. We will also prepare the Association's recommendations to be forwarded to Management and CSEA. Any member is welcome to attend. Please advise me of your reaction to the above at the earliest opportunity.

The proposed specifications, classes and salary ranges of the Maintenance classes have been developed and forwarded to SPB for inclusion in the July 9-10 Board meeting. I did not receive copies for distribution, however, you may be able to borrow one from your District Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent. The specifications do appear to be as we recommended. The promotional pattern and salary range is very equitable.

As you no doubt know by now several additional classes were added. I will be interested in having your reaction to this series from your Maintenance people

Let me again point out the urgency in our Law Enforcement recommendations. Please do everything possible in making our people aware of this situation.

We must prepare a sound, responsible recommendation based on facts and conditions as they exist. Let us approach this as Professional Park Rangers.

Signed RICHARD L. BROCK, President, CSPRA

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Dear President Brock:

On behalf of the Law Enforcement Committee of the California State Park Rangers Association, I wish to submit our recommendations to you and the Board of Directors, regarding the report of crime control in the State parks. Attached is a copy of the report submitted, after careful study, to the CSEA Law Enforcement Council on this matter. Several changes were made on the original report and the council voted to endorse the following program subject to the approval of C.S.P.R.A.

Immediate goals - - - - -

1. Training of all Ranger personnel with a minimum of 80 hours of police training to be followed with completion of the entire 200 hour program.
2. In parks experiencing the greatest amount of crimes, all Ranger personnel should receive the full 200 hours of training on a crash basis.
3. That the department put into effect its policy to allow State Park Peace Officers to exercise full peace officer power, when enforcing the laws of the State of California within the state parks, after completion of the required training.
4. That a written policy on firearms and other weapons be developed.  
The policy should include:
  - a. Who should carry weapons.
  - b. When to carry weapons.
  - c. Training required before being authorized to carry weapons.
  - d. Increase permanent personnel.

Long range goals - - - - -

This committee did not identify the long range goals except that they would be the implementation of the other recommendations contained in the report.

We request that the Board of Directors endorse these recommendations and authorize the Law Enforcement Committee of the C.S.P.R.A. to develop and pursue these recommendations.

Signed DARRELL KNOEFLER, Chairman, Peace Officer Committee

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**"If in the first act  
you hang a pistol  
on the wall,  
by the third act  
you must use it."**

Anton Chekhov



## **Society, Morality and the Gun**

My article in the last issue of "The Reporter" relative to the State Park Rangers' dual roll as both "The Enforcer" and "The Interpreter" has brought comments from several Rangers. The article accomplished what I had hoped it would; that is, it put you Rangers to giving this "Law Enforcement" roll serious thought. Ranger Bob Allen of Folsom Lake sent me a copy of what he plans to have included in this issue of "The Reporter". Ranger Darrell Knoefler also sent me some worthwhile comments. Mike Merkel sent in an article with his very good thoughts on the subject, and our own Region 5 Ranger Milt Frincke composed a really thought provoking article that I'm sure you will all soon receive a copy of. It is gratifying to know that you Rangers are concerned; that you will speak up and be heard; that is what our Association is for, and our esteemed President Brock can represent you at the fullest extent only if you do speak up. My hat is off to each of the above mentioned Rangers; yes Mike, and I include you as a Interpreter Ranger.

I recently read an article in the "Psychology Today" magazine entitled "Society, Morality and the ~~Gun~~". (See above) Anton Chekhov's statement says a lot, does'nt it? I heard that three of our Rangers assigned at Folsom Lake were bounced around a bit recently when involved in a problem with some beer drinking teenagers. I was very sorry to hear that the Rangers were hurt in the altercation. I am also very concerned wondering how would have these Rangers reacted had they been armed. Yes, Chekhov's statement says a lot; and is'nt that what each law enforcement officer is taught when issued a gun; it's issued TO USE! How many unarmed State Park Rangers were killed while on duty last year? What about the year before? And the year before that?

What do we hang on the wall of the future?

Al Salzgeber, Jr. Past President

Junior Past President Al Salzgeber's recent article on enforcement and the ranger image was most thought provoking. As one who has not been a ranger, but has enjoyed long association with them, I would like to add to Mr. Salzgeber's comments.

In my opinion it would be better to have the "ranger enforcer" separate from the "ranger interpreter". This is speaking from the viewpoint of an interpreter. However, it might also be a valid opinion when viewed from an enforcement outlook. Let us delve into this statement further.

In the interest of public and personal safety a law enforcement officer should always think, live and act like an enforcement individual, especially when weapons, violence and crime seem rampant. A reserved and cautious attitude at all times when around strangers would seem to be a mandatory state of mind for a good enforcer of the law. A suspicious and alert police man might live longer than a trusting, easy-going one. Would a likeable, trusting and "all out for the people" ranger-interpreter type be a safe police man? I don't know.

Please consider another side: Will training in karate, the fast draw, use of mace and the club make a more proficient interpreter? Would some people become so used to reliance on weapons for persuasion that wit, affability, rapport and speaking ability become secondary?

Keep in mind that crime is only a symptom of social illness. We should not fight the symptom to the extent that we jeopardize the treatment of the disease. Overcrowded human populations with less open spaces for recreation, solitude, quiet and beauty tend to lessen true values and this tends to increase crime and violence. We have a big job to help people "see the value of the outdoors through interpretation."

If we must have the ranger-interpreter-enforcer role played by the same individual in our parks, he should be well chosen. He must be the utmost in tact and discretion, extremely adaptable - outgoing yet reserved, warm and friendly, yet stern and suspicious. He must have rapport with all people and like to pat little children on the head. He must have the image of Smokey-the-bear and have a ready answer to the inevitable question that youngster will ask -- "Hey ranger, how many people have you shot with your gun?"

D. E. Merkel  
June 4, 1969

TO: Law Enforcement Council

FROM: Ad Hoc Committee, Signed by JACK LYALL

SUBJECT: Crime Control in the California State Parks

At the last meeting of the L.E.C., the Chairman appointed a committee consisting of Lou Gerlinger, Jack Lyall, Darrell Knoefler, and Jack Evans to study the report "Crime Control in the California State Parks" and recommend a course of action for the Council to pursue on behalf of the Park Rangers.

The committee met on March 27, at the Folsom Lake Rangers Station. Each member of the committee had studied the report prior to this meeting. All of the committee members agreed that the report, prepared by Ed Toothman, was very well done and the recommendations were appropriate.

The report recommends:

1. That the manual of Rules and Regulations be replaced with a Manual of Procedure for Law Enforcement covering:
  - a. Arrest procedures
  - b. Transporting prisoners
  - c. Firearms use
  - d. Handling juveniles
  - e. Traffic control
  - f. Lost persons, etc.
2. That present Park Ranger job specifications be revised to provide for selection of persons who can be qualified as Peace Officers.
3. That all Rangers, designated as Peace Officers, should immediately receive 80 hours of Law Enforcement training. Then there should be established a 200-hour basic Law Enforcement training program for all State Park Peace Officers.
4. That the department policy be restated to allow State Park Peace Officers to exercise full Peace Officer powers in performing their duties in the State Parks.

5. That a written policy on firearms be established and trained personnel should carry all necessary Police weapons, including MACE (if authorized by the Legislature.)

6. Other procedural recommendations were also included in the report.

Several suggestions concerning the recommendations were discussed. It was suggested that the State provide an allowance for the purchase of a weapon rather than have the State purchase the weapon. The idea was expressed that the individual would prefer a choice of weapons, within approved regulation, and would take better care of the weapon if it were his own. It was also suggested that the Law Enforcement duties in the parks should be performed by full time personnel rather than part time or seasonal personnel.

Since the report and its recommendations were so complete, the cost factor for the program proposed was \$353,500. The committee believes that the only way the recommendations can be implemented is in steps. Therefore, we identified the needs of the Park Rangers in two categories--immediate goals and long range goals. For the purposes of this report we will only identify the immediate goals. All other recommendations would then fall into the long range category.

Immediate goals:

1. Training of all Ranger personnel with a minimum of 80 hours. In the parks experiencing the greatest amount of crimes the 200 hour course should be given immediately.
2. That the department restate its policy to allow State Park Peace Officers to exercise full Peace Officer power.
3. That a written policy on firearms and other weapons be developed. The policy should include:
  - a. Who should carry weapons
  - b. Training required before being authorized to carry weapons
  - c. When to carry weapons
  - d. Weapon specifications

## Report of the Education Committee



President Brock contacted the Education Committee and requested that they investigate the possibility of putting together a publication which would indicate eating establishments throughout the state which were recommended by the California State Park Ranger.

The idea for this publication was forwarded to President Brock by Director Mott. Mr. Mott has had occasion to ask rangers throughout the state to recommend local eating establishments. He has found through this experience that the park ranger can direct him to the best eatery in the locale of the park. As a result, he felt that the California State Park Rangers Association could provide a service to the public by publishing a listing of the best eating places to be found near state parks.

Initial response to this suggestion has been received enthusiastically by members of the Association. One possible problem area has been cited that will have to be dealt with on an individual basis. This would result in those instances when the local community adjacent to the park has only two or three restaurants and the selection of one would cause adverse relations to develop. The decision of what to do in such an instance will be left up to the park ranger.

I would like the comments of the membership on this proposal if they see other possible problem areas. For those in support of the concept, I would appreciate your recommendation of the best eating establishment in the vicinity of your present park or other parks to which you have been assigned.

I am suggesting the following format:

Name: Elbo Room

Address: 20th and "K" Streets, Sacramento

Park: Sutter's Fort

Entree: Champagne dinner for two

Price: Moderate

In some cases the address may need specific directions. The entree can be a specialty of the house, a personal recommendation, or just classified as generally acceptable. Price ranges include: Inexpensive - under \$2.50; moderate - \$2.50 to \$5.00; and expensive - over \$5.00 per person.

Your recommendations should be forwarded to the Education Committee at P.O. Box 206, Sacramento, Calif. 95811.

Ross Henry  
Chairman, Education Committee

*Congratulations! What more is there to say. Here is the list as it reached me.*

### *District Superintendent*

1. T. A. Wilson
2. Milt Frinke
3. Herb Heinze
4. Wes Cater
5. M.M. Whittaker
6. Jack Welch
7. R. W. Pugh

### *Asst. District Superintendent*

1. T.A. Wilson
2. Curt Mitchell
3. Doug Bryce
4. Herb Heinze
5. Wes Cater
6. R. W. Pugh
7. Bill Allison
8. R.C. McCullough
9. Charles Kline
10. C. P. Lyden
11. J. N. Caughell
12. Dale Buschke



O n May 21st, I sat for about 20 minutes and listened to a taped recording of a talk given by Director Mott to the Assistant District Superintendents and a bunch of other Ranger V's from Sacramento. As I sat there looking alternately at the floor, the ceiling, the different walls, what Kay Steigemeier's mini skirt didn't cover, Nixon's picture on the wall and all the stuff on Wes's desk, several very interesting points of Mr. Mott's talk came rushing at me, loud and clear.

Lesser in importance than some specifics he mentioned, was what he said, casually, during the talk about the preparation of the talk, itself. He apologized for not having his presentation outlined in more detail because he had been so wrapped up in other business at hand. And then I remembered what Al Salzgeber said to a group of us rangers at the Morro Bay Museum a couple of months before. "Mr. Mott is in his office almost every evening --- long after the halls are quiet from the day's hubbub of business as usual."

If what Mr. Mott had to say on that tape was casually "off the top of his head," I wonder what impact a well-planned presentation would have made on all that top brass. The Director's talk, coupled with Wes's enthusiastic response to having been at the meeting itself, inspired many of us to "above and beyond" - type service to the department generally and to our unit, specifically.

The main topic of Director Mott's talk admonished us --- yea, with insistence --- urged us to CULTIVATE ATTRIBUTES. And to me, that means more than throwing a sack of Bandini steer manure on something and waiting for the harvest. What are my attributes, or what are the attributes of the Department --- the State Park System? As Mr. Mott reminded us, we manage the best state park system in the world. And that's not a bunch of malarkey. I've traveled and camped in just about every state in the union --- like a lot of you --- and when all the chips are stacked up, side by side --- salary, security, scenery, service --- we don't have to crane our necks looking up to any other park service anywhere.

So what does CULTIVATE ATTRIBUTES mean? Where we live now, we have a little garden out back. Chet left us a nice patch of strawberries, and to that we added tomatoes, green peppers, squash and radishes and lettuce. In order to reap fresh strawberries and other fresh garden vegetables every day, I've spent some time, every day or so, CULTIVATING with tender care --- hoeing the weeds, irrigating, covering the plants to protect them from the birds, etc. All this time spent is cultivating our garden, from which we expect to reap the benefits of fresh fruit and vegetables.



And this is what I got from the Director's talk. If we are to reap, beneficially, then we must, with determination and forethought, CULTIVATE OUR ATTRIBUTES. Or, to paraphrase, we must cultivate the QUALITY of the State Park System. (I looked that up in my Funk and Wagnalls)

And Mr. Mott expanded on that idea to give us a few sub-titles to work on --- to direct us with. BE INQUISITIVE! Don't assume that because it's been done for years a certain way that it must always be done the same way. Root out a different way to accomplish a job, if that different way will be more effective, require less time and/or money, or be more easily acceptable by the public.

BECOME INSPIRATIONAL. When we think negatively --- we have a tendency to emit a negatively-charged atmosphere around us. And it's catching. Likewise --- an atmosphere of positive thinking and positive action results in positive accomplishments. If we are able to transmit inspiration to others by our positive thinking and action --- we can accomplish the seemingly impossible.

DEVELOP INTEGRITY. I became so engrossed in Mr. Mott's comments on this subject that I failed to take notes --- but anyone who doesn't

know what integrity means need go no further than a Funk & Wagnalls. Of course the Director's comments on integrity were specifically referring to our participation as the eyes, ears and voice of the State Park System. And the integrity of the system is only as strong as its weakest link. If one "to-hell-with-it"-type ranger violates the basic integrity of the system in full view of the public, then that ranger has caused irreparable damage to other units in the system.

**PARTICIPATION.** Mr. Mott pulled out all the stops on this piece. "We must involve the general public if we do our jobs effectively." He admonished us to use the knowledge of professional skills to accomplish our tasks of presenting the park system to the public. He added that historical restoration is an excellent example of what has been accomplished by utilizing "outside" help --- more often than not, free of charge. "Stir up Boards of Supervisors, call on the ladies groups, build fires under the local business men," Mr. Mott said, and cited the example of the old theater being restored in Sacramento with donated funds and labor.

**SALESMANSHIP** is one of the most important responsibilities facing park people today. We have something really valuable to sell the public on, and it's the individual responsibility of each park employee to promote the department's goals. Mr. Mott specifically stressed areas where the department has been weak in carrying out its goals. The Los Angeles basin, where the greatest concentration of California's population work and live (60% of California's population live south of the Tehachapi Range) is practically devoid of the department's services. A concentrated effort must be made to put the State Department of Parks and Recreation into the eyes and ears of that great mass of people in the Los Angeles basin who seldom, if ever, have the opportunity to drive out to a state park unit.

And here the Director reminded all those Ranger V's of just how great are the resources of the DPR. "They're fabulous!", he said with great emphasis. And in case that often overused word has lost some of its meaning, Webster (who is equally as trustworthy as Funk and Wagnalls) quotes fabulous as meaning "incredible; hard to believe; astounding." And here Mr. Mott singled out one of the state's most recent acquisitions ---- the Indian Grinding Rocks. Lush with grassy meadows and myriads of wild flowers, this secluded, immaculately propped stage of nature will thrill generations to come.

In closing, Director Mott pointed out, almost vehemently, that as interpreters of California history, as naturalist-teachers of the awesome world of beauty in nature which surrounds us, we MUST BE FACTUALLY CORRECT in what we propagate to the public. Embellishing a myth or legend to the point where truth is camouflaged, borders on deception. And the public need not be deceived. If our ranger-interpreters are lecturing on a subject, they should be well-versed on that subject. "If books or other materials are needed to accomplish the task," Mr. Mott said, "Buy them!" "We can always find a little money around somewhere to get things of this nature," he added.

If the discussion that followed the listening of Director Mott's taped talk was any indication of generated interest and enthusiasm, then Hearst State Monument is bound to serve the public in a still greater capacity. Perhaps other units will be equally inspired by the Director's talk.

*Bob Hanks*

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

**ADDRESSES** I know that many of you have moved but I don't have your new address. Please send address changes to Doug Bryce, Box 428, Borrego Springs, 92004.

#### TREASURY REPORT

Balance 4/16/69	\$1,230.11
Receipts	1,018.40
Expenditures	459.49
Balance 6/12/69	1,789.02



To CSPRA Members - Region V:

Since the beginning of this organization, this Region has been the most active throughout the State. This is a record to be proud of and is due in part to the efforts of Jim Neal and Louie Wakefield, our past Regional Directors.

To maintain this interest and involvement, we have evolved the attached questionnaire. Please answer the question, make any comments you wish and return it to me as soon as possible. We hope that once the questionnaire has been returned, it will give your Regional officers some indication of what the general membership would like to see CSPRA accomplish this next year. We will also be better able to reflect your thinking at the Board of Directors meetings.

The topics of greatest interest at this time are:

1. Proposed new maintenance classes.
2. Ranger trainee program
3. Law enforcement policies and practices within the Department

We plan to hold two meetings within the Region during the week of June 9th to discuss these pressing and timely topics. Your recommendations will be presented at a specially called Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento on June 28th. Recommendations from the Board will be presented to Management for their consideration and possible action.

You all know what this organization has accomplished within it's short span of being - let's continue to support the officers by reflecting your thinking through them to Management.

Thanks for your help.

Renie A. Laret  
Director, Region V

Pismo State Beach  
Oceano, California 93445

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#### QUESTIONNAIRE

1. The Queen Mary will not be available for the 1970 General Executive Council (G.E.O.). What is your preference for an alternate site? Both Sacramento and Oakland have offered attractive deals for 1970.

Sacramento ☐ Oakland ☐ Other ☐

2. After several issues of the CSPRA "Reporter", do you feel that this publication is a worth while endeavor?

Yes ☐ No ☐

3. What type of articles would you like to see printed more often?

Latest promotions and transfers? ☐

How other parks are handline reservations? ☐ Dogs, ☐

Law Enforcement, ☐ Interpretive programs ☐ Others? ☐

Departmental programs and policies ☐ Others? ☐

4. How do you feel the "Reporter" should be financed?

Dues ☐ Contributions ☐ Subscriptions ☐ Other ☐

5. The "Reporter" depends on material from the field. Have you contributed anything as yet?

Yes ☐ No. ☐

6. Assuming that you received the "Reporter", "News and Views" and the "Rangers Report and Review" (RRR), which would you read first, second, third?

Reporter ☐ News and Views ☐ RRR ☐

7. Which best meets the needs of the field personnel?

CSPRA "Reporter" ☐ News and Views ☐ RRR ☐

8. Have you written your thoughts and recommendations to the Transfer and Housing committee

Yes ☐ No. ☐

9. Would you read materials relating to Law Enforcement if they were made available to you?

Yes ☐ No. ☐

10. Do you read all materials that are made available to you regarding Interpretation?

Yes ☐ No. ☐

11. Do you feel that the "Reporter" would be an appropriate way of making materials on Law Enforcement and Interpretation available to the Rangers?

Yes ☐ No. ☐

12. Since there will be no G.E.C. this year, and Delegates are elected for only one year, should the present delegates for all regions stay in office until after the 1970 G.E.C.?

Yes ☐ No ☐

13. How often should we have Regional meetings?

Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-annually ☐ Annually ☐

14. What type of meetings would you rather attend?

Social ☐ Business ☐ Social & Business ☐ Dinner ☐

15. Should we have one meeting each year for the entire Region in addition to the area meetings?

Yes ☐ No ☐

16. Keeping in mind that the organization is only as strong as it's individual members are active, what do you think CSPRA should now be doing?

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## REGION 5 REPORTS

*We regret to announce that Area Manager George Lynn suffered a mild heart attack and will be out of commission for a while. George will come home within the next few days, but will have to limit his activities to walking within his house for the first week. We all wish George a speedy recovery and a good rest.*

*Now is the time for volunteers to step forward and help take the load off George on G.E.C. arrangements and exhibits.*

*Thing about this --- last year's newly elected delegates will never participate in a G.E.C. Postponement of G.E.C. for a year due to a resolution will mean that new delegates will be elected before our next G.E.C.*

Los Angeles Times

# Confronting a Poisoned Earth

**ISSUE:** President Nixon has set up a new group to deal with environmental pollution. Will it be equal to the great challenge?

By Executive Order President Nixon has established the Cabinet-level Environmental Quality Council, with a mandate to seek new measures for the control of pollution, to coordinate government attacks on the problem at all levels, and to anticipate and deal with future challenges to the integrity of the environment.

"We have become victims of our own technological genius," said the President.

Today, not only in the United States but worldwide, the air, water and soil on which life depends have been contaminated by wastes and poisons to such a degree that the very processes of nature have been altered. The President expressed confidence that this damage done by man can also be undone by man. For the sake of the human future one must hope he is right.

"It is a foul bird that defileth his own nest," said John Heywood four centuries ago. In the 20th century man has become such a creature.

Careless and selfish human tampering with the environment has already doomed much animal and plant life. Meanwhile, information mounts that environmental pollution—often subtle, cumulative and in most cases up to now irreversible—jeopardizes human health and even existence to an extent few persons realize.

The President has placed himself at the head of the Environmental Quality Council, an indication of the importance he attaches to its work. Executive secretary will be Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, the President's science adviser, who has announced

that problems relating to the dangers of pesticides—particularly DDT—and photochemical air pollution stemming from auto exhausts will be given top priority.

The pesticide question is of special urgency, as evidence grows of its effects on wildlife and the ecology.

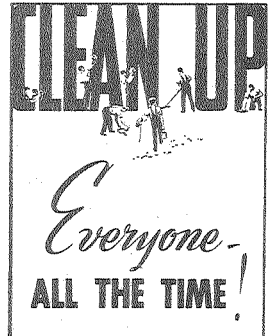
Some birds, for example, including the brown pelican and the bald eagle, no longer are able to reproduce because of the DDT they have ingested. The chemical that has worked miracles and saved lives has become their enemy. What happens is that DDT stimulates the production of enzymes in these birds, which interferes with the chemistry of eggshell production. The thin shells that result militate against survival. The species are dying out.

Commercially-harvested fish, too, have fallen victim to pesticides flushed or wind-carried into rivers, lakes and oceans. At least 12 states have reported pesticide residues in fish above the safe levels approved by the federal government.

DDT is also accumulating in human fatty tissues, with results that are not yet apparent. So is lead, from the gasoline our autos burn. Health officials consider the threat serious, and it is growing worse all the time.

For all the talk and concern, the fight against environmental pollution has so far commanded all too little of our resources and attention. It is clear now that it must develop rapidly indeed if man is to have any chance to undo the vast harm he has already done to himself and the world he lives in.

The Environmental Quality Council cannot be just another study group. It must be prepared to act, and firmly, for time is running out.



## NOTES AND QUOTES

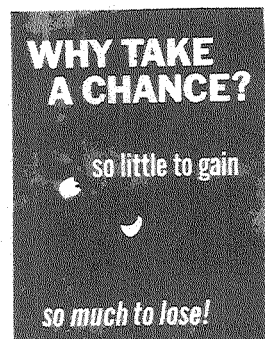
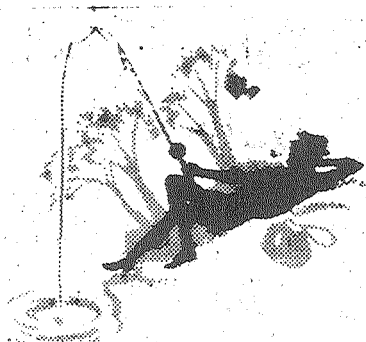
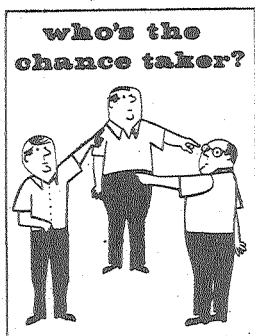
The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is July 11, in Mendocino County. Sorry, I don't have the exact meeting place.

You should find several thought provoking articles in this issue of the REPORTER. I'm sure Region V won't care if you fill out their questionnaire and give it to your Regional Director. Your Regional Directors can only act for you when they know what your thoughts are and what you want done. So, let's hear from all of you. Most of us should have some thoughts to contribute on the matter of Police Training. Let your Director hear from you on this one, too. Don't be one of those to sit back and wait and see what happens - give us your recommendations now.

## The State Park Peace Officer

After reading the Jr. Past President's article in the last issue of the Reporter, I have a few thoughts I would like to make known. Al alludes to "the Enforcer vs. The Interpreter" and raises the question, can the Ranger do both? I say, with proper selection and training, they can do both. "Who knows the park better than the Ranger who works there full time?" If this statement holds true for the interpreter, why not for the enforcer also? The "Enforcer" is not a "cop" he is a Peace Officer, and he can take appropriate action for each type of infraction. If the incident calls for education of the offender, the Ranger can because also being an interpreter he can explain the reason why one doesn't pick the flowers or collect firewood. But if the incident calls for a little stronger action, he can also do this, as he is a trained peace officer and a "Professional Ranger". I think we can maintain "the good guy" image even if we do have to take some strong enforcement action because it is how this action is taken that counts. The CHP calls it "selling the pinch". The CHP and Fish and Game make for more arrest than we do and they are still the good guys because they are professionals by virtue of extensive training. The CHP, by the way, get 900 hours of training. I can see nothing wrong with training a peace officer in the use of firearms, mace, hand-to-hand combat, etc., as these are the tools of his trade and to do a professional job he has to know how to use them. A man gets respect from his actions and a job well done and not by his uniform alone. Also, Al questions a quick change from the Stetson hat to the helmet and from holding a man at gun point and then turning around and putting forth the image of the outdoorsman good guy. This may be a problem for some people but I can still remember working in a kiosk collecting fees and giving out park information and then turning around to cleaning restrooms, hauling garbage or painting in my coveralls. If we changed and did these jobs good, then why can't we do both these new jobs now?

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