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## TASK FORCE ON FUTURE OF STATE PARK RANGERS

### DIRECTOR STIRS MEMBERSHIP

Flanked by Chief Deputy Director Van Horn; Deputy Director Wright-Cottingham and Assistant Deputy Director Felty, Director Rhodes stood before this Associations gathering in Santa Barbara and announced his intention to "initiate a Task Force on the future of the State Park Rangers."

Rhodes indicated this decision was spurred by a phenomenon which several members of his staff and a number of rangers have expressed deep concern about, is, "the swing in emphasis toward control and enforcement from service and protection."

Rhodes feels that this trend has taken a natural course due to increased visitation; increased law enforcement training; and 3,500 reported crimes for the year and one-half between July 1975 and December 1976. However, he indicated, "since we all know that there are about twenty or thirty park units which receive the bulk of the complaints, we can then increase those numbers greatly and suggest that those particular locations have a significant need for good law enforcement training and for good protection of people and property."

Rhodes suggested that the other 150 park units have highly skilled law enforcement staff with little opportunity to utilize those skills.

He said "there is a critical need to increase our emphasis on the other facets of the park rangers' responsibilities to make the fullest possible use of the great reservoir of talent and skills which you possess." "I feel that the scales have been so heavily weighted with law enforcement and control emphasis that it is time to initiate a balancing process."

While not finalized Rhodes said the Task Force would include:

- The State Park Rangers Association
- The Operations Division - Admin. Staff
- The Director's Office
- Those Rangers which have expressed concern about the heavy trend in law enforcement
- Our Resources Preservation and Interpretation Division
- Our Training Office

The Task Force will be charged with "developing recommendations for the future of the California Park Rangers." Rhodes stated, "I will ask them to consider some specific suggestions which have been made to me. These include ideas in the areas of specialization, rotational assignments, and contracting for supplemental law enforcement services."

Additionally, the Director indicated a desire to see more field

staff involvement in local land use planning and better upward/downward communications in the Department. In the interest of better communications he said the hot line was "very successful" with a number of "valid calls" expressing "valid problems".

For those not aware, that Hot Line Number is 322-6927.

### Board Considers Task Force Implications

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**MEMBERSHIP . . . ACTIVE:** *current or retired, permanent or permanent intermittent employees of Department of Parks & Recreation of State Park Ranger or State Park Maintenance classes.* **ASSOCIATE:** *permanent or retired employees of the Department of Parks & Recreation in classes not eligible for active membership.* **SUPPORTING:** *any interested person not eligible for active or associate membership.* **HONORARY:** *distinguished person nominated by a member and approved by Board.*

## President's Message ..

Once again, the G.E.C. has come and gone and, once again, it was a total success. Through the efforts of a hard working G.E.C. Committee, the program was interesting and thought-provoking, the banquet was perfect and the parties, only as "park" parties can be. The weekday G.E.C. drew only slightly less attendance than previous weekend conventions. We sold 215 Banquet tickets as compared to 275 in Sacramento the year before. Next year we'll go back to a weekend affair, but don't worry, we won't totally abandon the midweek G.E.C. The 1978 Executive Council will be in Santa Rosa on March 10, 11, and 12. Mark those dates on your calendar now, so that you can plan to be there.

### **VITAL ISSUES**

One of the highlights of the G.E.C. was the opportunity for the members to meet and talk to Director Rhodes. He spent an entire day with us allowing individuals the chance to speak with him and his staff. I hope that you who were at the G.E.C. took advantage of this rare opportunity.

The Association is currently involved with several issues which are of vital importance to the membership. As you may know, we have been successful, primarily through the efforts of Bob Meyer,

in getting legislation introduced (SB 79) which will permit Park Peace Officers to carry MACE. The same legislation will include park rangers under the Penal Code Section, making it a felony to assault a peace officer. This bill has recently cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee and will soon be going to the Senate floor. If it's to become law, SB 79 needs your help. Write to your local legislator and ask for his support.

### **CONCERNS NOT TOTALLY ALLEVIATED**

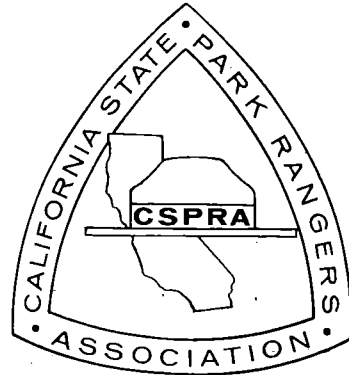
Elsewhere in this **REPORTED** you'll find an article about a special board meeting which was held in Sacramento in order to meet with Deputy Director Robert Van Horn. It was felt this meeting was necessary to clarify statements made by the Director at G.E.C., as well as to answer their concerns regarding action recently taken by the Department. The meeting clarified several points; however, our concerns relative to the establishment of special classes, such as State Park Security Officer and Interpretive Coordinator, have not been totally alleviated. The creation of these special classes, coupled with the recent questions posed by the administration relative to the Ranger's role in enforcement, leaves us to wonder what the future of the Ranger really is! Have a good spring.

### **BOARD ACTION**

March 10, 1977

- 1978 GEC will be held in Santa Rosa on March 10, 11 and 12. Bill Krumbein will be GEC Committee Chairman and Denzil Verardo, Vice Chairman.
- \$800.00 was appropriated so that the Interpretive Techniques Handbook developed by Bill Krumbein, and Linda Leyva and Brenda Boswell can be layed out by an outside firm.
- With the unanimous support of the Board Ron McCall will approach Bob Meyer about performing as a part-time legislative advocate for the Association. All agreed the Association could greatly benefit by having Bob's expertise and respect working with us in the legislature.
- Deferred discussion on whether to allow active membership to all Operations Division Personnel until the June Board Meeting.
- Approved a grant of \$50.00 to Mike Vasquez for assistance in working with an Explorer Post at Silverwood. The Post is focusing its attention in park management and operations.
- Directed Herman Schlerf to chair a committee to review resolution procedures and make recommendations aimed at improving their quality and content.

# 1977 RESOLUTION RESULTS



77-1

Withdrawn as intent already  
being accomplished

RESOLVED, that the president direct a committee to prepare a cost/benefit analysis of P.O.S.T. certification, to be submitted to the Director of the Calif. Dept. of Parks & Recreation, on approval of the Board of Directors.

77-5

Defeated 12-25

Therefore be it resolved that the California State Park Rangers Association take a stand before the Department of Parks and Recreation and the public opposing relaxation of current nudity regulations and that this position be made known by a letter to the president of C.S.P.R.A. to the Director of Parks and Recreation and a general news release.

77-6

Withdrawn for rewrite

77-6A

Passed 36-0

Therefore be it resolved that the California State Park Rangers Association, by adoption and publication of this resolution in the "Reporter", make known to the Department and general membership of CSPRA that as a professional body we recognize the value in consistent and uniform application of the law in solving an enforcement problem, but that we feel directives that take away a peace officers right to use discretion should be avoided as counter-productive.

77-7

Passed

RESOLVED, that the President of CSPRA write a letter to the Chief of Operations and the Park Safety and Enforcement Supervisor, recommending the following:

- 1) that maintenance workers be contacted and/or polled concerning the safety and practicality of the current metal name tags, and
- 2) that maintenance workers be polled on the use of alternate name tags, including the use of a sew-on type name tag.

77-8

Withdrawn

77-9

Passed 33-3

RESOLVED, that the California State Park Rangers Association, through its Director, request in writing the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to:

- 1) establish an Opportunity Purchase Fund for immediate purchase of valuable artifacts when offered for sale to the Department of Parks and Recreation, and
- 2) act upon this resolution and respond to the California State Park Rangers Association within (6) six months of receipt of this resolution.

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If it's brown,  
flush it down;  
But if it's yellow,  
let it mellow.

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77-2

Passed 26-10

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CSPRA president request that the director and his staff contact CSPRA prior to making any major policy decisions which will affect the Association and its members.

77-3

Withdrawn

77-4

Defeated 16-19

Therefore be it resolved that the California State Park Rangers Association urge the Director of Parks and Recreation by letter from the president of C.S.P.R.A. to establish fee considerations for senior citizens of a similar nature to those currently employed by the National Park System.

77-10

Withdrawn for rewrite

77-10A

Passed 34-3

Be it resolved that the President of the California State Park Rangers Association appoint a committee to formulate and present a code of professional ethics to be presented for recommendation by the Board of Directors of the California State Park Rangers Association and:

Be it further resolved that this code of professional ethics be adopted by a majority vote of membership of the California State Park Rangers Association.

77-11

Withdrawn

77-12

Passed 19-15

Therefore, Be it resolved that the President of C.S.P.R.A. contact the Director on the possibility of DPR compensation for the possessory use tax, the possibility of monthly deductions for the tax rather than a yearly payment.

77-13

Passed 35-2

Therefore be it resolved that Article 2, Section 2 be amended to include the State Park Manager Series.

77-14

Withdrawn

77-15A

Passed 28-7

Be it resolved that the CSPRA support granting holiday credit (excess hours) for holidays which fall on Saturday and be it further Resolved that the President of CSPRA notify CSEA and the State Personnel Board of our opposition to present policy as stated above.

77-16

Withdrawn for rewrite

77-16A

Passed 32-2

Be it resolved that the President of CSPRA write a letter to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation informing him that we support a senior citizen discount for use of State Park facilities.

77-17

Withdrawn for rewrite

77-17A

Passed 32-3

Therefore be it resolved that the President of CSPRA notify the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation of CSPRA's opposition to the random selection system and request development of a system for selection of candidates for interviews which gives highest priority to those with field experience in Parks and Recreation work,

and be it further resolved that the system of selection be developed by the Department of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with an appointed representative of CSPRA for recommendation to the State Personnel Board.

77-18

Passed 35-2

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of CSPRA once again contact the Director and urge his support of POST certification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President contact the California Peace Officer's Association and seek their support in gaining POST certification from the Department.

77-19

Withdrawn

77-20

Withdrawn

77-21

Passed 23-14

RESOLVED that CSPRA go on record stating (1) that we totally disfavor this practice of obtaining overtime monies from seasonal funds, and (2) that we favor a separate, totally adequate fund being set aside solely for paying overtime.

Furthermore, that we let the Director of the DPR know how we stand on this matter, and, if the Board sees the need, to convey our feelings to the concerned with our Parks service to the public.

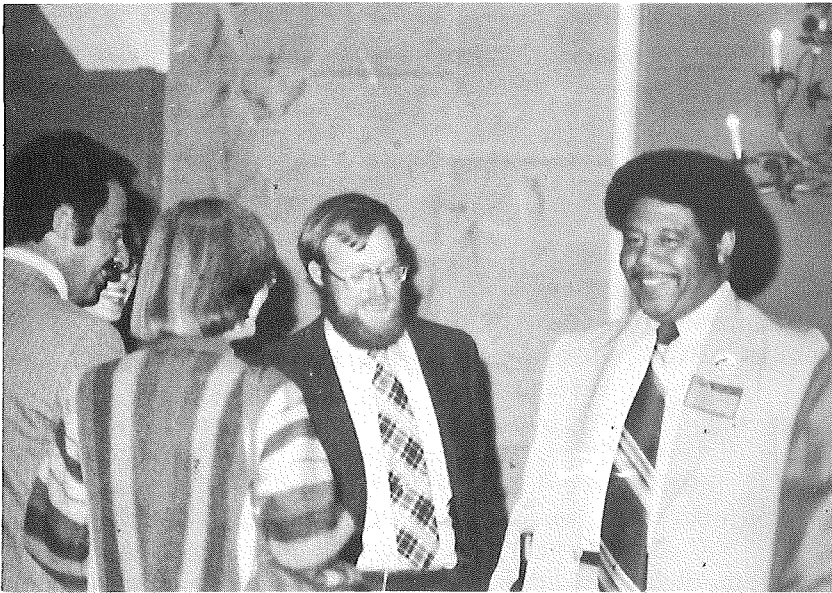
77-22

Passed 36-1

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED CSPRA forward letters to: President of the United States, Secretary of Interior, Governor of State of California, and both California State Senators, asking their assistance in pushing forth immediate measures to reduce salinity and control the water level; thereby protecting a southland recreation area and vast wildlife habitat for future generations.

77-23

Withdrawn



Left: Dave and Gail Sears and Matt Sugarman visit with Director Rhodes after the banquet ceremonies. The Director visited with many members throughout the day including those seated at each table after the banquet commenced. He then cashed in quickly on his purchase of numerous raffle tickets by winning many fine prizes.

# CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RANGERS ASSOCIATION

12TH ANNUAL GENERAL  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
MARCH 7-10, 1977  
MIRAMAR BY THE SEA  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.



Upper Right: Wishing he were somewhere else at the time, Bob Allen (left) accepts the booby prize from Dan Cohen for demonstrating his lack of skills during the Fishing Derby. Ed Strain showed his usual "luck" by catching a 10 lb. White Sea Bass for the top trophy.

Right: With his own version of "Streckler's Bunnies" (Sue Miles and Jane Wade), Cliff Wade conducted the lively raffling of prizes.



Once upon a time there was a class of worker known as the Park Ranger. The ranger ran parks and was committed to the environmental movement. Resource protection, interpretation, enforcement, research, administration — in short, all visitor services aspects of park operations were the responsibility of the Ranger. The Public looked on the ranger as the person to look for when help was needed. The ranger performed rescues, answered questions, collected fees, researched history, put on campfire shows, and enforced regulations — all with great admiration from the public whom he served. The ranger image was one envied by both “interpreters” and “enforcers” in other agencies and systems since the ranger had something neither had — the ability to perform all park operational functions. Sensitivity to our cultural and natural heritage made the ranger a good protector since the ranger had the ability to interpret rules and regulations as well as enforce them. With all the above came the greatest reward; respect and understanding from the public. They knew the ranger would protect and interpret what was left worth protecting and interpreting. The future looked great and promising, and the ranger was content.

over that function. Most say it actually happened the day the first member of the public asked for help from the ranger and he could not help. "Sorry, you'll have to see the interpreter about that plant." "Sorry, the enforcer can help you with that question." "Sorry, . . . ." And the ranger and his system, died.

The moral of this story is that we must not let those who would force specialization lead us into thinking, it is our panacea. An enforcement - police class will become callous to the public's need to know why. The interpretive class will dislike enforcement to the degree that the park will no longer be protected from people who would damage its resources. Both classes will take over the ranger's ability to

function at any level with competence. All we have to do is look at the National Park Service in Yosemite to see the attitude of the "fern-feeler" vs the "pine-swine". (NPS terms, not mine.) Both series dislike each other to the detriment of park operations and, more importantly, to the detriment of public service.

But what about those units that have enforcement as a function 99% of the time? Either they shouldn't be state parks (and there are only a few where that is the "only" function), or rotation should be often for short periods of time. (2 year maximum, or a reasonable time). What about the units where "guard duty" is the only function? There is already a security guard class for that function.



An integral part of GEC business is the consideration of resolutions. Here Delegate Kate Foley gives testimony before the delegation on one of 48 resolutions considered this year. The resolution results are contained in this issue.



77-24

Defeated 13-23

Be it resolved that C.S.P.R.A. go on record supporting staffing increases necessary to implement the Department's responsibilities in all units of the State Park System and

Be it further resolved that C.S.P.R.A. shall conduct a survey of types of staffing deficiencies, utilizing regional directors, to help the Department determine criteria for staffing levels and types of positions needed at the field level for units of the State Park System.

77-25

Passed 30-6

Be it resolved that C.S.P.R.A. express its collective attitude to the Director of the Department, the Chief of Operations, and the Chief of the Department's Telecommunications System about this serious deficiency of the Department's radio communications system, and

Be it further resolved that C.S.P.R.A. implore the Director and the Chief of Operations to correct this serious deficiency for the safety of park visitors and well as departmental employees.

77-26

Passed 34-2

Therefore be it resolved that C.S.P.R.A. endorse this program by letter to the Director and the sponsoring agency, and

Be it further resolved that C.S.P.R.A. encourage the Department in the use of any alternate energy saving device such as: purchase of low fuel consumptive equipment where operationally feasible, insulation of all state facilities where appropriate, installation of energy producing wind devices, wood burning alternate heating systems in park housing where appropriate, and

Thereby set a Department wide professional standard for the wise use of our non-renewable resources.

77-27

Defeated 15-19

Hereby be it resolved that C.S.P.R.A. sponsor a series of pot luck dinners in each region where employees of the Department of Parks and Recreation may meet with the Director and members of his staff on an informal basis to discuss matters pertaining to work within the Department of Parks and Recreation; that these meetings will be coordinated by each C.S.P.R.A. Regional Director who will issue the necessary invitations to the Director and make arrangements through the Director's Office concerning the date, time and location of such meetings; and that at least two dinners will be held in different areas of regions whose size prohibits travel by interested personnel to attend one meeting.

77-28

Passed 38-0

Therefore be it resolved That the CSPRA fully support adoption of a similar law in California and be it further resolved that the president of CSPRA send letters to the Governor and leaders of the state senate and assembly indicating support for such a law.

77-29

Defeated 3-35

Therefore be it resolved that: The Bd. of Dirs. take such action as necessary to include the following items in the Constitution and/or Bylaws of CSPRA:

- 1) All resolutions be submitted by a given time each year;
- 2) that the pros and cons regarding these resolutions be discussed at GEC each year;
- 3) that the delegates take back to their areas member ballots concerning these resolutions and present relevant discussion from GEC to voters;
- 4) that said ballots be sent to the Executive Secretary who will tally all votes; and
- 5) that the resolution be determined by the majority vote.

77-30

Passed 27-9

RESOLVED, that the California State Park Rangers Association, through its President, request in writing the Director of Parks and Recreation to:

- 1) include a qualified and knowledgeable Department of Parks and Recreation employee to be present during all phases of property acquisition negotiation proceedings between the Department of General Services and the private property owners in order to assure the maximum possible acquisition benefits for the Department of Parks and Recreation and the People of California, and
- 2) establish a Department of Parks and Recreation park acquisition policy, and if necessary act upon the Department of General Services, to include the acquisition of personal property (artifacts) along with real property, and
- 3) act upon this resolution and respond to the California State Park Rangers Association within six (6) months of receipt of this resolution.

77-31  
Passed 27-12

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the California State Park Rangers Association contact the Director to request that the Department establish policy that all promotional exams, critical class requirements be taken directly from announced qualifications for the position.

77-32  
Withdrawn for rewrite  
77-32A  
Passed 33-0

Be it resolved that the President of the California State Park Rangers Association contact the Director to request that the SPB establish policy that the date of the actual exam be no more than 60 days from the filing date.

77-33  
Withdrawn  
77-34  
Withdrawn  
77-35  
Withdrawn

77-36  
Passed 25-11

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Directors draft legislation jointly with C.S.A.C. requiring that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation be required (1) to have a B.A. degree in a field relevant to Parks and Recreation or equivalent relevant experience and (2) to have a minimum of three years of experience administering complex programs and supervising professional personnel in Parks and/or Recreation or related resource management fields, And that the Board of Directors actively pursue finding a sponsor for the proposed legislation.

(Note: C.S.A.C. = County Supervisors Association of California)

77-37  
Passed 32-4

Resolved, 1. That an acceptable resolution form be printed in each issue of the Reporter published six months prior to GEC; 2. That a resolution submitted in unacceptable form or with multiple or gross grammar or spelling errors may be returned to the author, for rewriting, by the Executive Secretary, Editor of the Reporter, and/or any Officer or Delegate; 3. That the Board of Directors take action to include sections 1 and 2, or similar procedures, in the Bylaws of the Constitution.

77-38  
Defeated 5-27

Therefore be it resolved that C.S.P.R.A. appropriate funds to mail to all California Community Colleges, State Universities, University of California campuses and private colleges' job placement offices copies of job announcements for State Park Technicians and any other job announcements recruiting employees at entry levels.

77-39  
Passed 17-14

Therefore, be it resolved that the C.S.P.R.A. Board of Directors contact the C.S.P.R.A. Attorney to investigate the possibility of a suit against the S.P.B. and the D.P.R. concerning illegal discriminatory recruiting and hiring practices for State Park Technician, And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution and letters protesting the recruiting policies for Technician be sent to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and to the President of the State Personnel Board.

77-40  
Defeated 1-34

Therefore be it resolved to create a uniform that would completely separate from any public confusion — that of maintenance workers and State Park Rangers — to protect maintenance workers from any possible retaliation that may result from a State Park Ranger's activities.

Be it further resolved that CSPRA correspond thru its President to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and to those persons responsible for uniform standards encouraging the implementation of this resolution as official policy of the Department.

77-41  
Withdrawn  
77-42  
Withdrawn  
77-43  
Passed 22-10

Therefore be it resolved that CSPRA correspond thru its President to the Director of the California State Park System and the Chairman of the State Park Commission that a major effort be made to acquire, lease or otherwise open to the public all or portions of an island(s) off the California coastline and provide protection by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

77-44  
Withdrawn  
77-45  
Withdrawn  
77-46  
Withdrawn  
77-47  
Withdrawn  
77-48  
Passed 36-1

Be it resolved that the Executive Secretary submit to the membership for vote a constitutional amendment which would include State Park Technicians under Article 4 Section 2.



TECHNIQUE FOR  
INTERPRETING THE  
ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION  
PROBLEM TO THE VISITOR

Recommended Handheld Objects

1. Average size apple
2. Piece of tissue paper

Suggested Interpretive Text:

As we look up into the sky, it appears that there is "a lot of air up there". Actually there isn't.

The earth has a diameter of 7,900 miles. The depth of the atmosphere is about 21 miles, with 99 per cent of the air below that altitude. Fliers have to go on oxygen at 12,000 to 14,000 feet. That's not much of a breathable air blanket.

If we consider that an apple (use apple here) represents the earth, then the total air envelope is thinner than the apple's skin. It is, in fact, much thinner than — perhaps the thickness of the finest tissue paper (use tissue paper here).

Daily we pour pollutants, chemicals and particulate, into that tissue film. (Freeman Tilden's 4th Principle of Interpretation Provocation).

*Technique submitted by Anthony M. Knapp, Supervisor, Interpretive Collections Section.*

**GOING MY WAY?**

Ranger Pat Wiese wishes to share a ride to Audubon Camp Session No. 4. Pat may be contacted by calling 916-481-9123.

**LOSE A FILSON?**

A size XL40 Filson Cruiser, bearing initials JMS, MS or SW has been found on Asilomar State Beach and turned in at the Training Center. Anyone wishing to claim this jacket may contact the Center.

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**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

The Maryland Park Service is seeking qualified candidates for the classification of Park Services Supervisor IV. The person selected for this position will manage the total park program for a large park.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelors Degree / Four-years park experience  
or Associate Degree/Six-years park experience  
or Graduation from high school and Forty-eight semester hours in park related fields/Seven years park experience.

Essential Requirements of Work:

Knowledge of park planning and operation; budgeting; scheduling; supervision, maintenance; oral and written experience.

Salary:

\$13,680 - \$17,978 (Maximum reached in six years)

Applications should be sent to the Department of Personnel, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

For additional information contact the REPORTER.

# Mailbox

Dear Park Friends,

We are so happy and excited about the response to our new Christian Fellowship. Many families have joined and are looking forward to fellowship and learning more about one another. Since this is a non-denominational group, there are questions concerning aims and objectives. We hope to have prayer groups and to be able to help those in need of encouragement in whatever area is needed in their lives. We acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in our lives, and pray to be in the center of God's perfect will as we grow together through study of His Word and gather together in His Name. Included are the names of the members from the many areas of the Parks of California. There will be a list of members with the addresses mailed to the members soon.

Members

Mr. & Mrs. Kent Hartwell (Carol)  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Irwin (Darline)  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Avant (Doris)  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Anderson (Duretta)  
Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Macy (Patricia)  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Welch (Helen)  
Mr. & Mrs. James Whitehead (Peggy)  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Stewart (Barbara)  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Crary (Dolly)  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Evans (Yolanda)  
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Johnson (Gloria)  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Reed (Beth)  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Jones  
Mr. Robert N. Nygren  
Again Love in His Service,  
Carol Hartwell

# CHIEF DEPUTY

## "Task Force On The Future Of California State Park Field Personnel"

At the urgent request of concerned members, the CSPRA Board of Directors convened Saturday, April 16, 1977, to discuss with Chief Deputy Director Van Horn the implications of the Departments' Task Force plan.

In sharp contrast to the Director's G.E.C. speech, Van Horn indicated the Task Force was "on the future of California State Park Field Personnel." He said we must examine the "broader issue of what we are about and where we are going."

To this end Van Horn asked CSPRA to provide input for the task force in two areas: 1) The issues and goals that the task force will deal with and 2) the make up or composition of the task force.

Van Horn said "What is the Park Ranger? Is the Park Ranger primarily a Peace Officer or is

the Park Ranger primarily a Park Ranger? What is his status? What are the tasks, what are the duties, what are the jobs being done by the ranger and what is the best way? It is exactly this kind of question that the Director is concerned to try to have this task force look at."

Van Horn further indicated that the task force would probably be created in June or July; have 7 to 10 members and run for 8 - 12 months.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

June 4 - Board Meeting  
Sacramento

## Peace Officer Legislation

Under the careful tutelage of Bob Meyer, Senate Bill 79 passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a 7-1 vote and will now be heard on the Senate floor.

After the bill passes out of Senate it will be assigned to either the Assembly Judiciary or Criminal Justice Committee.

Initiated by CSPRA, introduced by Senator Nejedly and unanimously supported by the GEC delegation, Senate Bill 79, if passed would include State Park Peace Officers in the following Penal Code sections:

- 243 - Battery against Peace Officers
- 245 - Assault Upon Peace Officers
- 409.5 - Authority to Close Area During Calamity
- 12403 - Exception of Designated Officials to Possess Tear Gas

The Director's Office is in support of State Park Peace Officers carrying mace, however, they oppose the bill due to the felony assault provision. They have concern about the question of "whether the proposal will, in fact, alter the behavior of the people."

Members — if you support Senate Bill 79 it is very important that you write letters and visit or call your legislators.



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