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CSPRA President Mott speaking to members of Soviet Peace Council (Genrikh Borovik, Tatyano Nozel and Oley Buyanov) at Henry Cowell.



CSPRA'S SOVIET CONNECTION

"The Russians are Coming! The Russians are Coming!" Such were the October 30th radio transmissions at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park when we learned that a 4 member delegation of the Soviet Peace Council would be touring the Redwood Grove only 4 hours later. At the grove, CSPRA President Mott arranged a brief welcoming ceremony and personally lead the delegation on their first American "Nature Walk". All members of the delegation were made official "Junior Rangers and received brochures and a copy of the Fall '82 California Ranger. "Please take these back to the Soviet Union and have a Soviet Ranger send us an article.", Mott asked the delegation. They said they would.

After sampling Redwood Sorrel (an edible clover-like plant) and viewing the Grove, Borovik jokingly said, "I have idea . . . You send us Red-wood, we send you Red Flag." Negotiations are still pending.

The delegation was hosted by the Northern California Conference of the United Church of Christ. A group of U.S. citizens went through the Soviet Union last year on a "Peace Exchange" program. The delegation at Cowell was a reciprocal effort by the Soviet citizens.



JOINT WORKSHOP - CONVENTION

A Sure Bet -- GEC in Reno!

by Donna Pozzi

A tentative schedule has been developed for next March's GEC. Although it may be revised and refined in the month's to come, we want you to be able to start making your plans \underline{now} .

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Tuesday, March 8-

CSPRA team members are needed to challenge PRAC and Nevada contestants in tennis, pistol and golf tournaments. If you're interested, be sure you sign up when you send in your registration materials. Also on Tuesday, various tours will be available: Virginia City, Harrah's Auto Collection, and "The Other Side of Reno." For the evening, how about a dinner show with big name entertainers? (We'll know who the head-liners will be after January 1.)

Wednesday, March 9-9:00 AM- Key note speaker: Cliff Young, National Wildlife Federation, "Environmental Concerns--A National Perspective" (tentative)

10:30 AM- Panel discussion: "The Changing Role of the Ranger"

1:00-5:00 PM- GEC: DPR Director will have the traditional question-answer session with CSPRA members. PRAC Meeting.

Thursday, March 10-9:00 AM- Bernard Shanks, Calif. Asst. Secretary for Resources "Watt-Watch-ing" (tentative)

10:30-noon- Panel discussion: "Revenue Generation--Both Sides of the Coin"

1:00-2:30- Workshops: "Women in Parks and the Decline of the Old Boy".
"Peace Officer vs. Public Officer"

3:00-5:00 Workshops: "legislative Update". "Open Forum" (For this session bring your own success stories and special problems.)

Evening- Banquet.

Arrangements are being made for a package deal on train reservations from the Bay Area and Sacramento. More information will be available with registration materials.

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New Style for '85 GEC Conference?!?

Over the past few months the CSPRA Board has discussed possibly having the '85 GEC Conference at a "Camp-like, retreat" conference grounds as opposed to our traditional Hotel/Convention center accommodations. The main advantage of a "Conference Grounds" setting is economic-\$30-\$35/person for food and lodging for the entire GEC as opposed to \$100+ per person at a traditional "nice" hotel.

The main disadvantage is luxury and privacy (or lack of). Although conference grounds have adequate facilities, they are not as "fancy" or private as a Holiday Inn or El Dorado Hotel.

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In May '85 President Mott appointed Mike Curry and Ron Jones to study the possibilities of having an inexpensive G.E.C. at a Conference Ground setting. Although Mike did not have any luck in the greater Riverside area, Ron found 3 very promising locations in the Santa Monica Mountains Area. Ron did considerable research and prepared an excellent report.

President Mott encourages you to: Read and evaluate Ron's suggestions; Notify CSPRA officers of your comments ASAP. (If we receive alot of negative feedback we will look for other locations to consider for our '85 GEC site location; and, Attend the '83 GEC in Reno and formally vote on the location and style of the '85 GEC Annual Conference.

Remember, the '84 GEC will be a joint convention at Asilomar with Western Interpreters Association. The '85 GEC location and theme will be decided in Reno this March.

Ed. Note: The following excerpts are from a report by Ron Jones to CSPRA Board. President Mott wants your opinions.

I feel it would be beneficial to have the 1985 site in the Santa Monica Mountains near Los Angeles, since we have a large number of CSPRA members within 2 hours of the sites. This area is also one of our newest examples of urban parks serving a metropolitan population of over 11,000,000 people. The California State Park System as well as the National Park System has taken a very aggressive role in interpreting park land to this population with some of the latest interpretive techniques and and innovations that I feel our CSPRA members could benefit from. It will soon be one of the heaviest used areas in the park systems.

I would like to suggest that this conference be a joint conference with the National Park System, especially members of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, who have taken a very active role in interpreting park values to the population. We have worked together on several joint projects and I'm sure they would be able to contribute greatly to the success of the conference.

There were three sites I checked into. All three sites are within 20 minutes of Malibu Creek State Park where camping will be available for those members wishing to camp. They do not have single or couple dwelling rooms. All three camps have mostly cabins with bunk beds in rooms housing 10-20 people per room. If this arrangement could be worked out, the other advantages over a hotel (cost, activities, privacy, scenery) are considerable. I would suggest for sleeping arrangements to have the men in one cabin the women in another (no Co-ed) after consulting my better half. More information will be available at the Reno GEC, on each location if interest is 3 shown. Contact President Mott now.

November Park Commission Meeting

Several issues on the State Park Commission agenda last November 5, were of specific interest to CSPRA. President John Mott was present and successfully put forth our professional viewpoint.

Coppertone Company Executive Vice-Manager, Frank Craig, made a plea to get approval from the Commission on his trash barrel donation/logo program. CSPRA continued to oppose advertising in the State Park System. President John Mott encouraged development of a more precise set of standards for donor recognition and develop an aggressive program to seek out suitable donors. CSPRA's viewpoint is that donations to State Parks must be based on a desire to further the integrity of Parks and not a desire to just advertise a product or service.

Coppertone public relations people did a telephone poll of 24 DPR Managers, Regional Staff, Maintenance Specialists, etc. to see if they were in favor of the Coppertone's Trash Barrel Program. They also contacted CSPRA President Mott and Jr. Past President Dr. Verardo. Mott was the only vocal opposition and Verardo gave a "no opinion" answer. All others said they would support the program. However, at the Commission meeting, even with a presentation that \$19,610 could be saved in using the program, the Commission did not give approval to extend the current agreement beyond the 12/31/82 expiration date.

President Mott pointed out that 35 million people visit these beaches in a year. A full page ad in the L.A. Times would cost \$18,288 and would reach only 2 million people per day.

Apparently there will be other attempts to use State Parks in outright commercial advertising. CSPRA continues to support appropriate donor recognition. DPR has asked for CSPRA assistance in developing standards and updating present policies.

In a separate presentation, the Western Mining Council proposed "recreational dredging" at some Parks. CSPRA supports keeping Park resources free from exploitation by such activities. The matter will be before the public in open hearings soon and the Commission will then make a decision.

The only opposition to the dredging proposal came from CSPRA and SPPOAC. The Western Mining Council presented a 7,000 signature petition which asked for a dredging permit at Auburn SRA.

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State Park Commission Chairman Jones and Director Dangermond present Mr. William Penn Mott, Jr. the Golden Bear Award.

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Mr. John DeWitt (R) receives Commission's highest award from Chairman Robert Trent Jones, Jr.

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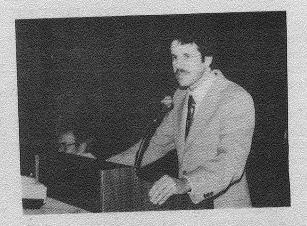
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CSPRA President John D. Mott urges Commission to allow only unobtrusive donor recognition and protect State Park resources from mining interests.

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WIA SPRING CONFERENCE

The Western Interpreters Association's Spring 1983 National Workshop is slated for March 16-20 at Calamigos Star Ranch in Santa Monica Mountains. The theme, "Interpretation is Management Too". Three levels of presentations are planned: field; mid-level; and executive level management.

According to Jann Young, WIA 1983 Conference Chairperson, all scheduled activities, four nights lodging, all meals, conference fees, and workshops will be under \$100.00 total.

Contact WIA Executive Manager Doug Bryce at P.O. Box 28366, Sacramento CA 95828, for registration forms.

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CSPRA PARTY BUS TO RENO !?!

Yvette Deview is looking into group transportation rates to Reno from the San Diego and/or Los Angeles Area(s).

After comparing bus, train and plane feasibilities, Yvette recommends CSPRA charter an entire Greyhound bus for the round trip to Reno. The charter would cost \$55.00/person round trip from San Diego (LA rates would be a little cheaper). We may only charter buses in groups of 43 people. The bus leaves San Diego (or LA) on Tuesday March 8 in the morning and returns Friday March 11 at might. (CSPRA) will only be able to negotiate cash, food, and beverage rebates when we know how many people will be chartering buses.)

Yvette is currently accepting tentative reservations for the trip. If she receives 43 tentative reservations by January 20 we will charter a bus. Payment in full will be due no later than February 10th.

HOW DO I MAKE MY "PARTY BUS" RESERVATION?

Clip out the "tentative reservation" letter and mail to Yvette Deview ASAP, along with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Yvette will notify you by mail as to how many (if any) buses we will be chartering and what the casino rebates will be. The possibility of the LA/SD Bus connecting with the CSPRA Sacramento to Reno Party Train is currently being investigated.

(More information in the January '83 Newsletter.)

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Mr. John Mott

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I want you to know that I am aware of your efforts in defeating Assembly Bill 2910 by Assemblyman Lehman which would have abolished the State Park Commission. I thank you, and I think all Californians should thank you for helping protect the integrity of the Commission and the System. I know that many other persons with whom you have contact have also helped. I regret I don't know all the individuals, but I would also like to thank them. I think this was a particularly critical issue and you have really done a public service.

Sincerely,

Pete Dangermond, Jr.

CORRECTION

In my Book Review of Bill Krumbein's Early Childhood Outdoor Discoverybook I gave the wrong ordering address and omitted shipping charges. My apologies to VMNHA & Bill.

The correct address is:

VALLEY OF THE MOON NHA c/o Jack London SHP 2400 London Ranch Road Glen Ellen, CA 95442

Be sure to include \$4.00 per book plus \$1.00 postage and handling. The book has been our best selling non-desert title at Anza-Borrego since it fills a void in books for kids. In the first few days on the shelf 17 copies were sold. I highly recommend the book for cooperating associations and individuals.

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GET WELL WISHES

Retired Ranger, John Anderson, underwent surgery in Arkansas and is now recuperating. A card would be appreciated. Rt. 2 Box 668, Gassville, Ark. 72635.

Our Executive Manager, Doug Bryce, may soon have heart surgery so wishes for his quick recovery are sent from all of us who owe this man a lot for his work in making CSPRA what it is.

If you know of other members who are ill or hospitalized, send me info.

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CSPRA on RADIO

CSPRA President John Mott did a radio spot for Prop. 11 on KDON in Monterey, at the request of Californians Against Waste. The CAW group felt the positive image of Rangers with the general public helped Prop. 11. If more of us would have gotten some local publicity we might have offset the oppositions big-buck ads.

Retired members of CSPRA occasionally send a note on their doings when returning annual dues to our Executive Manager Doug Bryce. Here are a few excerpts.

Just a note to thank all of you in the parks who sent get well wishes - phoned or kept a good thought for Gordon. He is progressing. He gets out in the car, drives the golf cart for me and I'm sure will be doing more as summer goes on. Again thank you - He enjoyed them all.

Thelma Kishbaugh

After twenty-seven years of retirement from public service, not counting two years in World War One, I am still doing a good day's work in my orchard and garden. Yesterday, August 10th, my wife and I enjoyed a lovely dinner party with friends on my ninety-second birthday. I hope you will do likewise on your ninety-second.

Clarence L. Milne, Spring Valley

Since my retirement, (you notice I said MY retirement - Gini says she is not retired) Gini and I have been to Maui for three weeks, to the French Riviera for the Christmas holidays, to Florida and Arizona a couple of times, to New Orleans, to Yellowstone and Jackson Hole, and last summer on an Amtrak weekend to Ogden, Utah.

I volunteer two mornings a week at a public library and three to four hours a week at the Railroad Museum. In between all that I accomplish a honey-do project or two and work with Gini on her books. She has two in the bookstores and supermarkets now: "A Faraway Love" published by Fawcett-Gold Medal, a historical romance of Hawaii in 1825, and "House of Three Sisters", a romantic suspense for teenagers published by Scholastic in their new Windswept series.

We still try to swim every afternoon from March 15th to October 15th, solar heater and weather permitting, and we are still in pretty good health. During the winter we try to walk as much as possible to avoid winter flab, even joined a fitness club in the cold months.

I am also a supervisor in a multi-level marketing plan selling Light Force Spirulina products. As to retirement, we are enjoying every minute of it and I sometimes wonder how I ever mowed my yard while I was working. So far, never a dull moment!

Joseph R. McCall, Sacramento

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Court Denies North City West Appeal

The bulldozers continue to roll in preparation for the construction of North City West, the controversial 40,000 resident comminity near Torrey Pines State Reserve.

A last ditch effort before the State Supreme Court by City of Del Mar attorneys failed to halt grading which began in May. The court decision was announced in late October. CSPRA supported Del Mar actions to stop the project in a Board action last year.

The development, which was eliminated from Coastal Act protection by a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Robert Frazee, had raised many unanswered questions concerning damaging environmental impacts. Foremost among these were the increased sedimentation to the Torrey Pines coastal methods and the increased demand for services on local communities. Area rangers had expressed concern over the State Parks ability to cope with the potentially heavy increase in traffic and visitation in the environmentally sensitive State Reserve and Beach.

CODE OF ETHICS

Park professionals as members of the California State Park Rangers Association shall be dedicated to preserving of prime examples of California's natural and cultural heritage and to providing quality recreational experiences to the people of California. To exemplify this dedication, members shall be guided by the following principles:

Constantly strive to identify and preserve current and future Park values.

* Respect people as individuals and willingly serve them impar-

* Through self-discipline, develop individual competence in order to represent the park profession in a manner that brings credit to themselves and all other members of the profession.

* Accept the moral responsibility for the safety and well being of the park visitor.

Promote the future of the Park and Recreation profession by inspiring promising young people to prepare for it.

* Establish close working relationships with allied professions & citizens groups to meet the recreation and park needs of the people of California and to strive to influence future improvement of our total environment.

Actively promote the purpose and objectives of the Association. 9



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The Green Vote: Election Results A Mixed Blessing

by Rick Parmer Environmental Issues Committee Chairperson

The good news first. At a national level, the environmental movement scored unexpectedly well in its support of congressional candidates. Representative Phil Burton (D-Calif.), a strong proponent of environmental protection issues, credited the green vote with having made the difference between winning and losing.

The primary objective of the environmental lobby was to re-elect the environmental leadership of both Houses. Republican Robert T. Stafford, chairman of the Senate Environment Committee, and John Chafee, chairman of the environmental protection subcommittee, were both backed and won. Stafford cited environmentalists as a real factor in his victory. Senator George Mitchell (D-Maine) will also return to the upper House to continue his leadership role in the acid rain problem.

On the State scene two CSPRA backed propositions lost. Larry Santoyo pursued proposition 13, the Water Conservation Initiative for us. Larry said he was "disappointed with the result but the issue was not dead". He expects new legislative attempts to come up during the next session.

Chick Simeca, coordinator of CSPRA fund-raising efforts on behalf of the "bottle" bill (Prop. 11), was "surprised" by its defeat. He believes the heavy last-minute advertising campaign by manufacturers helped to confuse the issue in voters' minds.

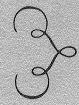
Only one California legislative race actually focused on environmental issues. The 75th Assembly race between Richard Roe and "Sonny" Mojonnier promised to be a real fight with clear philosophical differences between the two. Roe had a small army of environmental volunteers working on his behalf. He was a leader in the fight to keep off-shore oil drilling away from the San Diego coastline and spoke out frequently against Secretary Watt's policies.

Mojonnier came out against both prop. 11 and 13 in addition to supporting the North City West project. Mojonnier outspent Roe two to one with 65% of her primary election funds coming from outside this coastal district.

Mojonnier posted a decisive victory in the race marked by a relatively low voter turnout.



Helen Smith, widow of Caleb Smith, asks us to remind everyone to verify any changes of beneficiary. She says that one insurance company misfiled Calebs request for a change of beneficiary and refused to pay her until they found the request. A letter verifying the change could have made things much easier for her.



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BUDGET REMEDY IDEAS

Well, we lost the <u>multi-million dollar</u> "US Festival" to a regional park and things aren't moving as yet on Perris' water slide attraction, but there are other ways to generate revenue. Here are a few of the more obscure we've come across.

Weight Fee - Refuse is a problem. Let's weigh each vehicle as it enters the park then again when it leaves. If it weighs less - charge a fee per pound of refuse left behind; if it weighs more, they're removing something and should be charged extra anyway.

Butter Sales - Special containers filled with fresh dairy cream would be attached to patrol motorcycles at State Vehicular Recreation Areas. At the end of shift you have butter.

Garage Sales - This is a quick-buck idea, and we could hold 'em in parks. Get the "good stuff" from trash bins, found items not claimed in the prescribed time, and anything else found useless on the job (like State pens). As with Defensive Tactics and Firearms, each unit would train an Auctioneer and would be done quarterly.

Recycle - All park combo buildings could be constructed from collected bottles or other refuse. Gum wrappers and cans could be pressed into bricks. We have a wealth of resources at our fingertips.

Deposit - Charge a refundable cleaning deposit on every picnic and campsite. If it isn't clean when they leave - no refund.

We're sure the Director didn't use all those revenue generating ideas you came up with in your unit. If you have other ideas which are of equal value, send them along to CSPRA Newsletter.



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