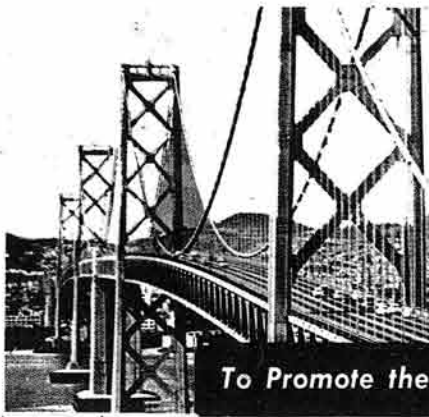


Season's Greetings

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BELL RESIGNS—APPOINTS LEHANE PRESIDENT

At a special meeting of the Executive Board on Monday, Nov. 30th, President Bell announced his intentions to resign as the leader of the S.F.P.O.A.

Bell said his reasons for resigning the presidency were to accept a position offered him outside the Dept. He then stipulated that prior to resigning he had decided to appoint Secretary Lehane as the most capable man to succeed him, thus by-passing the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Conroy and D'Arcy.

To show his authority for this unprecedented appointment Bell produced a letter of legal opinion from Association Attorney Jake Ehrlich, in which Ehrlich authorized the maneuver under Article V, Section 8.

"If there exists a vacancy in any office caused by the death, resignation, or transfer of any officers, or for any other reason, the President shall appoint a replacement, subject to the approval of the Executive Board."

A vote on the motion was called for by Headquarters—Rep. Dempsey over the objections of Board members Conroy, D'Arcy, Patterson and Hebel. The Board voted as follows:

In Favor—Pres. Bell, Sec. Lehane, Treasurer Allen, Hqtrs.-Rep. Dempsey, Insp.-Rep. Careres, Traffic-Rep. Wright, Past Pres. Clark and Retired-Rep. Bradey.

Against—1st V.P. Conroy, 2nd V.P. D'Arcy, Sgt.-at-Arms Patterson, Patrol-Rep. Garry, Patrol-Rep. Hebel.

With the vote in, seating Lehane as President, Conroy announced his resignation as 1st Vice-President in protest of Bell's actions. Conroy later stated that he could no longer serve on the Board after being bypassed in the normal chain of succession. He also said he considered the move as "a personal slap in the face and a vote of no confidence to him."

Lehane's first actions as the president was to appoint Hdqtrs.-Rep. Dempsey as the new Secretary and Dan Nilan from Juv. as Headquarters-Rep. He then put over until the next regular executive board meeting appointing a replacement for Conroy.

It was decided that since Bell resigned he automatically became the Past-President bumping Clark off the Board. The meeting, one of the shortest on record, was then adjourned, with Insp.-Rep. Careres calling for unity and support of the new president.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL APPOINTMENT MADE

By Mike Hebel

On November 30, 1970, the Executive Board of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association met at the call of the President, Harry Bell. President Bell began the meeting by announcing that he had submitted his resignation to the Police Department and that he would retire on December 4, 1970. President Bell announced that with his retirement he would no longer be able to hold his position as President since both Article III, sec. 2 and Article V, sec. 2 of the Constitution provide that only one retired member may be a member of the Executive Board. Since Article VII, sec. 2 states that the Executive Board shall consist of all elected officers and since the retired members have their position on the Board filled, it was apparent that President Bell could not both retire and remain President of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association.

President Bell then referred the members of the Executive Board to Article V, sec. 8 of the Constitution which states: **"IF THERE EXISTS A VACANCY IN ANY OFFICE, caused by the death, resignation, or transfer of any officers, or for any other reason, the President shall appoint a replacement, subject to the approval of the Executive**

Board." President Bell then read an opinion by Mr. Jake Ehrlich, the Association's legal counsel, dated November 30, 1970 stating that in view of Article V, sec. 8 President Bell could appoint a successor to his own office prior to his vacating that very office.

After the reading of this letter, President Bell appointed John Lehane as President of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association. President Bell asked that there be no discussion of the matter and that the Executive Board fulfill its responsibility under Article V, sec. 8 by approving or disapproving his appointment.

Mike Hebel, Patrol Representative to the Executive Board, stated that in his opinion, after a careful reading of the present Constitution and By-Laws, the President could not make an appointment if the office had not yet been vacated. Mike Hebel further stated that should the President resign thereby vacating his office, then the duty to appoint a successor fell upon the Executive Board.

Joe Patterson, Sergeant-At-Arms, stated that in his opinion the President could not appoint his own successor and that if and when the President resigned, the 1st Vice President should assume that office until the next general election.

A roll call vote of the Executive Board was then taken by Ed Clark, Executive Secretary and Past President. By an 8 to 5 margin the Executive Board approved the appointment. At this moment the San Francisco Police Officers' Association had two presidents — elected President Harry Bell and appointed president John Lehane. Shortly after his vote, elected President Bell orally tendered his resignation to the Executive Board and handed the gavel to appointed President John Lehane. After two appointments were made by appointed President Lehane, he adjourned the meeting.

In his letter the Association's legal counsel, Mr. Jake Ehrlich, prefaced his remarks by stating that the Executive Board is bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Police Officers' Association. With this assertion I heartily agree. However I adamantly disagree with Mr. Ehrlich's conclusion. Article V, sec. 8 is prefaced by and governed by the words **"If there exists a vacancy in any office."** At the time President Bell appointed John Lehane as President of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association there did not exist, and I emphasize did not exist, a vacancy in any of-

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TV Show Praised

Thanks to Mark VII Productions and Jack Webb for their Saturday, Nov. 21st presentation on ADAM 12 called "Eulogy to a Pig." It was a very sensitive and moving portrayal of a brother officer killed in the line of duty. This was very tastefully done and as the cliché goes they "Told it as it was." May we take this opportunity to commend Jack Webb and Mark VII Productions for showing this program at such an opportune time. We will contact Mark VII Productions and request a re-run of this program (via Channel 4) and if our request is met we will notify our fellow members of the date and time of its scheduled re-run. I know those of you who were unable to view it will appreciate a chance to do so.

Frank Kalafate
Assistant Editor

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT:

MAY I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas Season and a New Year of good health, happiness and safety.

This past year has not been an easy one, and has demanded the utmost in dedication, service and efficiency from all of us. May I thank each of you for your efforts in upholding the highest traditions of law enforcement and in rendering to the citizens of San Francisco top professional police service.

We cannot forget the four from among our ranks who gave their lives during this past year in the performance of duty. We especially remember their families during this Christmas Season

Again, my personal thanks and best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Alfred J. Felder

Chief of Police

Next General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 1970, 7:30 p.m., Lake Merced, Boathouse.

POLICE CALL BOX

HAIR

There appears to be a growing movement among the men in this department to seriously examine the department's regulations regarding sideburn and mustache lengths.

The current regulation in the police department states that, "Mustaches shall not extend below the top of the upper lip nor beyond the edge of the corner of the mouth." Certainly this rule, in view of contemporary standards, requires immediate alteration.

The San Francisco Fire Department has a similar regulation announcing that a fireman's mustache shall extend only to the edge of the mouth. However, as reported in the *Examiner* (Nov. 18, 1970), incoming Fire Chief Keith Calden expects that the Fire Commission will liberalize their mustache requirement. The proposed regulation would allow the mustache to extend "not more than a quarter inch beyond the edge of the lips, and not more than a quarter inch below." This change was cajoled by a test case filed in a United State federal district court. The fireman who initiated this litigation felt that the existing mustache regulation impinged upon his civil rights as guaranteed under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. He felt that he was lawfully entitled to express his own individual personality without interference from the Fire Department. United States District Court Judge Alfonso J. Zirpoli indicated "that he would favor the departmental mustache rule if it was for safety, and not just an arbitrary one based solely on departmental discipline." This prudent and knowing jurist deserves an accolade for his astute pronouncement. As *Newsweek* (Nov. 23, 1970), observed, Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., the youngest Chief of Naval Operations in the history of the Navy, wears sideburns to the extent of his ear lobes. Admiral Zumwalt is attempting to improve morale by eliminating "Mickey Mouse" regulations. Beards, mustaches, longer hair and sideburns now have Navy approval. . . . Perhaps some lessons on the psychology of morale can be learned from this progressive naval leader. Congratulations, admiral, and carry "right on."

In our police department, those who prefer a "hairy look" should not be deprived of their personal propensity. Nor should those who prefer the "cropped look" be denied their choice. But present regulations arbitrarily and capriciously indulge and favor the "cropped look." This must continue no longer.

However, let it not be understood that I advocate the abandonment of all regulations concerning sideburns, mustaches and hair length. No, indeed, some standard is necessary, but let not this standard be one that dictates and leans toward the "cropped look;" let it be a standard that reflects the accepted patterns of grooming within the community. And I must emphatically assert that the present police regulation is in discordance with accepted patterns of grooming found in the community.

(Signed)

A Hirsute Policeman Speaking for Himself and Others Similarly Inclined

BLUE GANG STRIKES

Your 229 retired members of the Police Department who belong to the Association must have felt a tingle of excitement at the October 19 Association meeting. A captain who has been active for 25 years in the Association got up to speak regarding a gripe of his and he was beautifully told to get the hell out by one of the Blue Gang stalwarts (of course he was on the Blue Gang ticket last year—but he made one mistake—he forgot he had to be a member of the Association to run for office. He joined later). Do you call that a red-faced Blue Gang?

At the November 16 meeting, a man who is an Executive Board member, representing the retired men, was cat-called when he started to speak by "YOU OLD GUYS WILL GET YOUR TURKEY—SIT DOWN." So much for your old "retired bums."

You might watch patrolmen: DON'T LET THOSE "BUMS IN THE BUREAU," "BUMS ON THE DAY WATCH," "BUMS IN HEAD-QUARTERS COMPANY" TELL YOU WHAT TO DO—YOU LISTEN TO THE BLUE GANG HIGH COMMAND. Of course, there are no patrolmen (on the street), in their higher echelon—in fact, their meetings have more brass than the Pentagon, and these captains, lieutenants and sergeants can easily be judged by you night watch patrolmen as to their level headedness and fairness and leadership ability. Listen to them, but don't listen to the above-mentioned "Juice Bums."

Also, at the November 16 meeting, you 1,800 members of the Association were denied your right to vote on a major issue (the City Hall rally), by a 213 to 93 vote. And the press was ably handled by Blue Gang Leader No. 1 when he got them out of the meeting so well, but he forgot to mention the press conference he called at 3 p.m. that date and gave statements to the press about the rally he would have regardless of the outcome of the Police Officer meeting VOTE. (These statements were taped for posterity.)

COME TO THE NEXT MEETING OF YOUR ASSOCIATION AT THE BEER GARDEN—I MEAN THE LAKE MERCED VOTE HOUSE. . .

Sgt. John Ruggiro

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GIVING THE CROOK AN EDGE

I am writing in regards to this Department's recent ban on the use of hollow point bullets.

As a result of pressure exerted upon the Department by the coroner's office, another tool has been taken away from the policeman on the street.

The coroner's office, under the supervision of Dr. Henry Turkel, has been running into difficulties tracing the bullet's path through suspects who have the rare distinction of being shot by a police officer. The coroner feels his job of performing an autopsy would be simplified if police used solid jacketed bullets, which cut a clean path through the suspect's body. And why shouldn't the coroner try to simplify this task? It does take a little more work on his part to trace the destruction of a hollow point. He doesn't have to brave the bullets that fly in the streets in these troubled times. But I am appalled to see that our Department has also embraced that ban!

It is common knowledge that two cartridges, being otherwise identical, are a world apart in efficiency when one is equipped with a soft lead-hollow point. The bullet expands at a greater rate, causing a phenomena called "Hydro-Static Shock." This means the body tissues absorb the dum-dum's impact as it expands, causing major internal damage even when the suspect is struck in an otherwise non-vital area. And isn't that the name of the game? If that day comes when you have to use your weapon, I think we all must agree that one hit stopping the criminal is safer than having to place three less-than-lethal rounds into the suspect before he stops shooting at you. And what about innocent bystanders? That hollow point will seldom exit the body of the suspect where those mandatory solid jacket bullets will penetrate that robbery suspect, then exit and drop the storekeeper, too!

Let's at least be as well equipped as our adversary. The September issue of the *Berkeley Barb* has an article which advises the militants to "GET THE PIG" using super-vel hollow points.

Dictating what type of ammunition you can use is a prelude to eventual police disarmament. Don't sit back and let it happen.

Definition of Policework . . .

Submitted from the upper gray matter of Sgt. Terlau.

"We are the UNWILLING, led by the UNQUALIFIED, to perform the UNNECESSARY for the UNGRATEFUL."



"HE MUST BE HIDING IN HERE SOMEWHERE!"

A Fair Shake

Our compliments to the news staff of the S. F. Chronicle for their report on the disturbances which occurred at the Fairmont Hotel during the visit of South Vietnam's Vite President Ky. It has been remarked to us by many police officers that the Chronicle's coverage was the fairest report they have seen in that paper regarding the police, in a long time.

After last month's issue of the *NOTEBOOK* a meeting was held between members of our staff and a representative of the Chronicle in which grievances were discussed concerning the type of coverage we have been receiving by their paper. It is hoped that last week's article was the fruit of that meeting. All we, the police, ask for is a fair shake and we sincerely hope that a spirit of cooperation and understanding may exist between police and reporter that will allow both of us to perform our function in an honest, fair and impartial manner.

Congratulations are also in order to the Eye Witness News team of KPIX TV for their remarkable job during the same disturbances. Having watched the coverage of that incident on Channel 5 I must remark that both the newsmen and cameramen did a splendid job. Not only was their coverage factual and impartial but it showed the public the true story of just what occurs during such an incident.

—Editor

Police Rally

Last month a historic event took place in San Francisco. Policemen spoke out. The media, chosen by the members of the SFPOA, was a rally in front of city hall. Several significant items are worth noting concerning this event.

It should be clear by now that San Francisco Policemen have real grievances concerning working conditions, benefits and internal as well as external politics. And further, that no Policeman in San Francisco, regardless of his rank or position, fails not to be effected negatively by present conditions. As a consequence, the membership of the SFPOA voted overwhelmingly at the November meeting, to hold a rally to demonstrate our feelings and frustrations. The rally was held, our points were made.

But what facts and effects were generated by this event? From my viewpoint, as a participant in the rally as well as a viewer of channels 2, 5 and 7, it is my belief that the stated TV stations gave the event fair and objective coverage. While I will differ in their appraisal of the numbers of Policemen and supporters present, I congratulate them overall on the work well done. An item that must not be glided over, is that participation and support in the rally, came from all ranks, positions and age groups in the Department. Anyone who was there or at the PCA meeting the night previous, would surely not disagree with me here. This item is important because it destroys the notion that this rally was the child of any one group.

But what of the effects of the made clear, omei. e rally? Well, this much can be made clear, without doubt. Our grievances are real and our desires are just. With the help of the law and the unity of Policemen, the Mayor, the Supervisors and civic leaders are going to have to address themselves to our problems and in the not to distant future. In short, gentlemen, the Rally marked the beginning of a new day for Policemen in San Francisco. The men, all the men are fired up and unless you are blind, you can see they are saying that they are fed up with present working conditions.

The entire concept of Policemen having the right to express them-

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SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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REBUTTAL by Sgt. Lou Calabro

RE: NOVEMBER NOTEBOOK "The Name Caller"

by Rabbi Elliot Burstein, Police Chaplain

Allow me to open my article by thanking Rabbi Burstein for his attempt to bring some understanding to a recurring problem faced by many policemen; the "name caller." However, I must make it very clear that I disagree with his basic content and appeal. Rabbi Burstein exhorts policemen to gain more self control in the face of vile epithets and he further states that for a policeman to succumb to the pressure is an indication of a lack of maturity and self control. I believe if Rabbi Burstein were talking to an ordinary citizen or an off-duty policeman he would be correct. For in our present social system the usual method of handling this type of situation is to merely walk away, or if you are a Judge, a Rabbi on a pulpit or a politician at a meeting you simply call a policeman and remove the offender. However, Rabbi Burstein fails to recognize that a policeman cannot respond in this fashion. The policeman cannot walk away or call an agent of our society to remove the offender. Under the present laws he must simply stand there, period. It is my contention that this is the area where we have a communications breakdown between the police and the community.

CIVIL SERVICE RULE 56

The full title of rule 56 is "EMPLOYEE RELATIONS GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE." The rule is 3 pages long and until Editor Hemmery's red hot typewriter melts, there isn't room for it in the Notebook.

What it says is that you take your grievance to your supervisor. If you don't settle it verbally, you get an official from the Civil Service Commission in City Hall and file a written grievance. You keep resubmitting your complaint on the official form through channels up to the Chief, or until the problem is settled to your satisfaction. If you still haven't solved the problem after the Chief's decision you had better see someone in the association. The next step is to submit the problem to a Grievance Appeals Committee which will cost you \$50.00.

How does it work? Only two grievances have been filed in the Department. One, regarding transfer policy, hasn't been settled yet. The second, is one I filed on 14 Nov. 1970.

Description of Problem: Mandatory appearance during off duty hours on non emergency, non essential, non police functions. Specifically, G. O. 151 of 6 Nov. 1970, which requires my presence outside of my normal duty hours and over my normal 40 hour week." I gave the dates and the reason for my attendance as participation Project P.A.C.E.

I objected to the loss of off duty time, but more importantly, the mandatory attendance at P.A.C.E. meetings. P.A.C.E. puts out a nice news letter but to a lot of officers attending, it's about as popular as athlete's foot.

What happened? First, the Supervising Captain called and said I didn't have to go. I called the Supervisor's office and explained I wasn't the only one complaining. An order came through that officers protesting would have their shift changed so that they would attend during duty hours. Captain Taylor also addressed my watch and discussed the problem with us. After considering Captain Taylor's points, I submitted an Inter-Departmental request that the matter be submitted to the Chief. On 25 Nov. 1970 Capt. Taylor issued an order stating that The Chief had decided that attendance at P.A.C.E. meetings would be strictly voluntary.

ity. For a policeman cannot be expected to respond in a similar manner as members of the community since we are denied the same recourse that citizens have; walking away or calling for assistance to remove the offender. Therefore I ask Rabbi Burstein and, citizens like minded, to understand that there is something very positive that they can do to alleviate this undesirable situation.

First, they must accept that asking us to gain greater self control may very well be similar to telling a person with a headache to get use to it rather than attempting to prescribe a medical remedy. One remedy would be to follow the example of Rochester, New York. They passed an ordinance that makes it a misdemeanor to use name calling to provoke police officers. The courts of California have recently recognized the right of a citizen not to be called vile names and granted the citizen a judgment with monetary damages attached. In conclusion, I certainly hope the community of San Francisco will consider this type of recourse for solving this problem and for our SFPOA to seek redress through the courts of California.

No one chose to volunteer for the Monday night confrontation with the new society youth club.

I should start another article here but I'll just add a little information on P.A.C.E. P.A.C.E. staff members addressed all the watches at CO. C. One of their statements has been that it wouldn't look good if the press reported that we wouldn't go to meetings with the community. "Meetings!?"

I thought they sounded more like group therapy session. So did one of the Hastings' law students who met with us and said, "This is getting like an encounter group." "Community!" Who decided what and who was the community? There are a number of officers at CO. C who were born and raised in the district—they didn't see much of the community. The Hastings' students, who were probably the best liked group we met with, had one guy who was involved in the Fairmont riot, or said he was. Some blue meaney allegedly hit him during the confrontation.

Incidentally I think P.A.C.E. needs another discussion leader. After I filed my grievance, I was asked if I was interested in the position which pays a lot of overtime.

In fairness to the police administration, I don't think they started project P.A.C.E. Rumor has it, that the idea originated around Polk and McAllister.

—Lionel Hess

Police Post 456

If you missed the December meeting you not only missed Tom & Jerry Night, but a very informative address by Mr. Pete DiSteffano Chairman of the local Support Your Local Police Committee. He explained his group's activities and objectives including some of the problems facing police around the country. We hope to have him back as soon as possible.

The January meeting has been changed to another unannounced date so contact me next month if you are interested in attending. The February 9th meeting will be at Burgermeister Brewery.

If you want to fly the flag-call Mile Barling Company K-Solo or stop by the Post Credit Union. Mike has obtained complete flag kits including flag bracket and pole for \$4.00. These are the fifty star models not the 15 star flags Mike knew as a Marine.

—Lionel Hess

Police Wives Dance

The S.F. POLICE OFFICER'S WIVES AUXILIARY is holding their Annual Post-New Years Dinner-Dance on January 9, 1971 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval St. The affair will run from 9 p.m. 'til ? Tickets are \$10.00 per couple and drinks are three for a dollar. All police officers and their friends are cordially invited to attend. For tickets please contact: San Francisco—Ann McCarthy, 824-0672; Peninsula—Sharon Tedrow, 359-3174; Marin—Cathy Scalmanini, 897-6555; Carol Gerrons, 897-4624. SEE YOU THERE!

Turkey Winners

LIST OF TURKEY DRAWING WINNERS
Nov. 17, 1970 Meeting

Present at Meeting

Thomas Morris Co. "B"
Paul Cacek City Prison
Walter Garry CPHC
John Kwartz Co. "H"
Tom Brady Retired
Dave Kellogg Bur. of Insp.
Ray Hansen Co. "E"
Absentees
Frank Boscacci Crim. Info.
Chas. R. Hammond Co. "K" Solo
Olin C. Allgire Co. "I"
Jos. J. Soares City Prison
Jos. B. Northern Co. "E"

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for Period
Ending November 17, 1970

Membership:
1,674 Active 229 Retired 1,903 Total
PORAC Zone & Conference.....\$ 782.00
PORAC Dues 4,971.00
Prop. "G" 7,500.00
Loan 2,180.50
FICA Tax 67.20
SDI Tax 15.40
Buffet O/S Depts. 330.00
Legal Fees 300.00
Welfare Exp. 250.00
Sect'y. salary 94.20
Treas. salary 94.20
Supplies 3.59
Flowers 47.30
Answering Service 17.09
SF Poliemen's Fund 49.35
Phone 24.82
PG&E—Prop. "I" 4.87
Rent 57.10
Notebook Printing 290.00
Notebook Mailing 126.42
Pres. Exp. 100.00
Janitorial service 7.50
Editors Exp. 80.00
Turkey Drawings 96.00

Total Expenses: \$17,488.54

Savings Account as of 10/20/70
\$ 9,528.02
3,953.84 50% Dues
—7,500.00 Trans. Prop. "G"
—2,180.50 Trans. for loan
\$ 3,801.36 Bal. as of 11/17/70
Comm'l Account as of 10/20/70
\$ 12,495.99
2,372.30 30% Dues
7,500.00 From savings for "G"
4,971.00 From Emerg. Fund
92.50 Advertising Davis Pub. Co.
2,180.50 From savings for loan
—17,488.54 Less expenses

\$ 12,123.75 Bal. as of 11/17/70
Emerg. Fund as of 10/20/70
\$ 14,985.33
1,581.53 20% Dues
—4,971.00 Trans. to Comm'l.

\$ 11,595.86 Bal. as of 11/17/70
Respectfully submitted,
William E. Allen
Treasurer SFPOA

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The King Is Dead Long Live The King

Once upon a time (not too long ago), there lived a wise old king named Tinker. King Tinker ruled over a group of serfs, and with the help of his knights was able to maintain control over his kingdom.

But of late there had come on the scene a few knights discontented with the way King Tinker and his henchmen tried to control his serfs and, indeed, even the other knights on the Grand Council. These knights the "Blue-Shields," challenged Tinker's power, and through the collective voice of the serfs and other knights of the council were able to change some of the undesirable dealings of Tinker and his henchmen.

As time progressed, it became plain to King Tinker that he was losing control over his subjects and even though he and his henchmen attempted to discredit the Blue-Shields, it was to no avail. So, as a last resort, King Tinker, seeing his power crumbling, ran to his trusted adviser, Merlich the Magician. Merlich pondered the problem and finally came up with a solution.

So the King, armed with Merlich's Magic Wand, called a gathering of all the Grand Council. Knights from all over the realm attended this special meeting. Even those knights who hadn't attended the Grand Council for a long time were there. When all the knights were assembled, King Tinker announced that as he was getting up in age and since he wouldn't be able to retire with rank of Grand Marshall, he had decided to abdicate his throne. But the wise old King, knowing that if he abdicated, the normal line of succession would place the 1st Knight of the Realm into power and since he was not one of the King's henchmen that would be the end of their reign of power.

So, as King Tinker made his fateful announcement, he pulled out Merlich's Magic Wand, waved it around his head three times and all of a sudden there was a puff of smoke and when it cleared, lo and behold! the King was gone and in his place there sat the new King—The Royal Scribe, Jon Lane, King Tinker's favorite henchman.

As the Council, still speechless at the magical display, broke up to go back to their own lands there could be heard a chanting by the new King's men: "The King Is Dead—Long Live The King."

The moral of this story is:

Kids aren't the only ones who believe in fairy tales.

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SECOND PLATOON NEWS

by 684

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1970, was just like home coming to several members of the Second Platoon and their support elements. As "C" squad went through the various alerts and hit phase three arriving at the intersection of California and Powell Streets we were met by the clanging of Cable Car bells, the tumultuous shouts of our fans and the sight of "B" squad under the leadership of Sgt. Robert Flynn, assisted by the veteran of many Second Platoon Firsts Felix Buckley. Sgt. Flynn, in his own way, which is quite known throughout the department, exclaimed to Sgt. Hess the leader of "C" squad, "Where the Hell you guys been, welcome to the party!" Sgt. Hess must have felt like General Montgomery at Messina when encountering General Patton. To the tune of our Radio Car antennas on the neon lights in the basement of the Fairmont Hotel, we parked our cars and assembled. In full second Platoon garb of hats and bats. Capt. Edward Laherty of "I" squad not to be outdone by the other squads, sent his own personal confidant and military advisor in the person of Sgt. Jim Glafkidas. Jim turned out to be the first casualty being struck by an egg thrown by one of his fans. "D" squad under the leadership of Sgt. Mike Casey, brought the elements of the Mission always needed for a successful Second Platoon encounter. A new face in the Mission squad was Officer Jack Young, on special leave from the Chief's office to participate in our get together. As we took up our positions at the intersections of California and Mason Streets, we were once again met by the shouts of our fans. As some of the fans started to take the game to us by running across California Street, to the shouts of their peers, "First and Ten, do it again!" Jack "old 88" Farnham was just itching to get into the ballgame. Jack thought it was the Poly-Commerce game. Then our support element "F" troop came into action and quite contrary to the belief expressed by the green book did one hell of a job. Using maneuvers never before used by Mounted units, when confronted by their fans, the horses performed a 347b P. C. If also appeared that members of the TAC squad or C. P.'s with backup from the second Platoon also showed their old form. Exiting from the Fairmont Hotel after Mr. Ky's

speech were members of the old "Jelly Bellies" from S. F. State. It appears from their appearance they are more than living up to their label. Our Commander, Lt. Ray "no head shots." White was observed in front of the Fairmont study the situation as would General Patton himself. Rumor has it, that Lt. White made a landing via headquarters 100 on the roof of the Fairmont in full reunion gear including Chrome helmet, stars and all. The consensus of opinion of the members attending this get together concur and the only thing missing was the blue label, yellow label and pink label sandwiches.

Unconstitutional Appointment

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fice. Harry Bell was President when he made the appointment to his own office. He had not yet resigned; he had not yet vacated his office. Clearly his appointment does not meet the test provided by the Constitution and By-Laws; clearly the appointment of John Lehan as President by President Bell is not in accordance with the present Constitution and By-Laws; clearly President Bell exceeded his grant of power and thereby rendered his appointment null and void.

Let me again state that Mr. Ehrlich was quite right in his statement that the Executive Board is bound by the Constitution and By-Laws. However, Mr. Ehrlich should have read beyond Article V, sec. 8. Had he pursued his reading he would have noticed that Article VII, sec. 1 states, "The Executive Board shall be the governing body of this Association when this Association itself is not in session. All matters effecting the policies, aims, and means of accomplishing the purposes of this Association, not specifically provided for in the Constitution or by action of this Association at a regular meeting, shall be decided by the Executive Board." The Constitution does not specifically provide for the President's appointment of his successor prior to his resigning and vacating. The Constitution expressly grants the President the power to appoint a replacement if there exists a vacancy. When President Bell made his appointment, there was no vacancy then existing in any office.

Article VII, Sec. 1 of the Constitution, establishing the Executive

Board as the governing body of the Association, expressly allows the Executive Board to take action in matters affecting the policies, aims, and means of this Association where there is no specific provision in the Constitution. The policies of the Association shall be decided by the Executive Board.

Hence, if President Bell due to his retirement was to resign and did resign from his office, it became the duty of the Executive Board to establish the policy as to whom would succeed him as President. The appointment of a successor lies with the Executive Board and not with the President. President Bell's appointment should be rendered null and void by the membership who should then direct the Executive Board to fill the vacated Presidential position. The decision of the Executive Board would then, under Article I, sec. 6 of the By-Laws and Article VII, Sec. 1 of the Constitution, be reported to the membership at a regular or special meeting and "be subject to the approval of a majority of the members present at said meeting."

Police Rally

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selves in any orderly, honest fashion should go without saying. We certainly have the same rights as our adversaries. I was angered when high officials of the current SFPOA leadership expressed at the November meeting (as well as afterwards),

RETIREMENTS

Dec. 3, 1970. William J. Hamlet, Insp. retires with Disability Pension after 21 years in the Dept. (January's issue will run a column on Bill. Look for it).

Harry Bell, Assistant-Insp. Co. K retires after 28 years on a service pension. Also retires as President of the San Francisco Police Officer's Association.

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the notion that congregating to express ourselves in an orderly fashion, for legitimate reasons, was somehow degrading. I don't think it is, and I don't think you do either.

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