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## **ASSOCIATION ELECTION**

**Wednesday, Feb. 15, through Friday, Feb. 17, 1956**

Commencing at 7:00 A.M., Wednesday, February 15, 1956, and continuing through Friday, February 17, 1956, the annual election of officers and directors of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association will be conducted at the following polling locations: (ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.)

- 1) Central Station
- 2) Southern Station
- 3) Potrero Station
- 4) Mission Station
- 5) Northern Station
- 6) Park Station
- 7) Richmond Station
- 8) Ingleside Station
- 9) Taraval Station
- 10) Bureau of Inspectors, Room 105
- 11) Traffic (Fixed Post)
- 12) Traffic (A.P.B.)
- 13) Traffic (Motorcycles)
- 14) Headquarters, Room 117 (all units except City Prison, Range, Juvenile, & Academy)
- 15) City Prison
- 16) Juvenile Bureau
- 17) Police Range
- 18) Police Academy

The following are the names of the candidates and the offices for which they were nominated:

President: Peter Gardner (present 1st Vice President)  
1st Vice President: Vincent Simpson (present 2nd Vice President)  
2nd Vice President: Carlton Vogel-sang (present Sgt-at-arms)  
Secretary: James Hegarty (incumbent)  
Treasurer: John Burke (incumbent)  
Sgt-at-arms: George Jeffery (Taraval

Station); Sol Weiner (3-wheel motorcycles).

As provided for in Article V, Sections 6 and 7, of the By-Laws of this Association, unit directors shall be elected on the same ballot as the officers of the Association. The ballot which you receive will show the candidates for the office of Director of your unit.

There will also be on the ballot a proposal which will allow the Assn. to collect dues through payroll deduction. The January membership meeting directed that this proposal be placed on the ballot. If passed this measure will become effective July 1, 1956.

Payroll deduction will (1) ease the payment of dues; (2) ease the collection of dues; and (3) simplify bookkeeping procedure. It will ease the payment of dues because instead of paying the dues in one sum it will be taken out of your pay warrant at the rate of \$0.20 a pay-day. It will ease the collection of dues because once you sign the payroll deduction card your unit director will not have to make the annual collection. If at a later date a member wishes to drop out of the Association he may do so by notifying the Controller's office to stop the payroll deduction. It simplifies the bookkeeping in that the Treasurer will receive all monies and all rosters at one time rather than the present system under which the Directors turn in the sheets and the money as it is collected, thereby narrowing the margin for error. A much more business-like way to conduct the handling of money.

Payroll deductions will increase the dues 80c a year. The greater part of

## **LADIES' NIGHT POSTPONED**

The annual Association Ladies' Night has been postponed until Tuesday, April 17th. This postponement was effected due to the requests of many members who observe the Lenten Season.

The Board of Directors of the Association met on Friday, February 3rd and voted unanimously for the postponement. This gives the membership some extra time to make arrangements to attend.

Ladies' Night is a function which the members of the Association look forward to each year with great anticipation. At it is such a wonderful social function it is also an expensive one. The Committee on Arrangements was authorized at the January membership meeting to collect a nominal sum from each attending person to assist in defraying the cost. The Committee arrived at the sum of \$1.00 donation per person to pay for the food ET CETERA.

There will be dancing to the tune of a four-piece orchestra, the usual delicious repast and sufficient amounts of ET CETERA.

See you and the girls Tuesday, April 17th at 9:00 p.m.

this increase will be used to cover the expenses of the physical operation of the payroll deduction. The physical operation is conducted by a private accounting firm under contract to the Controller's office.

In order to place the collection of the Association's dues under payroll deductions the Controller advised that the deduction would have to be made in twenty-four equal payments. The membership at the January meeting after discussion decided that the cost should be borne by

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## EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

P. Gardner, J. Hegarty, T. Fitzpatrick,  
L. Lang, W. Murphy, T. Dolan

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Treasurer ..... John Burke  
Secretary ..... James Hegarty  
Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Carlton Vogelsang

### DIRECTORS

Co. A ..... Edward Barry  
Co. B ..... James Curran  
Co. C ..... Tony Bell  
Co. D ..... Joel Cook  
Co. E ..... Edmund Cassidy  
Co. F ..... Ray Freeman  
Co. G ..... Nick Galousin  
Co. H ..... Sid Patton  
Co. I ..... Robert Bertelsen  
Co. K APB ..... Sid Buckman  
Fixed Post ..... Kenneth Carstensen  
M/C ..... Robert O'Rourke  
Bureau of Inspectors ..... Ralph Lintner  
Juvenile Bureau ..... Frank Wilson  
Headquarters ..... John Kennedy  
City Prison ..... Lennox Etherington, Jr.  
Range ..... James Martin  
Academy ..... John W. Conroy

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..... Daniel Murphy  
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Treasurer ..... Harry Valdespino  
Ass't. Treasurer ..... James Diggins  
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..... Ted Dolan  
..... Carlton Vogelsang

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## WELFARE COMMITTEE

Chairman ..... James J. McGovern  
Treasurer ..... Ted Terlau  
Secretary ..... Allan Rosenbaum  
Members: ..... John H. Conroy  
..... Louis Lang  
..... Eligio Marelli  
..... Raymond Freeman  
..... John Burke  
..... Ferdinand Bork  
..... Willis Casey

We plan to publish this paper every month for the members of the association. Any criticism, contribution or suggestion will be appreciated. Contact any member of the publications committee.

# Editorial

February is an important month to the Police Officers' Association. The all important election of officers takes place this month. Keep in mind that your vote is as important as anybody's, and the fact that you profess to be a member is reflected in the fact of your vote. An organization cannot function without the complete cooperation of its members and of all the cooperation asked of you, voting in elections is the most important.

Keep in mind also that an election of officers is a most serious matter. Elections that are popularity contests are usually elections which cause the most unfavorable comment after they are over. The men you select to administer your organization should be the best men, not necessarily the most popular ones.

Vote for whom you choose, but VOTE.

## More

## Association Election

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the members rather than by the Association.

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## DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND ANNUAL ELECTION

Another important measure coming up at this time is the election of the Board of Directors of the Department Welfare Fund. In this election six vacancies are

Lieutenant: Donald Scott (Bureau of Inspectors)

Inspector: Louis Lang (Bureau of Inspectors) (incumbent)

Sergeant (one to be elected):

Raymond Freeman (Park Station) (incumbent)

Oscar Tiboni (City Prison)

Patrolmen (three to be elected):

John D. Burke (Bureau of Inspectors) (incumbent)

Thomas Combis (Northern Station)

Thomas Dempsey (Central Station)

James McGovern (Mission Station) (incumbent)

Robert McKee (Fixed Post)

This Board of Directors administers the Department Welfare Fund which is collected in two installments each year—February and October.

This is an important Department function in that the members of the Department are not asked to give every time a charitable organization asks for funds. These organizations go to the Board rather than to the individual each time they solicit contributions.

All members of the Department are eligible and should vote in this election Board of Directors.

of the Department Welfare Fund's Voting will be held at the same time as that of The Police Officers' Association annual election.

Your vote indicates your approval of the men who administer the operations of these two vital organizations.

The results of the two elections will be made to the members of the Department as soon as the votes have been counted and the elections certified by the General Election Committee.

## Charter Provisions

### 40-HOUR WEEK & OVERTIME

In order to keep the membership informed of the Charter provisions affecting their working conditions we will attempt through the medium of this newspaper to break down in simple language the sections concerned.

**FORTY (40) HOUR WORK WEEK.** Section 35.51½(b). This section provides that the basic work week for the members of the Police Department shall be forty (40) hours.

**OVERTIME.** All time worked in excess of forty (40) hours shall be compensated for by cash payment or equivalent time off except as otherwise provided.

Whenever in the judgment of the Police Commission public interest or necessity requires the services of any member to serve in excess of his basic work week (40-hours) it may authorize the Chief of Police to permit such overtime. This time can be compensated for either in equivalent time off or with money (straight time) at the option of the Commission.

However, a member required to work during his vacation, or on his normal watches off, shall receive additional compensation (straight time pay).

### ROLL CALL

The Commission is authorized to require a fifteen (15) minute roll call period prior to going on duty. This time need not be compensated for in money or time off with pay.

### HOLIDAYS

We receive the same holidays as other city employees who work on a monthly basis and who are defined in Section 151 of the Charter. (The holidays are voted to us annually by the Board of Supervisors by ordinance). When a member works on a holiday, not his normal watch off, the Commission may grant either equivalent time off or pay.

## YOUR STORE

## G. E. T.

Lakeshore Plaza



# The Police Association

President James Diggins called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

The reading of the minutes of the December monthly meeting was dispensed with as they were published in the Association newspaper.

A motion was made and passed that all current bills be paid.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** (1) **LEGISLATIVE.** The committee reported proceeding towards having placed on the November ballot a charter amendment affecting the retirement section of the Charter. An actuarial survey will be sought through the Board of Supervisors on the points to be considered. The downtown interests will have to be contacted relative to obtaining their support of proposed changes. The actuarial survey will take approximately three months to complete. The next step will be to obtain permission from the Chief of Police and Police Commission to submit a charter amendment to the Board of Supervisors embracing all the changes the membership decides upon.

The meeting directed that a follow-up letter be sent to the David Scannell Club of the Fire Department asking for a reply to our letter of August 29, 1955, as to whether they desire to have a committee from their organization meet with one from ours to discuss proposed retirement changes.

The meeting requested the committee to consider including in the proposed charter amendment a proviso for the "fully carry-over to the widow."

(2) **FROZEN OVERTIME.** The committee reported that an appearance was made before the Police Commission in December 1955 relative to having them re-activate the "frozen" overtime. It was felt that if the Commission re-activated the time and so informed the Controller of their action that the members affected would be able to take the time off within a reasonable period. The Commission re-activated the overtime but requested that cash payment be made instead of permitting the time off.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1955, our committee met with Controller Ross, Mr. Schroeder of his staff, Mr. Weller, attorney for the Controller, and Mr. Ward of the City Attorney's office regarding the overtime.

The result of this discussion was the opinion that there was no legal way whereby the overtime could be unfrozen. Court action was discussed but it was not recommended. The only way to bring it to a conclusion was to place the matter before the people as a charter amendment.

(3) **RETIREMENT COMMITTEE.** 1—It was brought to the attention of the Association that a dangerous precedent was in the process of being formulated. Harvey Deline, a retired member of the Police Department, who had been retired on a disability pension (heart ail-

ment) had passed on. His widow petitioned the Retirement Board for continuation of the disability pension. The Retirement Board advised her that she was not entitled to it because her late husband had retired from a heart ailment other than that which caused his death.

The committee was directed to take the necessary action to offset this precedent.

The meeting directed that a letter be sent to the Retirement System inquiring whether a replacement will be appointed or an election held to complete the term of Dr. John Brady, an employee member of the Board, who is retiring this year.

2—Steps are being taken towards the submission of evidence to change the payroll status of a member who was taken ill with tuberculosis while stationed in the City Prison. At present the member is being carried "SP" (sick leave with pay). By the evidence it is intended to prove that the ailing member did not have tuberculosis when he entered the police department and that he acquired it from coming in contact with tubercular prisoners while on duty in the prison. The evidence will be submitted to the Retirement Board so that his payroll status will be changed to "DP" (disability leave).

**PORAC** (Peace Officers' Research Assn. of California) is presently undertaking a survey of police departments in California to ascertain the number of policemen who have become afflicted with tuberculosis. PORAC intends to submit to the State Legislature a bill along the lines of the present Heart and Pneumonia Act.

The meeting directed that a letter be sent to PORAC offering our support of their program.

Discussion was had on having prisoners in the City Prison examined to detect those having active tuberculosis to minimize the danger to police officers detailed there. Discussion was also had on having members in the City Prison examined periodically. The committee was directed to confer with the Chief of Police on the matter and also towards having permanently located in the City Prison an x-ray machine for the detection of the illness in the prisoners quartered there.

(4) **BLOOD BANK.** When our late brother, Gordon Oliveira, was lying injured in the San Francisco Hospital seven of his brother officers went to the Mission Emergency Hospital and donated blood for him. While this action was commendatory it was not necessary. Members who are injured while on duty and who require blood are furnished it by the San Francisco Hospital blood bank. The cost of the blood and its administering is borne by the Retirement System. For the future it is suggested

that members desiring to donate blood for a brother officer injured on duty, only proceed to the hospital for the donating when a special call is made to the police department.

The meeting felt that the doctor in charge of the admission desk at the Mission Emergency Hospital should have notified the above responding donors that it was not necessary for them to donate the blood. In this connection the meeting directed that a letter be sent to Mr. John J. Ferdon, President of the Board of Supervisors and Chairman of the Retirement Board, requesting that the matter be looked into to prevent future similar occurrences. The hospital in accepting the blood has deprived the police department's blood banks of seven units.

(5) **CREDIT UNION.** Membership totals 1075 members. Shares approximate \$275,000. Assets in excess \$400,000.

(6) **DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND.** A total of \$1500 was donated for the California flood relief; \$750 to the Salvation Army, and \$750 for the Red Cross.

(7) **SICK COMMITTEE.** Three members were confined in Ward No. 1, San Francisco Hospital: Frank Vandevort, Todd Warren, and Steve Wynne. All satisfied with the service.

(8) **PRESENTATION OF DEPUTY SHERIFF'S BADGE TO "DEPUTY" DAVE ALLEN.** The committee made the presentation to "Deputy" Dave during his television program on Wednesday, January 11, 1956. The presentation was made on behalf of the Association for his untiring services at our annual Christmas Tree parties.

(9) **UNIFORMS.** The meeting directed that a committee be appointed to meet with the Chief of Police as to his uniform policy. The committee appointed comprised of representation from the stations, traffic bureau, and inspectors.

(10) **LADIES' NIGHT.** The meeting directed that the annual ladies' night affair be held in conjunction with the installation of the newly-elected officers and directors on February 21, 1956. The committee was authorized to accept a donation from the attending members to help defray the cost.

**SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING IT WAS LEARNED THAT LADIES' NIGHT WOULD FALL DURING THE LENTEN SEASON. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1956, UNANIMOUSLY DIRECTED CHANGING THE DATE OF THE PARTY TO APRIL 17, 1956.**

(11) **LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE TO WIDOWS OF DECEASED MEMBERS:**

The meeting directed that letters be

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**NEWS FLASH: AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD IN JANUARY, IT WAS DECIDED THAT, AS OF FEBRUARY 1st, 1956, THE INTEREST RATE ON ALL LOANS WOULD BE ¾ OF 1 PER CENT PER MONTH ON THE UNPAID BALANCE. THIS IS A REDUCTION ON THE RATE FORMERLY CHARGED ON UNSECURED LOANS ON AMOUNTS UNDER \$400. THIS WILL AFFECT ALL LOANS NOW IN FORCE.**

For those of you who were unable to attend the annual meeting on January 11th, we would like to give you a brief rundown and introduce your new officers.

The membership approved the recommendation of the Board of Directors and voted a dividend of 4 per cent for 1955. This dividend was posted to your accounts on January 11th and statements were mailed on January 25th. If any member did not receive his statement, please call the credit union office and we will take care of you. (Incidentally, quite a few of you members seem to have moved recently and we're not always sure of your new addresses. If you have moved in the last month or so, please call local 310 and let us know. We want to make sure that you are getting your statements and other valuable information we will be sending you throughout the coming months.)

Your Board of Directors lists the following men elected or reelected: Louis Lang, Carlton Vogelsang, Jim McGovern, Ed Comber, and Louis Barberini.

Dan Quinlan and Ed Naughton will fill vacancies on the Supervisory Committee.

Those now serving on the Credit Committee are Andy Valenti, John D. Sullivan, and Larry Lawson.

A vote of thanks was given to retiring Credit Committee member John Conroy for his work and assistance since the organization of the credit union.

Reports were received from President Jim McGovern, Treasurer Harry Valdespino, and the Credit and Supervisory Committees. Treasurer Valdespino also presented to the members the estimated budget for operation of the credit union during 1956.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors following the annual meeting, retiring president Jim McGovern turned over the gavel to your new president Louis Lang. Ted Dolan was chosen as vice president, and for some reason, the Board reelected that "fat little Italian boy" Valdespino as treasurer.

The board and members wish to thank James McGovern, retiring president, for the excellent job of bringing the Credit Union from its formative stage to now.

Last month, while we were telling you about the annual meeting, we talked a little about the duties of some of your officers. At the request of several members (the Board of Directors and the Treasurer, to be exact) we will go into a little more detail on the Board and the committees in the next few issues. This month we will try to fill you in about the governing body of your credit union, the Board of Directors.

In the credit union library, we have a thick black volume entitled Credit

Unions, Organization-Operation. The table of contents lists the chapter on the Board of Directors as having 42 pages. Now this is not an unusually wordy book. It gets right to the point. So it's easy to see that the few words we can say here cannot possibly do justice to the complexities of the duties of the men on the Board.

This manual lists some 28 actions which come under the duties of the Board of Directors. A few of the more important of these policies and actions are as follows:

Arranging surety bond coverage for persons handling credit union funds and other insurance protection, election of officers of the Board, designation of depository of credit union funds, election of new members (all new members of the credit union must be approved by the Board before membership is official), filling vacancies on the board and credit committee, (incidentally no member of the board or Credit and Supervisory Committees may borrow from the credit union and on several unhappy occasions we have lost very competent officers because they were in need of funds), borrowing on behalf of credit union, purchasing supplies and equipment, setting interest rates and terms on loans, recommending to members at the annual meeting the most practical dividend, and purchasing Borrowers' Protection Insurance and Life Savings Insurance.

The most important thing any member can ask about a member of the Board is what kind of a worker is he? In that respect the members have been very fortunate in their selections for the Board. The men you have chosen have been responsible, in a very large part, for the success your credit has shown in soundness and growth in its two years of operation. Thanks should also go to the men who have worked on the nominating committees for they have searched throughout the department to persuade men of proven ability to allow their names to be presented. Working on the Board is a thankless job with little political glory attached. So, if you are interested in doing a little good hard work, let us know. Next year you might be on the Board.

This next paragraph is for those of you who have young folks around your house. If you've already lost your kids as income tax deductions or you haven't been blessed (blessed?) with any offspring, move over to the next column, we're sure there is something of interest to you there.

Well, now that we're all in the same boat, let's talk about our kids. What plans have you made about financing a college education for your children? Seem kind of far off now? It's not too far off

## Vital Statistics

### DEATHS—

Off. Frank Burnell 1-1-56

### RETIRED—

Chief George M. Healy 2-1-56  
Lt. Walter Meyer 1-29-56 Co. G  
Ins. Paddy Wafer 1-2-56 B of I  
Off. Albert Cronin 1-22-56 Co. A

### RELINQUISHED—

Off. Frank Parnow 2-1-56 Co. I

### PROMOTIONS—

Frank J. Ahern to Chief 2-1-56  
Thomas J. Cahill to Deputy Chief 2-1-56  
Charles Scullion to Inspector 1-23-56  
William Cook to Inspector 2-1-56  
Emil Dutil to Inspector 2-1-56  
James Bruce Jones to Ass't Inspector 2-1-56  
Robert Quinn to Ass't Inspector 2-1-56  
Joseph Miles to Ass't Inspector 1-23-56

## More--Minutes

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sent to the widows of our late brothers, Gordon Oliviera and Frank Burnell, expressing our sympathy in their recent meet be adjourned after a moment's silence out of the respect of their memories.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m. Refreshments were served following the conclusion of the meeting.

James J. Hegarty  
Secretary

to start working on the idea now. How many of you had to work your way through school or had to quit because you just couldn't see your way clear to continue? Why not make it easier for your family? Start now with your credit union's Buy a Thousand Plan. How does it work? Very easy. Just apply for a loan of a thousand (or less). Take the full three years to pay it off. Put the money away, safe for the time when little Susie or Johnny will need it. Remember too, that with your Loan Protection Insurance and your Life Savings Insurance, that if any thing should happen to you that the loan is paid off and the child has not one but two thousand all paid off waiting for him. With the lower rate of interest available for this type loan, the thousand will only cost you \$30.43 per month. Interested? Come in and see us or call local 310. We'll be glad to help you out.

**HARRY D.  
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