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The Uniform Situation

For some time there has been question of a move which has been underfoot to change the uniform now worn by the Department. A committee from the Association went to Chief Ahern to let him know that the problem had been discussed at several meetings of the Association and that the members of the Department were becoming confused about the situation.

The Chief told the committee to conduct a department-wide election to ascertain the feeling of the men about the short jacket uniform which has been worn by the Traffic Bureau.

At a special meeting held at the Park Station the problem was discussed and a ballot drawn up which was later presented to the members of the Department.

Here is a run-down on that election; Long coat (present style) to be retained 602, Eisenhower jacket 461; change of material to an Elastique yes 850, no 120; black shirts to be worn on all watches yes 777 no 250; should we wear the shoulder patches which are on the proposed Traffic uniform- yes 403, no 575; rather than designate a basket weave finish on leather goods worn with the uniform plain black (smooth or patterned) would be acceptable yes 913, no 88.

The results of this vote were taken back to the Chief who arranged an appointment with the Police Commission for the committee. At the meeting with the Commission the committee presented the views of the members of the Associa-

Official Results of the Annual Election Of Officers

At the annual election of officers of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association the following men were elected: President, Peter Gardner; 1st Vice President, Vince Simpson; 2nd Vice President, Carlton Vogelsang; Secretary, James Hegarty; Treasurer, John Burke; Sergeant at Arms, Sol Weiner. The Directors are as follows: Co. A. Thomas Dempsey (after the election was over Tom Dempsey was transferred so the President, given the authority by the by-laws, appointed James Curran as director; Co. B, Nathan Sisser; Co. C, Mario Amoroso; Co. D, Joel Cook; Co. E, Jerry Breen; Co. F, Mike Powers; Co. G, Nick Galousin; Co. H., Mel Pulizzano; Co. I, Harry Getchel; Bureau of Inspectors, Gerald Flynn; Headquarters, Joe Green; Range, Frank Parenti; City

tion, the Director and Captain of Traffic, who prefer the Eisenhower jacket for the Traffic Bureau, gave their side of the picture.

The Commissioners informed the men that they would take the matter under advisement and let them know their decision. Chief Ahern told the Commissioners that whatever uniform the men wanted to wear was all right with him.

At this printing the final decision is not known but as soon as it is announced the members of the Department will be informed.

Prison, Len Etherington jr.; Academy, Charles Fowlie; Juvenile Bureau, Lawrence Lawson; Motorcycle, Rene Del Carlo; Fixed Post, Robert McKee; APB, Charles Murray.

The vote for the collection of dues by payroll deduction was 388 yes to 268 no. (See article concerning payroll deduction.)

Ted Dolan was elected delegate to the National Conference of Police Associations. Delegates to the Peace Officers Association of California are George Jeffrey, Ted Dolan and Nick Galousin.

Although a separate election for the administrators of the Department Welfare Fund is called for it is held at the same time as the Association election. The results were Lieutenant Donald Scott; Sergeant Ray Freeman; Inspector Louis Lang and Officers John Burke, James McGovern and Robert McKee.

The installation of officers was conducted at the February meeting of the Association. Past-President John H. Conroy acting as installing officer did a fine job and is to be commended for his good work.

Junior Past President James Diggins was presented a beautiful wrist watch as a token for his service in the past year. President Peter Gardner was installed and took over the chair.

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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.

Retirement Changes

At the February 21st meeting of the Association the Legislative Committee was directed to seek the cost of conducting an actuarial survey on the following proposed changes in our retirement system: (1) provide for a straight 25 year retirement; (2) full carry-over to the widow; (3) reducing the age at which a retired member may be gainfully employed without affecting his retirement allowance from 60 to 55 years of age or 30 years service; (4) lowering of the contribution rate; (5) retirement based on the average of the three highest salaried years of service; (6) retirement based on the average of the five highest salaried years of service; and (7) a retirement allowance which would fluctuate with the salary paid to active members of the department.

In the past the City and County of San Francisco paid the cost of actuarial surveys. If they do follow the precedent set in the past it may be necessary for us to defray this cost. Of course no action will be taken in the matter until it's put up to a vote of the membership as our by-laws require that any capital expenditures be approved by them.

After an open discussion of the above mentioned points, the members at the meeting voted to give the Legislative Committee full power to act in adding or deleting any changes of the points. This power was given to the committee after it was pointed out that in negotiations with different factions it may be necessary to drop some of the items in order to gain support for others. The mandatory age limit (65 years of age) will not be affected.

The Legislative Committee will act in our best interest in this matter but before any money is collected for a campaign or before any proposed Charter Amendment is placed before the Board of Supervisors for their action, an election will be held within the Police Department to establish the feelings of the men.

This is one matter which requires your undivided support as it affects every man in the department. If you have any feelings either pro or con, come to the March membership meeting and let them be known. The Committee will be directed in the final analysis by the will of the men.

VITAL STATISTICS

March 5, 1956 to 12, 1956

DECEASED—Officer Ed Cassidy, Co. "C" Feb. 10.

RETIRED—Sergeant Ward Hanes, Co. "I" March 6; Officer George Davalos, Co. "E" March 5.

RESIGNED—James J. Moran, Co. "K" March 5; George McDonald, Co. "H" to Fire Dept., Feb. 17.

PROMOTIONS—Leonard Wiebe to Criminologist, Feb. 16; Joseph Lacey to Sergeant March 6.

Proper Designation Of Beneficiary

The city and county employees' retirement system accepts the nominations of a parent, child, husband or wife as having an "insurance interest" in the life of a member. An "insurance interest" is necessary to qualify as the designated beneficiary of a member.

If a member dies, while in the service prior to becoming eligible for retirement from causes other than injury received in or illness caused by the performance of duty his designated beneficiary receives a death benefit consisting of the compensation earnable by the member during the six months immediately preceding death plus his contributions and the interest credited thereon. If a retired member dies the designated beneficiary receives a death benefit of \$500.

The designation of a brother, sister, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, etc., is not accepted as having an "insurance interest" unless such "insurable interest" can be and is established in the life of the member (sole support, living with the designatee, etc.). If the beneficiary select does not have an "insurance interest" and the member desires to provide for such person it is necessary that he designate his "estate" as the beneficiary and then provide for such person through the medium of a will. In some instances, as in the case of a bachelor, and such was not done, persons shared in these benefits whom the member did not wish to share and persons who they thought would share did not or received considerably less.

The retirement board has initiated an ordinance that will liberalize and increase the class of persons who may qualify as beneficiaries and when it is made law your association will immediately apprise you of the enactment. A designation of beneficiary is required. Circumstances such as marriage, divorce, death and births change those who should be the natural objects of your bounty.

Next Meeting

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 20**

DOVRE HALL

**18th & Valencia
8:00 P.M.**

President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who voted for me in the election. I will do my best to live up to the job and pledge to do all I can to further the interests of the Police Officers' Association.

I have one request to make of all the members, please keep in mind that it is your Association and therefore it is incumbent upon you to take an active interest in it. Attendance at meetings and knowledge of what is going on serves not only yourself but the Association as well.

My most important desire is to get better turnouts for the meetings. The main complaint from members who do not attend is that they never get a chance to say anything. If you are there and have something to say you will be heard.

In closing I again ask you to look alive and take part in your Association activities.

Peter C. Gardner

TENTATIVE LIEUTENANTS LIST

Posted for two weeks beginning March 15, 1956, for adoption on March 28, 1956

Rank	Points	Name	Rank	Points	Name
1	939.41	Daniel J. Quinlan	10	895.45	Kenneth F. Carstensen
V-2	935.49	Daniel F. Mahoney	11	895.45	Dante R. Andreotti
3	929.37	Kenneth G. Fahs	12	894.04	Hugh C. Elbert
4	923.92	Alfred J. Nelder	13	894.04	Frank J. Gregg
5	914.43	Willison H. Lingafelter	14	885.53	Hazelton French
6	910.94	Howard J. Frank	15	884.00	Karl D. Schaugaard
7	910.94	Martin J. Scanlan	16	883.57	Leslie J. Brenan
8	901.45	John H. Zwicker	17	883.57	Arthur L. Borland
9	901.02	Frank J. Matlin			

Attention Golfers

The second Police-Fire Golf Tournament of 1956 will take place on Tuesday, April 17th (same date as Ladies Night) at Green Hills Country Club.

Sign-ups for this tournament will start April 2 at Harding Park Golf Course. Contact Officer John Maughan and get your starting time. Remember, sign up early to get good times.

The match held at Lakeside in January was the first one in a series which will be used to set up handicaps for future sweepstakes as will your Green Hills score.

Green fees will be \$1.50 and a Blind Bogey Sweepstakes will be conducted.

See you at Green Hills, Tuesday, April 17th.

A Policeman's Lot

At this time we would take the opportunity to extend our best wishes to Officer Dick McKeivitt from Co. "B" who was wounded in a gun battle with an 800 on Mission Street. Two Officers, Bill Cooley and Jack Miller who had a brush with death when their motorcycles were struck by a stolen auto whose driver was trying to escape arrest. These men will attest to the dangers of a policeman's life and it is good that they came out on top, too many times it goes the other way.

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The Police Association

Regular monthly membership meeting was convened at 8:15 p.m. at Dovre Hall, 3543 Eighteenth Street.

President-elect Peter Gardner assumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. Paid up membership totals 1456.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. (a) *Retirement.* Discussion was had on seeking certain changes in our present retirement system. The membership directed that request be made on the Chief of Police for permission to seek an actuarial survey for determination of cost of changes. (FURTHER DETAILS UNDER COLUMN HEADED "RETIREMENT CHANGES".)

(b) *Salaries.* Information has been received that the survey on salaries conducted by a Chicago firm at the request of the Los Angeles City Council has been completed. The firm recommended that Los Angeles patrolmen be paid salaries commencing at \$416 for the first year man and reaching a maximum of \$500 per month for the man who has completed four and one-half years of service. In addition, it was recommended that the patrolmen be given longevity pay starting with \$16 per month after ten years of service and working up to a maximum of \$48 per month. No information was available concerning the higher ranks. This information will be reported on at the Tuesday, March 20 1956, membership meeting.

RETIREMENT COMMITTEE. The Association will have three cases up for hearing on Wednesday, March 14, 1956, namely; Pat McNally, Steve Wynn, and the widow of the late Tom McGoldrick.

HEALTH SERVICE COMMITTEE. Ted Dolan, present President of the Health Service Board, announced that he will be a candidate for re-election to the Board.

CRIMINAL CODES IN STATIONS AND BUREAUS. Reported that the Supervising Captain had sent a request to the stations and bureaus requesting information as to what codes were on hand and the dates of same. Secretary directed to contact the Supervising Captain's office to ascertain what subsequent action has been taken on the matter.

FROZEN OVERTIME. Concurred in the recommendation of the Board of Directors that the matter of "frozen overtime" be tabled until more pressing legislation has been disposed of.

XMAS GIFTS FOR PERSONNEL, WARD NO. 1, SAN FRANCISCO HOSPITAL. The meeting directed that the usual gifts be extended to the personnel of Ward No. 1. This was inadvertently overlooked at the December meeting. The names of the personnel to be obtained and checks sent to them.

ACCEPTANCE OF BLOOD AT SAN FRANCISCO HOSPITAL IN CONNECTION WITH INDUS-

TRIAL ACCIDENTS. Directed that the action of our last monthly meeting with regard to sending a letter to the Chairman of the Retirement Board, Supervisor John J. Ferdon requesting an investigation as to why motorcycle officers were permitted to donate blood in the industrial accident of our late brother Gordon Oliveira be rescinded. (As previously mentioned in this paper, the donating of blood in industrial accidents is not necessary. The San Francisco Hospital issues the required blood to any member needing same who is injured in the line of duty. This cost is entirely borne by the Retirement System.) The motion to rescind the action above was passed after it was pointed out that nothing constructive could be obtained from such action. It was merely a matter of informing the members that blood donors are not required in industrial cases *except* when a special call is made for a rare type of blood that is not available.

PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES TO THE PEACE OFFICERS' RESEARCH ASSN. OF CALIFORNIA. Directed payment of the dues.

REQUEST FROM THE MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, FIRE AND POLICE LEAGUE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. Communication received from the League for financial assistance to help defray the cost of court their petition to pass an ordinance to be action to have their city council act on known as the "Salary Standardization Ordinance". The city council has refused to act on the petition or to put it to a vote of the people on the grounds that certain sections are unconstitutional.

The matter was referred to the March Board of Directors' meeting for investigation and recommendation.

ELIMINATION OF FIVE YEARS' RESIDENCE CLAUSE AS REQUIREMENT IN POLICE EXAMS. The matter was discussed with no action taken. Several of the most pointed objections to the elimination was that applicants who would seek service with our Department would not be in the city and county long to know the ways of life of the residents of San Francisco, nor would they have knowledge of the physical areas of the city. Another objection was that eligibles with the elimination of the residence clause would come from areas where there is little or no union activity. San Francisco is a union labor city. In case of labor strife a serious problem would present itself. Importees are prone to brutality measures because of their lack of knowledge and experience in the handling of such matters.

The substance of the discussion was that there should be a period whereby persons who aspire to become members of our Department can become adjusted to the mode of life in San Francisco. A fair adjustment period is five years.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN SOCIAL SECURITY LAW. There is before the Committee on Finance, U. S. Senate, a bill known as SB 2646, which proposes that the exclusion section of the Social Security law be either amended to exclude the State of Georgia, North and South Carolina, or to remove the entire exclusion act. The bill proposes to permit *police* only in North Carolina to be covered by Social Security after an election is held as provided for public employees.

Directed that letters be sent to the members of the Finance Committee and our local representatives opposing any amendment to the Social Security law as it now stands.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting concluded at 10:40 p.m. after a moment's silence out of respect to the memory of our departed brothers. Refreshments were served following the adjournment.

James J. Hegarty
Secretary

Proposed System for Payroll Deductions

Since the Police Officers' Association voted to collect the annual dues by payroll deduction, a plan has come to light which the Fire Department has been using for some time.

If all the organizations which collect money would get together and make one master deduction there would only be one deduction cost instead of four, the cost of which could be pro-rated between the four units concerned.

There has been a move underfoot in the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association to collect by pay-roll deduction, Post 456, the Police Post of the American Legion wants to collect that way, our Association has already voiced its approval and what better way to collect for the Welfare Fund?

The salient feature is that it will not cost five cents per unit per month to make the deduction from your salary warrant but about 1.66 cents, quite a saving to the Treasury.

A small organization called "The Policemen's Fund" could be formed by the Financial Secretaries of the organizations concerned. They could meet once a month to distribute the money. The deducting agency could make one check payable to the Fund which could be divided at no charge by the Financial Secretaries.

The "Firemen's Fund" has worked extremely well for the men in the Fire Department and there is no reason why it cannot work for us. The advantage to the members is that a set amount would come from each check rather than the periodic payment of lump sums which have caused a burden in the past.