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## **CANDIDATE'S NIGHT** **May 15**

### **What About A New Hall?**

Why should San Francisco policemen be interested in supporting proposition "A" which is a proposed bond issue to build a new Hall of Justice to house the police as well as the sheriff and the courts.

Are you interested in adequate parking facilities when you have to go to the Hall to make an appearance in court or on other police business? Or do you feel that the parking situation as it stands now is good enough? The most common gripe about going to court is the fact that a parking tax costs \$2.00 and the odds of getting one are great. The plans for the proposed Hall show a tremendous parking area where accommodations for policemen who have to go to court have been allowed.

The present building which was remodeled after the fire and earthquake of 1906 is completely out of date. Even if you don't work in the building the next time you are down there go into one of the toilets and take a good look. Take a look at some of the offices which have no windows in them. The lighting in the building is the worst possible. All the features of the building are way out of date. A city like San Francisco which has the eleventh ranking Police Department in the country deserves a better headquarters than it has.

The present Hall is a monumental structure which cannot be remodeled. The ceilings are too high and the walls are too thick to do anything with.

At this time it does not appear that

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### **Ladies' Night Party Great Success**

The Police Officers' Association Annual Ladies Night held on April 17th was one of the most successful parties ever put on by your Association. A great number of members and their ladies were in attendance and all were agreed as to the good time that night.

The food and music were both above par and the other form of entertainment provided was generally acceptable to all. The members of the Committee wish to express their gratitude to the wives who took over the serving of the food. Their assistance was invaluable toward making the evening as good as it was.

Although the next one is a year away, make plans now to be there.

### **Help Those Who Help You**

The slogan proclaimed in the head of this article is one which your Association representatives have used many times in the past. It is used not only because it sounds good but because we firmly believe in what it implies.

This year the Board of Supervisors has Proposition "D" on the June 5th ballot. This proposition provides for an increase in pay for the eleven members of said Board.

Is it not proper to apply this caption "Help those who help you" to this proposal? The Board of Supervisors has been very fair in the matter of policemen's conditions in the past. We now have an opportunity to show our appreciation for the fair way in which they have handled our problems.

As has been the custom for some years, the meeting preceeding a general election is designated as "Candidates' Night." The May 15th meeting will keep this precedent going.

There will be a short business meeting before and then all candidates and speakers for propositions who wish to address us will be given an opportunity to speak for three minutes.

As we who earn our living as policemen depend on elected officials for many things it is incumbent upon us to make a worthy showing at this meeting. What better way to convince these people than to make a show of strength at Candidates' Night?

There is more to being a policeman than working eight hours. We must indicate that we are thinking members of the community who give great consideration to our vote.

We represent quite a large block of votes and our showing of strength at Candidates' Night is an indication to the men who are seeking elective office that they need us on their side.

Large attendance at Candidates' Night has impressed them in the past very favorably. Make every effort to impress them again this year.

Remember: The place, Dovre Hall on 18th Street between Valencia and Guerrero; the time, 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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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.

# EDITORIAL

The May 15th issue of Look Magazine had a twelve page spread on "The Policeman." The article told in pictures and words the police story.

It would be well, if you did not see the article, to get a copy and read for yourself how a publishing company like Cowles Magazines of Des Moines, Iowa, feels toward the policemen of America.

In these days of "revealing" stories of fallen people in every walk of life, of articles deriding the police printed in so-called magazines, it is gratifying to us as men who conduct ourselves with dignity and honor to see an entry on the credit side of the ledger.

"Look," through the words of writer Chester Morrison, has told the people of the United States that "the police officer . . . is the personification of the public conscience." If the public is honest, policemen will remain honest.

From the day in day out routine of our business to the bizarre fight for life that may be around the next corner or part of the next run the story was told objectively.

We are grateful to this excellent magazine for presenting our case so fairly. It was an honor to have San Francisco policemen presented in true perspective. Let's strive to keep our standards high. Be proud of ourselves and this pride will cause the citizens of San Francisco to feel the same.

## Vital Statistics

In the last issue we inadvertently omitted the name of Past President Evan James who was promoted to Sergeant on April 2.

### Retired

Lt. Thomas McInerny 4-1  
Sgt. Ward Hanes 4-1  
Sgt. Arnold Krieg 3-20  
Off. Henry Capraro 3-23  
Off. Stephen Wynne 4-4  
Off. Chris. Grutzmacher 4-27  
Off. James Hurley 5-1  
Off. Walter Coe 5-3

### Promoted

Sgt. Howard Frank to Lieut. 4-16  
Off. William C. Sullivan to Sgt. 4-16  
Off. Frank Dunwell to Inspector 4-2  
Off. Gerald Shauhnessy to Asst. Insp. 4-2

## In Memoriam

### PAUL ZGRAGGEN

On April the 29th Paul Zgraggen, charter member of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association passed away. Paul served loyally and well as Treasurer for many years. His passing leaves a great void in the lives of all who knew him or worked with him. He always had a kind word and a boost for everybody. Members of the Department particularly should keep a kind thought of his memory.

### SHERIFF DAN GALLAGHER

It is with great sorrow that we report the death of Sheriff Dan Gallagher, always a friend of the highest caliber to the policemen of San Francisco. For many years he sponsored much legislation affecting policemen's conditions before the Board of Supervisors. We have suffered a great loss in the passing of this real friend.

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## More What About A New Hall?

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any jobs would be eliminated by a new Hall. If one district station were incorporated all that would be eliminated would be a building.

Will the new building take away any promotional opportunities? Even though there may be a new Hall, the police problem will remain constant. The same number of men will be needed to continue the work we now carry on the services which the police render to the public. As there will be no reason for eliminating jobs, the need for supervisory personnel will not diminish.

There are in the plans many features which would appeal to a police officer. One of these is a new set-up for a Police Academy which will undoubtedly include a gymnasium, showers and locker space. A library where a man could hit the books while waiting to go to court. There is a cafeteria in the plans which would be just for policemen and employees of the department.

Houston, Texas has a new police building which is comparable to the one proposed for San Francisco. Everything pertaining to the headquarters and courts are in the one building. A cafeteria and gymnasium are two of the most popular features with the policemen down there. Houston had the same problem that we did before the new Hall was built. They had to run from place to place to get complaints signed and to carry out the other functions of their duties. A man coming off the midnight having to go to court would certainly appreciate the conveniences of the new building.

We have endeavored to present these few remarks about the Hall in an effort to show you that a new building will benefit you as a police officer. The aim of your Association has always been to improve working conditions. A modern Hall of Justice would certainly in the long run be a great improvement in the conditions which the average policeman must labor under.

Give great consideration to your vote and the votes of the people in your circle of friends. Draw your own conclusions, but think before you vote.

## MINUTES

Minutes of Tuesday, April 17, 1956, membership meeting.

President Gardner called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

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

All current bills were ordered paid.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** (1) **LEGISLATIVE. a. Salaries.** The Los Angeles Chief Administrative Officer has recommended to the City Council that policemen be given a 11% raise. As of this date there has been no settlement on the wages, longevity, and formula issues.

The Legislative Committee was directed to purchase a copy of the survey report on Los Angeles made by Griffen-shagen and Associates.

**b. Retirement.** The Legislative Committee recommended and the members at the meeting concurred in delaying the presentation of a charter amendment embracing retirement changes. It was felt that the securing of a salary adjustment was more important. It was also pointed out that the November 1956 ballot will have a number of charter amendments affecting the working conditions of other city employee groups. Our entry on this ballot would jeopardize the chances of these measures securing passage.

**CANDIDATES' NIGHT.** The May 15th Association meeting will feature "CANDIDATES' NIGHT." All candidates and speakers on propositions in the June election to be invited to attend. The membership of this Association is likewise enjoined to be in attendance. Much of the successful work of our Legislative Committee has been brought about by the fact that the politicians attending these Candidates' Night affairs are cognizant of the interest of our membership in city affairs. Let us continue—be sure to attend.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS.** Discussed having the conference meet in San Francisco next year. Discussion of ways and means of raising funds for this meeting to be discussed at the May 15th Association meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. after a moment's silence in honor of our departed brothers. "LADIES' NIGHT" social followed.

## National Conference

Several years ago an organization was born which brought together all of the major police associations of the United States. This organization is called the National Conference of Police Associations.

John E. Carton, who is president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of New York City, is president of the National Conference. Jack Halstead of the Los Angeles Police and Fire Protective League is 1st Vice President. There are six vice presidents one of whom is Ted Dolan of your Association.

Some of the cities represented are: New York, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Houston, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Detroit, Minneapolis, Honolulu, Reno, San Diego and Oakland. There are three state organizations representing New York, New Jersey and California through PORAC.

The conference meets once a year to discuss problems, working conditions and legislation affecting policemen. In this day of trans-continental flight, television and the like and era of national thinking we as members derive a great number of benefits from this organization set up all over the country.

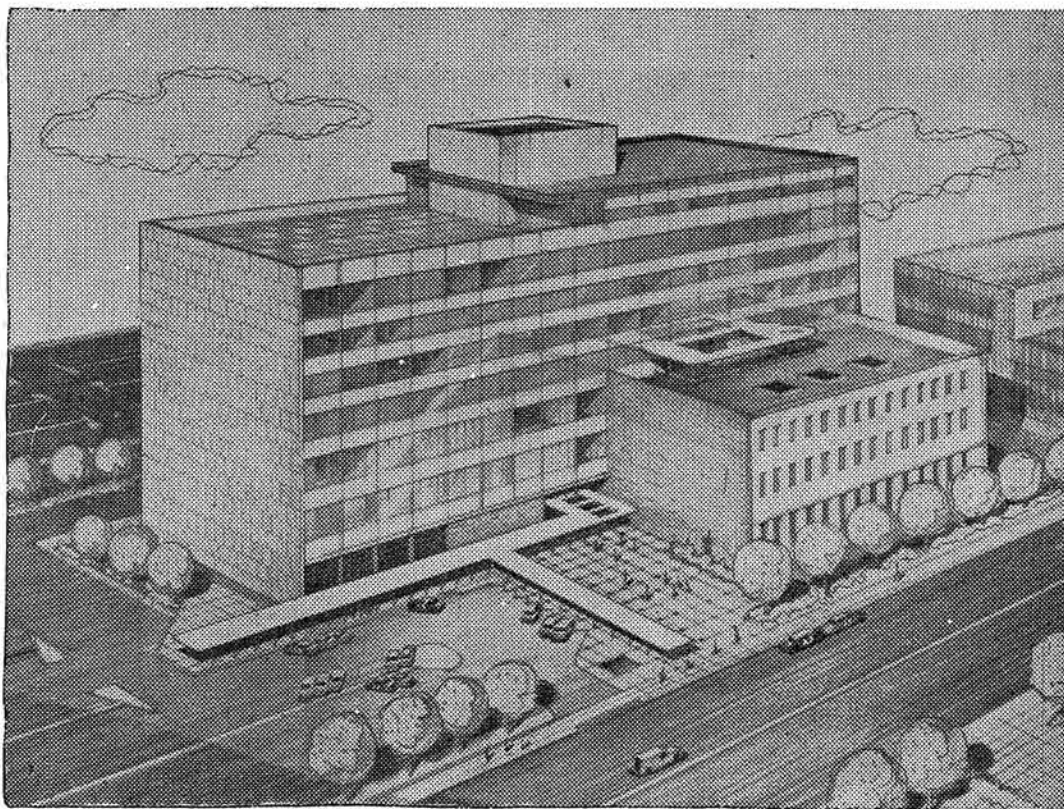
In the past cities as well as nations could be isolationists but today an isolationist is like an ostrich with his head buried in the sand. The old "I can't see you, so you can't see me" is as out of date as a windup phonograph.

Legislation which affects policemen in Kentucky will have its effect on policemen in California. The National Conference maintains an office in Washington, D.C. so that all policemen represented have a constant vigil on all legislation affecting them as policemen. Royce Givens of the Washington, D.C. Policemen's Association is our bird-dog there.

The conference is meeting in New York in June and your Association will be represented.

We are making every effort to have the conference held in San Francisco next year. Your delegate will go back armed with invitations from city and state officials welcoming the National Conference to meet in San Francisco. We sincerely hope that he is successful and that they will vote to come here to the greatest city in the world.

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This is an architect's drawing of how the proposed new Hall of Justice will look. As you can see from the picture, plenty of parking space has been allowed. A great number of windows will make the

new headquarters a much more pleasant place to work compared to the "Black Hole of Calcutta" now called the Hall of Justice.

# Your Credit Union

Every so often someone makes the suggestion that it would be a good idea if we combined the SFPD Federal Credit Union with the S. F. Firemen's Federal Credit Union so that we could have one big credit union. After you got your statements last month apparently a lot of you thought we had already taken that step. It was kind of a shock picking up that envelope with the Firemen's insignia on the outside but it was only an accident. It seems that the firm that handles our mailing service also handles the fire department mailing and inadvertently the girls pulled out the wrong envelopes. So, regardless of the envelopes, you're all still members of your own credit union.

Speaking of statements, we hope all you members got yours. If you have moved recently we may not have your new address. So, like the old joke "if you didn't get this letter because I wasn't sure of the address, please let me know," let us know of your new location.

If your statement didn't check out with your own figures, it may be because you are on payroll deduction. Because of the time lag between when the money is deducted from your check and the date when the credit union gets the money, payroll deductions are only up to date to April 20th.

If you are not a member of the Widows and Orphans, you recently got a letter asking you to join. In order to assist our members, the credit union will gladly arrange loans for the purpose of making up back payments for the Widows and Orphans. Do yourself a double favor. By borrowing the money from the credit union, you have an insured loan which pays off in case of death, and you also have an insured loan which pays off in case of death, and you also have the W & O insurance for \$3500.

To you members who like to vote statistics, here are some very vital ones. They show how your credit union is growing. As of the first of May, your credit union had assets of over half a million dollars, \$507,045.20 to be exact. Shares total \$340,999.15 and loans outstanding amount to \$487,709.16. Since we organized two and a half years ago, we have loaned out over a million dollars. Can we grow larger and offer even more service? That's entirely up to you. Remember, it's YOUR credit union.

If any of you are on the shorts and need help with your loans, come on in and see us. We always stand ready to refinance loans when the member needs help.

Last month we told you a little about

the home mortgage insurance that is available to you at a lower cost through our national organization, CUNA. We asked you to call us or come in to the office for assistance. The response was overwhelming. It got so the phone just wouldn't stop ringing long enough for anyone to transact any business. So we have taken another step to help you out. In a few days, you will receive a letter containing two pamphlets with a great CUNA can offer credit union members at a great saving. That way we can help out all our members. If you are not a member now, come in, we will be only deal of information about the insurance too glad to tell you all about the credit union and what we can do for you.

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