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The present building which was remodeled after the fire and earthquake of 1906 is completely out of date.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 All the features of the building are way out of date.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 -Continued on Page 3

Ladies' Night Party

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 proceeding 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.
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 McNerny 4-1
Sgt. Ward Hanes 4-1
Sgt. Arnold Krieg 3-30
Off. Henry Cupraro 3-22
Off. Stephen Wyne 4-4
Off. Chris. Grutzmacher 4-27
Off. James Hurley 5-1
Off. Walter Cee 5-3

Promoted
Sgt. Howard Frank to Ltent. 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.

FOR CLEAN, WHOLESMORE RECREATION BRING THE CHILDREN TO WHITNEY'S PLAYLAND AT THE BEACH FUN GALORE FOR EVERYONE!

Your Store
G. E. T.
Lakeshore Plaza
More What About A New Hall?

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any jobs would be eliminated by a new Hall. If one district station were incor-
porated 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 con-
tinue 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 supervi-
sory 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 cafe-
teria and gymnasium are two of the
most popular features with the police-
men 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 mid-
night having to go to court would cer-
tainly 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,
betn think before you vote.

MINUTES

Minutes of Tuesday, April 17, 1956,

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) LEGIS-
LATIVE. a. Salaries. The Los Angeles
Chief Administrative Officer has recom-

mended to the City Council that police-
men 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 direct-
ed to purchase a copy of the survey re-
port on Los Angeles made by Griffen-
shagen and Associates.

b. Retirement. The Legislative Com-
mittee recommended and the members
at the meeting concurred in delaying
the presentation of a charter amend-
ment 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 con-
ditions of other city employee groups.

Our entry on this ballot would jeopar-
dize the chances of these measures sec-
uring passage.

CANDIDATES’ NIGHT. The May 15th
Association meeting will feature "CAN-
IDATES’ NIGHT." All candidates and
speakers on propositions in the June
election to be invited to attend. The
membership of this Association is like-
wise enjoined to be in attendance. Much
of the successful work of our Legisla-
tive Committee has been brought about
by the fact that the politicians attending
these Candidates’ Night affairs are cog-

tizant of the interest of our membership
in city affairs. Let us continue—be sure
to attend.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PO-
LICE ASSOCIATIONS. Discussed hav-

ing the conference meet in San Fran-
cisco next year. Discussion of ways and
means of raising funds for this meeting
to be discussed at the May 15th Associa-
tion meeting.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was
adjourned at 8:35 p.m. after a moment’s
silence in honor of our departed broth-
ers. “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 Associa-
tions.

Jack 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 Pro-
tective 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, De-
troit, 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, tele-
vision and the like era of national
thinking we as members derive a great
number of benefits from this organiza-
tion set up all over the country.

In the past cities as well as nations
could be isolationists but today an iso-
lationist 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 Wash-
ington, D.C. so that all policemen repre-

sented have a constant vigil on all legis-
lation 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.

Visit the One Credit Union That Offers
Life Savings Insurance
Loan Protection Insurance
SFPD Federal Credit Union--Park Station
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 April 20th.

If you are not a member of the Windows 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 Windows 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 too glad to tell you all about the credit union and what we can do for you.