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L. A. PAY RAISED

More Protection For Policemen

The following is a report on legislation, all of which was submitted to the present session of the State Legislature and some of which is still pending, either in committee or in one of the two Houses in Sacramento.

A. B. No. 3703—Introduced by Assemblyman Seth Johnson, a former officer of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Protective League. This bill, which pertains to tuberculosis, sets up a disputable presumption with relation to this highly contagious disease.

On Monday, May 6, 1957, Governor Goodwin Knight, in the presence of Brothers Louis Lang and Ted Dolan, signed the bill which has now become law. This bill pertains only to policemen.

A. B. No. 397—Introduced by Assemblyman Crown, of Alameda, which would, if successful, set up a conclusive presumption after ten years of service on a full time status in the public department with relation to the heart.

Presently, A. B. No. 397 is before the Senate Labor Committee, having already successfully passed the Assembly. If we are successful in securing four votes in the Senate Labor Committee, there is

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LONGEVITY AND M-C HAZARD PAY INCLUDED

The following is a bulletin received from the Los Angeles Fire and Police Protective League, the pertinent contents of which are quoted for your information.

"The City Administrative Officer recommended to the City Council today (April 10, 1957) that all sworn members of the Fire and Police Departments be granted a one-step schedule increase with a commensurate increase in longevity pay for the ranks of fireman and policeman. Based on this recommendation, the pay rates would be as follows:

FIREMAN-POLICEMAN

First year	\$ 440.00
Second year	464.00
Third year	489.00
Fourth year	516.00
Tenth year	530.50
Fifteenth year	545.00
Twentieth year	560.00
2-Wheel Motorcycle Riding Bonus	50.00
Sergeant	575.00
Lieutenant	641.00
Captain	797.00
Inspector	992.00
Deputy Chief	1,236.00
Chief of Police	1,625.00

The salary formula enacted into an ordinance last year disclosed that pay rates have increased in this area by 6.9%. After the granting of the general

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Always 'In Service'

Last week we had the pleasure to visit a large store looking for an automatic dishwasher for the wife for Mother's Day. During the conversation with the clerk, we asked about how the store financed items like major appliances. When he named the financing institution, we followed up with a question about how much the interest charge was. His answer—EIGHT PER CENT. Now the financing institution he was talking about was a major one, not some fly-by-night outfit that relies on high interest to cover their bad risks and collection costs. As a matter of fact, that rate is quite consistent with the lowest rates available to non-credit union members. Check for yourself. Next time you need a few bucks for something, ask the store what rate their financing institution charges. Drop in to any loaning body and ask them what extra charges are added on top of their loans, such as penalty charges for advance pay off of loans. Find out for yourself what we've been telling you all along; there is absolutely no place you can get money cheaper than your own credit union. During the more than three years that your credit union has been organized, outside money costs have climbed steadily. During that time, the credit union rates have actually dropped.

We know just how much the credit union loans have done to help our members for they have told us so, time and time again. We thought you might be interested in reading a letter that was received last week.

It was addressed to the Board of Directors and it said:

"Gentlemen:

"This is just a little note to let you know how grateful my wife and family are for our credit union. I had sold my home and was informed by the realtor that we would receive our money very shortly. In the immediate future after receiving this word from the realtor we purchased another home. We placed a deposit on the new home. We would have lost this deposit along with other monies if it had not been for the prompt and courteous manner which we received a loan from the credit union saving us everything.

"My wife and family along with my self are deeply grateful for the manner in which you received our problem and enabled us to solve same."

If you've changed your address
PLEASE fill out Post Office
Form No. 22-B.

Now the problem facing this man was a very major one to him. If he had gone to outside sources for help, they would have examined his problem on the cold and factual basis of dollars and cents. We don't operate on that basis. Whether it sounds gung ho or not, our basis for operation has always been and always will be "Not for charity, not for profit, but for service." Try us and see, the next time you need help.

The results from our questionnaire postcard about a Christmas Club type plan have been very gratifying. However, there are still a lot of you who haven't returned your post cards yet. How about digging them up and checking whichever square you wish and dropping them in the mail? We must go to Uncle Sam with our plans on this matter soon and we need as complete a set of returns as possible.

As this is being written, the Federal examiners have just completed their audit of our books. Their results proved very pleasing to your Board of Directors. Next issue we hope to be able to bring you a few of the examiner's comments.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The credit union office at the rear of Park Station is now open for business from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VITAL STATISTICS

Retirements:

William O'Halloran, 3-8
Todd J. Warren, 4-1
Carl R. Marcus, 5-1
Joseph J. Higgins, 5-12
Robert Brown, 5-12
Sidney Hinson, 5-14
Pat McNally, 5-16

Resigned:

Thomas McKenzie, 4-21
George Burafato, 5-6
George Radford, 5-7

To Fire Dept.:

Robert Coyle, 4-22

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SFPD Federal Credit Union
Park Station

Minutes, Tues., April 16, 1957, Membership Meeting

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

ROLL CALL: Present—Pres. Simpson (Taraval), 2nd Vice President Weiner (Park), Secretary Hegarty (Northern), Treasurer Burke (Inspectors), Sgt-at-arms McKee (Fixed Post), Directors Bell (Northern), Raabe (Richmond), Barberini (Fixed Post), Williams (Motorcycles), Buckman (A.P.B.), Green (Headquarters), Estupinian (City Prison), and Dijanich (Range).

Absent—1st Vice Pres. Vogelsang (Traffic Engineering) (excused), Directors Nieto (Central), Sisser (Southern), Amoroso (Potrero), Cook (Mission), Powers (Park), Pulizzano (Ingleside), Calhoun, (Taraval), Flynn (Inspectors), K. Conroy (Juvenile), and Fowlie (Academy).

MINUTES. Motion carried that the reading of the minutes of the March membership meeting be dispensed with as same were published in the April edition of the "Policeman".

COMMUNICATIONS.

1) Ltr 3-22-57 from Irene Downes, widow of our late Bro. John Downes, expressing appreciation of expression of sympathy.

2) Ltr 3-22-57 from Bro. Charlie Yaeger and Mrs. Yaeger expressing appreciation of assistance rendered during Mrs. Yaeger's recent illness.

3) Assn. ltr 3-25-57 to local assemblymen requesting their support of AB 397 (heart bill).

4) Assn. ltr 4-1-57 to Senators Robert I. McCarthy and John F. McCarthy requesting their support of AB 397.

5) Ltr 3-27-57 from Assemblyman Gaffney, 24th Dist., advising AB 397 passed Assembly this date and now goes to Senate.

6) Ltr 3-28-57 from Assemblyman Busterud, 22nd Dist., reporting favorably on AB 397.

8) Ltr 4-2-57 from Assemblyman Weinberger, 21st Dist., advising he supported AB 397 which is now before Senate.

9) Ltr 4-3-57 from Assemblyman O'Connell, 23rd Dist., advising AB 397 going over to Senate and will be heard by their Labor Committee on 4-22-57, and that he was one of the co-authors of the bill.

10) Ltr 4-3-57 from Senator Robt. McCarthy advising he will keep position of this Assn. in mind when bill goes before the Senate.

11) Assn. ltr 4-6-57 to Police Commission requesting permission to take preliminary steps towards having a number of retirement changes placed on the November ballot.

11) Assn. ltr 4-6-57 to Police Commission requesting permission under Rule 438 of the Dept's. Rules and Regulations to oppose any change in present residential requirement for entrance into the department.

13) Assn ltr 4-13-57 to Veteran Police Officers' Assn. acknowledging receipt of their proposed charter amendment providing for up to \$25 increase in their pensions and inviting their committee to our April meeting.

14) Assn ltr 4-13-57 to S.F. Fire Fighters Local 798 acknowledging receipt ltr 4-4-57 requesting Thomas O'Sullivan be permitted to address our April membership meeting on behalf of his candidacy as a member of the Health Service System Board.

15) Los Angeles Fire & Police Protective League News, March issue, advising pay raise in sight.

16) Assn ltr 4-25-57 to Judiciary Committee, Board of Supervisors advising this Assn. very much interested in having the city and county participate financially towards the support of the Health Service System.

CANDIDATES FOR HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEM.

Barney Lenhart and Thomas O'Sullivan of the Fire Department were present and spoke on behalf of their candidacies as members of the Health Service System.

REPORT OF TREASURER. Treasurer Burke rendered the monthly financial statement.

BILLS. Motion carried that all current bills be paid.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. Chairman Ted Dolan (Academy) reported as follows:

1) PAY INCREASES. The Los Angeles Chief Administrative Officer recommended to the City Council on April 10, 1957 that all members of the police department be granted a one-step increase with a commensurate increase in longevity pay for the rank of policeman (patrolman). He also recommended that the motorcycle hazard pay be increased to \$50 per month.

Oakland police are asking for \$517 per month for patrolmen.

2) AB 397 (Heart Bill). This bill which was supposed to be a joint police-fire effort for coverage under the 10 years presumption for heart disability was found to cover only firemen. Policemen being covered for hernia only. Meetings have since been held with several members of the legislature towards the inclusion of policemen for heart disability. He and Bro. Louis Lang (Inspec-

tors) will go to Sacramento on April 29th for further hearings on the matter.

3) RETIREMENT CHANGES. The meeting concurred in the recommendations of the Legislative Committee that we seek the following changes in our retirement this November: (1) increased cash benefits for death after retirement; (2) continuation of full allowance to widow upon death of a member after his retirement for industrial disability, regardless of the cause of death; and (3) to allow retired members to earn unlimited amounts in outside employment, after their attainment of age 55 or after qualification for service retirement, without affecting their retirement allowances.

4) RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT. Reported that the firemen are against the proposed legislation changing the present residential requirement. (We have requested permission from the Police Commission to oppose any change in the requirement).

5) RETIREMENTS. Bros. Pat McNally (Southern) and Todd Warren (Motorcycles) received disability pensions. (Both members were represented by Bro. Dolan). Investigating whether our late Bro. John Downes' widow is eligible for a pension.

DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND (ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS). Pres. Simpson reporting for Chairman Alan Rosenbaum (Taraval) advised that investigation is being made towards the adoption of an insurance plan that would assist members who have used up their sick time. Expects to have a full report within a month's time.

HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEM. Discussion had on the qualifications of the various candidates seeking election and re-election to the Health Service System Board.

Bro. Robert Mattox (Richmond) appointed as a member of the Assn. Health Service Committee to serve with Bro. George Jeffery (A.P.B.).

FALSE ARREST. Bro. Dolan reported that no action has been taken as yet on the recommendations of the Attorney General for changes in the penal code. The matter of arrests is one of the changes recommended.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. after a moment's silence in honor of our departed brothers.

REFRESHMENTS. Bros. Robert Bertelsen and Harry Getchell (Taraval) served refreshments following the termination of the meeting.

James J. Hegarty
Secretary

Collection Results

Below are contributions by stations and bureaus collected for our departed Brother John Downes:

Co. A	\$145.00
Co. B	93.00
Co. C	55.50
Co. D	76.00
Co. E	92.00
Co. F	89.00
Co. G	102.00
Co. H	77.00
B of I	90.00
3W m/c	77.00
Solos	69.00
Juv.	36.00
Rm. 117	9.50
Co. K	151.00
Prop. Cl. (Inc. Co. I, APB, Prison & Hall)....	204.00
Outside	40.00
Welfare Fund	100.00
Comm. McKinnon	100.00
Total	\$1606.00

At the request of Mrs. Downes we publish the following:

San Francisco, Calif., April 15, 1957.
To the Police Association,
Park Station,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Friends:

With the deepest feeling of gratitude I take the liberty to address this letter with "dear friends"—for there hasn't been anyone else, nor any other organization or group of people, which has given me so much sincere sympathy and complete understanding with the great loss of my husband, John Downes, as the various branches of the San Francisco Police Department has shown me, at a time when I so much needed it.

To every one connected with the Department, may I say, quite reverently, Thank you, for everything you have done, for your most helpful moral support and for your wonderful financial support.

The first one will sustain me in my grief, for I loved my husband very much and his departure has caused an irreplaceable loss—the latter one will help me

enormously and substantially to take care of my financial obligations. The check received from you—a contribution from John's fellow officers, from the S. F. Police Department, an organization John was so proud to belong to—will assist me so much to carry on for the sake of our two babies and myself.

May I say once more to all of you: Thank you so much—you are wonderful.

Most sincerely,
MRS. JOHN DOWNES.

MORE ABOUT

L. A. Pay Raise

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5½ per cent increase, this will leave "in the bank" to apply toward a pay raise next year approximately 1.4 per cent. The index now stands at 106.9. If it should reach 108.1 or higher by next year, another 5½ per cent increase would be indicated.

The City Administrative Officer failed to recommend a step plan or any other method of readjustment of the pay rates of the promotional ranks other than the general 5½ per cent. The League is transmitting to the City Council a request that longevity pay be granted to all ranks of both departments based upon the length of service within the department and based upon the pay of the particular rank.

The League Board is fully aware of the inequity presently suffered by the promotional ranks. We appreciate that the burden of leadership and supervision in these difficult times falls upon them. We want members of the promotional ranks to know that we will concentrate all of our efforts and energies in behalf of the longevity pay plan.

(Unconfirmed information this date (May 9th) has been received that the Los Angeles City Council has approved the recommendations of the City Administrative Officer. We are requesting confirmation of this.)

More Protection

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a good possibility that this law will be run into the books.

A. B. No. 1857—Introduced by Assemblyman McGee, is legislation sponsored by the Attorney General of the State of California and has in it protection of police officers against false arrest. We are very much interested in this legislation and have, wherever we could, attempted to aid its passage. It has already passed the Assembly Committee and is at present before the Assembly, and will in a few days be assigned to the Senate Committee for hearings and action.

A. B. No. 3684—Introduced by Mr. Don Allen of Los Angeles, is another amendment to Section 43.5a of the Civil Code and deals with legislation on the part of and cause of action against peace officers. In the event that **A. B. No. 1857** is defeated, or the portion pertaining to False Arrest was deleted from this section, then **A. B. No. 3684** will be pushed by your representatives.

A. B. No. 1209 has been successfully passed and signed by the Governor. Although it does not benefit us directly, it might be possible for sheriffs in counties below a certain population level to benefit equally under the State Retirement System.

At the present time we are doing everything within our power to ensure the adoption of the ten-year conclusive presumption as it pertains to the heart. In our opinion, this is the most important legislation concerning police officers that has been introduced to the State Legislature since the original heart presumption.

Nine representatives of California policemen and the Peace Officers' Research Association are all working towards the successful passage of the above legislation; namely, Captain E. Davis and Sergeant Ken Carpenter (Los Angeles), Patrolmen Pat O'Connell and William Lovejoy (Oakland), Patrolman Roland Stegman (Richmond), Sergeant Dave Hoyt (Berkeley), and Ted Dolan, Louis Lang, and Vincent Simpson (San Francisco).

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