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'YES' VOTE URGED

Off Duty Injuries

At the last Association meeting this subject may arise. Most of us are not aware more policemen get together the subject may come. Most of us are not aware of the situation with regard to off duty injuries.

Many men are under the impression that there is no such coverage, but there is!

The important thing to remember is this: If you are doing police work which you undertook because of the fact that you are a police officer, you ARE covered. Police duty is police duty whether on or off shift. You are entitled to protection when performing the same.

Recently a patrolman en route home after completing his tour of duty had a heart attack while assisting a motorist in distress. This act, though performed off duty, was considered an industrial injury that arose while performing police duty. His widow was granted a pension on the premise that because her husband was a policeman he was obligated to render assistance at the time. There are similar cases on record.

Guns, for example, are a hazard in themselves. The police officer must

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Before there was an Association conditions for policemen remained status quo. Since 1945 our wages have increased \$316.00. The work week has been cut from 48 to 40 hours per week.

We now enjoy 3 weeks vacation—pay for overtime—paid holidays—our retirement benefits have increased—the present salary formula was installed—these and other benefits have been brought about through unity and hard work through our Association.

If you are of a mind that these conditions would have come about on a natural look at other city employee groups who waited for the mountain to come to them. Because of our Association we have them now.

The newest benefit of membership is representation before the Retirement Board at no cost to the member. A monthly newspaper keeps you informed and in close touch with all activities of the Association.

Affiliation with national and state police groups gives you a voice in Washington, D. C. as well as Sacramento.

Our liaison with the Board of Supervisors is apparent. Before there was an association many disconnected and wildcat groups tried for this liaison and failed.

At this time we are spending more than we are taking in. The difference is borne by surpluses from past years. But, since these surpluses are diminishing each year within 2 or 3 years we will be unable to operate at our present level of expenditures.

Salaries paid officers of the Association are not commensurate

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OASI Problem Arises

Our old nemesis OASI (Old Age and Survivors Insurance or as it is commonly called, Social Security) is again in the news. Some of the miscellaneous employees are trying to get Social Security forced upon all city employees.

A program of this nature is wonderful for people with no retirement protection, but for policemen it is not a good program. The age of retirement is 65 and the disability benefits are small. At this time the contribution is low but is steadily creeping upward. It is entirely possible that in the long run you would pay more for Social Security than you pay for your present retirement and receive less coverage. There is no reason to think that the contribution rate to OASI will end up less than 10 percent.

We now belong to a system which is actuarially sound and not on a pay as you go basis. Our retirement provisions which are now in need of overhaul are even in their present state better than OASI holds for the future. Integration with or supplementing Social Security to our retirement is unwise.

It is not outside the realm of probability that integration or supplementation with the government's program would be much like a cancer. It would grow until the OASI program completely snuffs out the life of our present retirement system. There would be a great savings to the taxpayers if Social Security were to replace our retirement plan but there would of necessity be less protection for you and your family. You can't buy a Cadillac for the price of a Vespa motor scooter.

The only way that Social Security could be foisted upon policemen is for policemen themselves to request inclusion in the program. Don't be sold a bill of goods. As an association, as members of the National Conference of Police Associations and as members of PORAC we have opposed the OASI program for members of our profession.

The National Conference took the proper steps in Washington, D. C., to exclude us and it would be wise for us to re-affirm our stand against it.

OASI, as it now stands and as it promises to stand in the future, is not for men in our hazardous line of endeavor who wish protection for ourselves and for our families.

New men coming into the business have no guarantee that they will be excluded and it is up to us to see that the policemen of the future are better protected than we were when we entered the police profession.

Vital Statistics

Promotions:

None

Retirements:

Frank Buckenmeyer 3-1'
Norman White 2-1
Edward Hahn, Sr. 2-16
Fred Schuler 3-20

Deaths:

Edward Hahn, Sr. 3-22

Resignations:

Earl Taylor 3-11
George Barulich 3-22
Dino P. Restelli 3-27

Appointments:

Aitken, Grant J.
Buich, Steve L.
Casey, Michael
Chceci, Robert
Clark, Lee R.
Crowley, Gerald A.
Culloty, Terence
Dagit, Robert E.
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Dillon, Robert J.
Forni, Robert
Greene, Jerry A.
Gunzel, Raymond C.
Halverson, Leland A.
Henson, Richard L.
Lando, Donald J.
McDermott, John D.
McNaughton, Gerald R.
McVeigh, Lee A.
Medin, William E.
Miles, Donald S.
Miller, Richard L.
Moriarty, Stephen P.
Murphy, Dennis E.
Odmann, Stanley J.
Parina, John A.
Paulson, Paul W.
Pettingill, Robert A.
Priolo, Salvatore J.
Randall, Richard T.
Seright, William R.
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Smith, Darol I.
Ziakoff, Walter F.

**NEXT
MEETING**
Tuesday, April 22
8:00 P.M.
Dovre Hall
3548 - 18th Street

Minutes, Tues., April 15, 1958, Membership Meeting

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

Roll call of officers: Pres. Vogelsang (P); 1st V. Pres. McKee (E); 2nd V. Pres. Weiner (P); Treas. Burke (P); Secty. Gardner (P); Sgt. at Arms Jeffery (P);

Directors: Co. A, Serna (P); Co. B, Sisser (A); Co. C, Milon (P); Co. D, Dempsey (A); Co. E, Bell (P); Co. F, Cole (P); Co. G, Raabe (P); Co. H, Pulizzano (A); Co. I, Mattox (P); APB Cooney (E); Fixed Post, Barberini (P); M/C Combis (P); B of I Flynn (P); Juvenile Driscoll (A); City Prison Tiboni (A); Range Dijanich (P); Academy Fowlie (A); Headquarters Green (P).

Legend—(P), present; (A), absent; (E), excused.

Reading of minutes waived as they were published in the last issue of the newspaper.

Communications: Letter from Police Commission re: Meeting about changing watches.

Letter from National Conference of Police Associations, announcing annual convention June 30 to July 4.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance \$1876.25; Legislative Fund, \$334.06; Expenses for March, \$401.37. 1597 paid members.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee: (Dolan) Los Angeles pay raise not yet granted. The matter is still before the council and the Mayor has threatened veto. The League will go to court if necessary to get a raise to \$545. Mayor Poulson said that he will not sign any pay raise for any city employees this year.

(Lang). The committee went to the Retirement Board to submit proposed retirement changes—(a) 25 year retirement and a percentage for every year

over twenty-five up to 63 per cent; (b) full carry over to widow or two-thirds of salary to widow; (c) restriction on earning power; (d) full carry over on disability pension; (e) instead of last three years, make it the highest three years; (f) 8 per cent ceiling on contribution rate; (g) survivors benefits, similar to the OASI formula; and (h) death benefit.

Blood Bank: (Vogelsang) 60 units on hand. Next blood drive will be in July.

False Arrest Committee: Matter now in hands of the Supervisors.

Change of Watch Committee: Police Commission ruled out the seniority sign-up. They said that we could conduct a survey of the entire department to extend the 4 to 12 and midnight watches. You will have a choice of retaining the present system or staying 3, 5, 7, or 9 weeks on a night watch.

The Commission was interested in extending the watches.

Credit Union Committee: (Diggins) Transition to State Credit Union well under way. The license from the state has arrived and as soon as the books are audited by the Federal Government the license will become effective.

Election-Committee: (Bell) 51 per cent of the membership voted. 700 yes; 129 no, and 1 ballot unmarked. The committee was praised for a job well done.

Longevity Committee: (Lang) A sum of \$2,442.00 was deposited in the bank to cover most of the payment to the attorney in the longevity suit.

Board of Directors: 1) M/S That the Association concur with the finding of the Board of Directors in the matter of looking into the matter of an outside representative for the Association.

Passed. President Vogelsang appointed a committee to study the situation: McKee, Barberini and Gardner.

2) M/S That the Legislative Committee have full power to act in the matter of the charter amendment concerning retirement changes. Passed.

NCPA: M/S That our elected delegate Dolan be sent to the convention of the National Conference in Detroit June 30 to July 4.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. in memory of our departed brothers.

PETER C. GARDNER,
Secretary

Judge Rules Newark Employee Residence Ordinance Invalid

A Newark, New Jersey, Superior Judge, John B. McGeehan, has ruled Newark's 26-year-old residence ordinance invalid, which requires municipal employees to be residents of the city, according to the New York World-Telegram for April 12. The judge held that the city lacked the power to compel the employees to live within the city limits.

The ordinance had been ignored until about two years ago, when the City Council conducted a survey and found that about 585 city workers had homes outside Newark's borders, exclusive of school teachers to whom the law did not apply.

The City Council then issued an order giving those employees living outside of Newark until last January to move back into the city or lose their jobs. Fifteen of the employees so affected elected to test the ordinance and the present decision resulted.

S.F. POLICE CREDIT UNION

FORMERLY SFPD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

PARK STATION

NOW UNDER STATE CHARTER WITH EVEN MORE TO OFFER

Credit Union Doings

Our credit union insurance story has been told you many times and in many ways. Because we're proud of the coverage we give the members of the credit union through CUNA Mutual Insurance Society we have always thought of our insurance program as one of the most important services made available through credit union membership. We hope that by now we have told our story well enough that every member knows that his savings have double dollar value up to \$2000, and that any loan, no matter how big or small, will be paid off in case of death or permanent disability.

•However, last week we sat down at the adding machine and ran off some totals on insurance payoffs. These figures were so impressive we felt you would like us to pass them along to you.

Since your credit union was organized, in November of 1953, we have paid, in premiums, to CUNA Mutual a total of \$22,461.74. In return, members' claims totaling \$35,017.51 have been paid by CUNA. Double dollar shares have returned \$6,767.59 to deceased members' families. Loans totaling \$10,557.47 have been paid off for deceased members' families. Impressive as these figures are, they cannot begin to show how much financial suffering was avoided in the homes of these deceased members.

Loans totaling \$17,692.45 have been paid off for members whose physical disabilities have forced them to leave the business. These members, now living on reduced incomes, have been freed from the problem of trying to stretch a smaller budget to include loan payments based on their former higher incomes.

Speaking in terms of dollars and cents, the members of this credit union have actually gained a total of \$12,555.77 through our insurance program. This does not include several thousand dol-

lars in dividends which have been paid back to the credit union from CUNA. But in the more important sense of insurance, a greater benefit has been returned to many credit union members and families, a freedom from financial problems in their time of trouble.

Well, after numerous promises and false starts, the day has finally arrived. As of May 2nd, 1958, the SFPD Federal Credit Union became the S. F. Police Credit Union. No outsider could guess by looking at the minor change in the name what a tremendous amount of work and, even more important, how much cooperation by you members went into such a changeover. In later issues of the paper we will go into some of the many benefits now available to you members because of this change. The staff wishes to express their gratitude in the confidence shown by the membership in wholeheartedly backing this change. With over 1800 members in the credit union, only two members chose to withdraw, and one of the two was a retired member no longer actively connected with the credit union. Also your response on the share transfer agreements was so good that only one account had to be trusted to the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions. The examiners were very pleasantly surprised with the outstanding return of the membership of the various forms we had to call on you to fill out.

FUNDS SOUGHT TO PAY WASHINGTON POLICE TO PATROL ON DAYS OFF

The Washington POST reports that the Washington Metropolitan Police Department is short 205 men of its normal complement in the uniformed force of 2300 policemen. During the past year some 100 police officers have resigned for better opportunities elsewhere.

The Washington City Commission sought between \$190,000 and \$200,000 from the local governing body in an effort to have funds with which to pay policemen to patrol the city on their days off.

Longevity Suit

Recently a department-wide collection of \$2.00 per man was taken up to pay an attorney to take our fight for longevity pay to the Superior Court.

\$2,442.00 was collected. This money was used to reimburse the Association treasury from which payment had been drawn. As you can see by the amount collected, there was considerable apathy on the part of some of the membership toward this matter. When it is made clear that longevity will be for all ranks, perhaps there will be better response in future matters of this nature.

The new By-laws correct the matter of assessments. They are now the same as dues—no pay—no membership. Delinquents will lose their membership and contingent benefits.

Vital Statistics

Promotions: NONE.

Deaths:

Chester Nelson	44
Emmett Reid	46
Mario Marino	4-19

Resignations:

Albert Ruppel	4-7
John McDermott	4-14
Ray E. Wilson	4-25

Appointments:

Robert Diehl	4-14
Dr. Edward K. Strong to Police Surgeon	5-1

Retirements:

Lenox Etherington	12-26-57
Jeremiah Donovan	3-1
Herbert Smith	4-1
Rudolph Hermann	4-6
Charles Petit	4-10 (D)
George Ellis	5-1 (D)
Dr. John Graves	5-1
William Ward	5-1
Henry Honeff	5-1
Michael Rielly	5-1
William Stanton	5-1 (D)

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8:00 P.M.

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