

# THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

and

## S. F. POLICE CREDIT UNION

# NOTEBOOK

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## POLICE REVIEW BOARDS ARE STILL A THREAT

By PETER GARDNER

The reeking body of police review boards refuses to stay buried. The body snatchers who insist on exhuming the issue are usually proponents of individual liberties and historically are undeclared enemies of law enforcement and those who have dedicated their lives to that profession. They will not rest until they have had their way and the police service becomes an arm of the vociferous leaders of the minority instead of the majority whose interest is the common good of all.

It is incumbent upon all members of the police profession to acquaint themselves with police review boards and the threat to fair and impartial law enforcement that they constitute. Supporters of such boards are all activists who are working daily for their goal. We must also work to counteract the harm they are doing. We all have friends whom we contact frequently and we should see to it that they learn the facts and are made aware of the danger that police review boards pose to our democratic heritage.

In essence a police review board is a quasi judicial body whose function it is to second guess with impunity every decision of the police administrators of our city. Proponents have stated publicly that chiefs of police would welcome help from review boards and that the end result would be better administration. This is nonsense. What would happen is a further demoralization of policemen who would stand in peril of triple jeopardy for every decision that they make in the course of their duty. If a police officer steps out of line there is plenty of existing machinery under our law to see that he is punished in proportion to his act.

He can be tried in court and before a police commission and any third trial for the same offense would be in complete opposition to our constituted system of justice. Those who favor these boards cry for justice for the minority

and yet are blind to the rights of still another minority, those in law enforcement. Our rights do not count with them. The fact that chiefs of police are very much aware of pressures resulting from the social upheaval of the past few

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## Propositions 'A' & 'I' On November Ballot

On August 29th all of the city propositions were given their letter designations. Proposition "A" is the measure which will remove the restriction on the earnings of a city employee retired for service. Proposition "I" is the pay increase for Sergeants. It seems logical to assume that there will be no opposition to "A" as it will have no effect upon the tax rate.

Proposition "I" (according to the newspaper) will cost .39 on the tax rate and a total of \$59,947.00. This is a proposal that has been tabled for many years in deference to other measures that were put on the ballot; the Sergeants were willing to wait and this year had the opportunity to present their petition.

We have supported other individual ranks within the department for adjustments in their salaries and there is no valid reason not to support this one. The Association has to represent minorities within its structure as well as it represents individuals and the entire membership.

Proposition "A" is a long-sought after measure. It means that a man who retires from service will have no restriction on his ability to earn a salary. It means that when he retires he is really free to do whatever he wants to do without fear of losing his retirement rights. "A" could very well affect every man and therefore should have the unqualified support of every policeman and his family.

## P.O.R.A.C. Conference

The Annual Conference of P.O.R.A.C. will be held in Palm Springs, California September 24th through 28th. One of the most important issues ever to face California's law enforcement men will be discussed, that of police review boards. P.O.R.A.C. can be an extremely effective weapon in the fight against them.

As you already know, P.O.R.A.C. is a state-wide association of police and sheriffs' associations banded together for the advancement of the profession and the interchange of information of interest to all peace officers in California. We are charter members of the organization and have played an important role through its history. Your representatives will be there trying to do a job for you.

## DEPARTMENT PISTOL MATCHES

The Departmental Pistol Matches will commence on Thursday, September 19 at the Police Range. Although this announcement may be a trifle late for the formation of teams from the various stations and bureaus, it will definitely not be too late for individual entries.

Rangemaster Bob Abernathy and his crew work hard to make the matches an enjoyable occasion and deserve good support.

There will be a series of three matches on the third Thursday of September, October and November. Individual, team, and aggregate prizes will be awarded. Come on and shoot.

**NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 17th, 1963  
8:00 P.M.  
2225 - 48th AVENUE**

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 20th MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President White at 8:25 p.m. but there being no quorum present, the only business transacted was the roll call of officers and the presentation of the Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Pres. White (P); 1st V.P. Allen (P); 2nd V.P. Marelli (E); Treas. Barbero (P); Secty. Gardner (P); Sgt. at Arms Schaumleffel (E); Members of the Executive Board: Amoroso (P); McKee (P); Willett (P); Bigarani (E); Quigley (P)

Treasurer's Report rendered and accepted.

M/S that the bills be paid. PASSED.

A discussion of various issues followed but no formal action was taken. It was decided that October should be Candidates' Night.

PETER C. GARDNER,  
Recording Secretary

## S. F. Police Officers' Assn. Financial and Statistical Report

TOTAL MEMBERS AS OF AUG. 19, 1963.. 1,531  
(Active 1,520, Retired 11)

### EXPENDITURES

Bill for meeting re: Ass'n sponsored ball, passed at meeting of 7/16/63.....	\$ 65.24
Legislative Dinner committee, motion passed at meeting of 7/16/63.....	250.00
Rental for TV's for Ward 45—June 24 to July 31, and rental for August.....	35.48
Officers' expenses to July 31.....	50.00
Typewriter rentals for July.....	14.56
Rent, August.....	100.00
Legal Fees, August.....	300.00
Clerical Expense—Retirement Cases, August.....	250.00
Answering Service.....	6.10
Pacific Telephone.....	19.14
S.F. Policemen's Fund, July.....	22.41
Officers' Salaries, August.....	200.00
Notebook Expenses, part of April and all of June and July issues.....	318.48

### FRANK BARTHELEMY FUND

Total Collected to date.....	\$1,632.55
Paid.....	1,335.00
Balance to be paid.....	297.55
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,928.96</b>

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	S.F. Police Credit Union	UCB Com'cial Account	UCB Savings Account
Balance as of July 16, 1963.....	\$ 5.15	\$2,169.09	\$2,926.26
Deposit of Dues.....		2,000.04	669.46
Add'l contributions, Barthelemy Fund.....		200.55	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 5.15</b>	<b>\$4,378.08</b>	<b>\$3,595.72</b>
Less Expenditures above.....		1,428.96	
<b>Balance as of August 20, 1963.....</b>	<b>\$ 5.15</b>	<b>\$2,949.12</b>	<b>\$3,595.72</b>

MARTIN J. BARBERO, Treasurer

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years and have bent every effort to see that the rights of minorities are protected means nothing to them. What they will have is a public forum to vent their spleen upon the police who in turn will be helpless to make the truth known.

There is an obvious demoralization of law enforcement which results from pressures and counter pressures that have built up as part of our times. The police officer stands in the middle as society's representative to insure a peaceful and safe existence for all. Yet there is no other group of people who have been so badly maligned in the United States today. Supporters of police review boards may not be Communists but they certainly do their work for them by keeping law enforcement on the defensive and seeing to it that policemen are thoroughly confused and somewhat apprehensive about making arrests.

No policeman can condone false arrest or brutality. Still these "liberals" construe every action that the police take in carrying out the laws of the people as brutal. If policemen are involved in keeping the peace and arrests have to be made to carry out their sworn duty then the hue and cry of brutality goes up in a tearful crescendo.

Those who follow this line are usually in favor of police review boards and the tragedy of it all is that the average citizen, usually a supporter of good law enforcement, never speaks his piece or takes part in public demonstrations. It is these average citizens who must be informed about review boards and how harmful they are to the kind of law enforcement that serves the common good. After all the common good is one of the basics in American democracy and a tyranny of the minority subverts the common good ultimately harming all.

## Police Bowling League

The second annual Police Winter Bowling League will commence on Thursday, September 19th at Noon at the Park Bowl.



Any policemen interested in getting into the league should contact Sam Moore at the Mission Station (during the night watches) before Monday, September 16th.

## Investment Course

Mr. Noel R. Eichenlaub, an Account Executive with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith and who has had considerable experience instructing investment courses, has recently approached the Association and requested permission to conduct a four-week course on investments to the members. The proposed course will be approximately one hour and a half long, held once a week, and given without obligation to the members on their own time.

Among the areas the course will cover are the different types of securities, personal investment programs, and sound methods of investing. The course will be held at the Association's headquarters, and the admission will be free, but on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to attend such a course, please call Noel Eichenlaub at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, 301 Montgomery St., EXbrook 2-2311 as soon as possible, so that he may make a reservation for you and send you the necessary material. The course will begin as soon as it is filled.

If the response is such that one course will not satisfy the demand, Mr. Eichenlaub has consented to conduct a second course. We feel that this would be a worth-while program for any members wishing to attend. Call early.

# SECURITY IS A . . . CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT

Why are Credit Unions so safe?

**BECAUSE:**

**Examinations** — Your Credit Union operates under a state charter, state examiners inspect it regularly. The laws which regulate Credit Unions are strict.

**Bonding**—Your Credit Union has a surety bond which protects money and valuable papers against robbery, forgery, dishonesty, and other hazards. Everyone who handles your money is covered.

**Reserves**—The law states that a big percentage of each year's earnings must be put into reserves. These reserves protect against losses from uncollectable debts.

**Loan Insurance**—If an insured member dies, his loan is paid up in full. Loan Protection insurance protects both his heirs and the Credit Union.

**Bank**—Most of the available money, of course, is always on loan to the members. Some cash is kept on hand for daily operation, and the remainder is deposited in the bank.

**Audits**—Your supervisory (auditing) committee is responsible for regular check-ups of the books. Outside auditors are hired when needed.

**AND THAT'S NOT ALL . . .**

There's another important reason why your money is safe in the Credit Union:

It's invested in loans to you and your fellow members!!!

Happiness is having money in your CREDIT UNION account.

**Officers of The San Francisco Police Officers Association**

Ray White, President  
 William Allen, 1st Vice President  
 Eligio Marelli, 2nd Vice President  
 Peter Gardner, Recording Secretary  
 Martin Barbero, Treasurer  
 Ralph Schaumleffel, Sergeant-at-Arms

**MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

William Bigarani, Patrol  
 Robert McKee, Traffic  
 Don Willett, Bureau of Inspectors  
 Mario Amoroso, Headquarters  
 James Quigley, Retired Men

**THE SCREENING COMMITTEE**

Raymond White .....OV 1-0614  
 William Allen .....LO 6-8865  
 Eligio Marelli .....VA 6-5120  
 William Bigarani .....JU 5-8861

**GENERAL COUNSEL**

J. W. Ehrlich .....GA 1-4530  
 333 Montgomery Street  
**ANSWERING SERVICE**  
 EX 2-2888

# S. F. Police Credit Union

## FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT

For period ending August 31, 1963

ASSETS	
Total Loans.....	\$3,319,164.65
CUNA, Holding Loans .....	2,612.64
Cash, Hibernia .....	
Cash, B. of Am. ....	
Cash, Total .....	264,966.74
Petty Cash .....	10.00
Change Fund .....	750.00
Savings & Loan Shares.....	30,000.00
Investments in other CUs.....	15,005.13
Loans to other CUs.....	
Furn. Fix. & Equip.....	18,917.25
Prepaid Insurance .....	1,971.48
Other Assets .....	1,367.50
Maint. Policies .....	186.00
Notebook Receivables .....	130.38
League Dues .....	2,933.52
Misc. ....	56.13
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$3,658,071.42</b>

LIABILITIES	
Accts. Payable .....	\$ 167.09
Notes Payable .....	310,000.00
Withholding Taxes .....	
Social Security Taxes .....	
State Unemployment Taxes .....	
State Disability Ins. ....	
Dept of Vehicles.....	14.00
CUNA HOLDING Shares .....	7,020.56
Shares .....	3,101,705.54
Christmas Club .....	31,261.50
Regular Reserve .....	101,799.23
FEES .....	61.50
Undivided Earnings .....	79,654.06
Gain or Loss.....	26,324.99
Prepaid Interest .....	62.95
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$3,658,071.42</b>

**S. F. Police Credit Union**

1607 Noriega Street  
 LOmbard 4-3800

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Open 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., 5:30 to 9:30 P.M.  
 Daily except Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

John Fay .....President  
 Thomas Dempsey .....Vice President  
 Louis Barberini .....Clerk  
 William Hamlet .....James McGovern  
 Edward Comber .....Alan Rosenbaum

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**CREDIT COMMITTEE**

Sol Weiner .....Chairman  
 Walter Turchen .....Frank Fadhl

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**SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE**

Dennis Smith .....Chairman  
 Oscar Tiboni .....Edmond Cassidy

# CREDIT UNION NOTES

\* \* \* This Credit Union will be closed on the following special occasions: Evening hours: Thurs., October 17th—International Credit Union Day. ....Day and evening — Thursday, November 28th—Thanksgiving Day.

December 25th through and including January 1st — year end reports.

\* \* \* Your Credit Union wishes to apologize for the lateness of the statements. Disbursement was out of our hands. They were sent through the office of our auditors. For those of you who are curious, the dividend was posted on July 5th. You will see it in your statement that comes to you in October.

\* \* \* Want to join the Xmas Club? New payroll deduction signups should be made — RIGHT NOW !!! if you want to receive the full amount next year.

\* \* \* Why not come into the office TODAY (or earlier) and sign up for payroll deduction for all or part of that raise? What you don't see, you don't miss.

## Get Tough With Juveniles?

This is a problem which is facing society in all parts of the country today. In Montana there is a judge who has taken a realistic approach to the problem and was influential in the passage of new juvenile laws which are well on their way to stemming the murderous rip tides of juvenile crime.

Judge L. H. Loble of Helena, Montana brought his theory that juvenile felons should be treated as adult felons are treated into fruition. No longer are they tried in closed court rooms but right out in public with the press in attendance. Names, and all pertinent information about the criminal are published for all to see. A result of Judge Loble's work is that in his district, juvenile felonies are down 49%, traffic down 75%, and non-felony cases down 68%. Is there any other jurisdiction that can show anything but increase? Doubtful, very doubtful.

Perhaps this realistic judge's determination and devotion to his work will rub off on someone here in California and the day may come when these punks will no longer be able to laugh at law and policemen without danger. The day may come when a good pinch is a good pinch whether the criminal is an adult or a juvenile. Policemen should watch with great interest.

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## Yep, A Policeman Is Human, Too

Policemen are human (believe it or not) just like the rest of us. They come in both sexes; but mostly males. They also come in various sizes, depending on whether you are looking for one or trying to hide something. However, there are mostly big.

Policemen are found everywhere; on land, on the sea, in the air, on horses, and in cars, and sometimes in your hair. In spite of the fact that "you can't find one when you want one," they are usually there when it counts the most. The best way to get one is to pick up the phone.

Policemen deliver lectures, babies and bad news. They are required to have the wisdom of Solomon, the disposition of a lamb and muscles of steel and are often accused of having a heart to match. When he issues a traffic ticket, he's a monster. If he lets you go, he's a "good egg."

A policeman is like the little girl who, when she was good, she was very, very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid.

A policeman sees more misery, blood-

shed, trouble and sunrises than the average person. Like the postman, policemen must be out in all kinds of weather. His uniform changes with the climate but his outlook on life remains the same; mostly a blank, but hoping for a better world.

Policemen like days off, vacations and coffee. They don't like auto horns, family fights, and anonymous letters. They have associations, but they can't strike. They must be impartial, courteous and always remember the slogan, "At Your Service." This is especially hard, when a character reminds him: "I'm a taxpayer, I pay your salary."

Policemen get medals or commendatory letters for saving lives, chasing runaway horses and shooting it out with bandits (once in a while his widow gets the medal). But sometimes the most rewarding moment comes when, after some small kindness to an older person, he feels the warm hand clasp, looks into grateful eyes and hears: "Thank you and God bless you, Son."—From *The Dispatcher*, Official Publication, Dept. of Police, St. Louis County.

## GETTING AHEAD

We all want to get ahead but in most cases there are so many outside circumstances it is difficult to control our own destinies.

There is one place that is 100% in your control . . . getting ahead financially!

Your income is constant but your expenses aren't. You can buffer yourself from the financial bumps you encounter several times a year by starting a Credit Union savings account. To borrow the Boy Scouts' motto, "Be Prepared" for unusual expenses.

But—back to "getting ahead"—when you elected to change cars you probably borrowed money and paid 5% interest (or a lot more if you financed your last car anywhere but the Credit Union.)

Why not tighten up your belt for a while? Come down and sign up for a payroll deduction savings account. Start saving up money BEFORE you buy your next car. Instead of paying 5% you earn 4.5% interest by getting ahead of your expenses.

There are many other places where you save money by being ahead of your expenses rather than being behind them. For example, you probably pay your life insurance monthly or quarterly. The price for the same policy would be less if you paid the premium annually. When you get ahead, convert your insurance and draw the money once a year from your Credit Union account.

Drop in any time, we will help you work out a budget to include a savings plan. It's your Credit Union—Use it.

**HAVE YOU BEEN  
TO YOUR  
BLOOD BANK RECENTLY?**