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Governor Ronald Reagan, announcing he has vetoed a bill (AB-1465, Unruh) which would have created another state employment program for youth, said today California already has "a highly successful" summer jobs-for-youth program underway and that the Unruh proposal would only add "to the frustrations of minority unemployment."

The measure allocated \$1.5 million to local agencies and \$250,000 to the Department of Employment to maintain youth employment service activities at the 1966 level of service. The funds would have been used in a continuing program of youth employment during the months of June through September of each year.

In his veto letter, the governor said:

"The state already has a highly successful summer employment program underway. This program, together with the recently enacted series of job training and development measures, will have a more lasting effect on unemployment than the costly make-work projects proposed by AB 1465.

"I share the feeling of those people who have studied this problem, that temporary make-work of the kind proposed in this bill only adds to the frustrations of minority unemployment.

"This year the Department of Employment has placed approximately 136,000 persons under the age of 23 years in both the public and private sectors. Many of these youths are from disadvantaged areas.

"New programs enacted this year will result in action being taken to solve the problems of the disadvantaged areas and to prepare individuals for employment. For example, the Work Incentive Program created by AB 210 (Chapter 1369) is aimed at making individuals employable and giving them an incentive to leave the welfare rolls.

"It is anticipated that this program in the first year will train and ultimately result in permanent employment for approximately 1,745 youths under 24 years of age who are currently receiving welfare grants. This legislation authorizes an expenditure level of \$17 million, of which \$3.8 million is new state money."

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Governor Ronald Reagan announced today he has vetoed legislation (AB-730, Veneman) which would have established a separate retirement system for approximately 600 state employees who work for the legislature.

He said the action was in keeping with his policy of consistently supporting salary and retirement benefits "that are equitable both to public employees and to the taxpayers alike."

In his veto letter, the governor said:

"The cost to the state's taxpayers would amount to an estimated equivalent of \$1,800,000 a year as a result of providing a very rich retirement plan to a very few state employees.

"The program would not be funded on an actuarially sound basis, therefore the costs in the early years of operation would be small and would increase dramatically as the state's share of liability under the program grew from year to year.

"Although the employee's contribution rate would average slightly less than for the existing Public Employees Retirement System, the benefits, and consequently the taxpayer's share, would be substantially higher.

"The proposed benefits under this bill would be from two to three times greater than under the existing system, and since the employee's contribution would be limited to seven percent, the taxpayer's cost would run an estimated five times higher than the present contribution rate.

"I can find no justification for asking the citizens of this state to pay these added costs in light of the fact that legislative employees are eligible for membership in our Public Employees Retirement System which serves approximately 400,000 state and local government workers.

"I have consistently supported salary and retirement benefits that are equitable both to public employees and to taxpayers alike. My veto of this bill is in keeping with this policy."

Governor Ronald Reagan announced today he has vetoed a bill (SB-517, Collier) which would have granted a driver, convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, the choice of either serving a jail sentence or having his driver's license suspended.

The governor said he took the action because the choice of penalties for such offenses should remain within the discretion of the judge and not the offender.

The bill would have required the court, if it decided to suspend the license of a person convicted for the first time of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, to grant the driver the choice of serving a 10-day jail term or having his driver's license suspended.

It would have allowed a person, upon certain second convictions for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor the choice of serving a 20-day jail term or having his driver's license suspended.

In his veto letter, the governor said:

"I recognize that many persons must have a driver's license to continue their present employment. However, the reason for the suspension of the driving privilege is not to punish the violator by depriving him of employment but to remove a dangerous/^{driver}from the highway and thereby protect other motorists. The professional driver should be more fully aware of this fact than the average motorist.

"There may be a need to give judges greater flexibility in determining penalties in cases involving driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor; however, SB-517 does not achieve this objective. It places the discretion, with respect to the choice of penalties, with the offender rather than the judge.

"A person convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor has an absolute right under this bill to select a jail sentence instead of a license suspension, no matter how flagrant his conduct may have been.

"Discretion in these matters should rest with the judge and not with the offender."

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Governor Ronald Reagan announced today he has vetoed legislation (SB 1223, Moscone) deleting boards of police commissioners, city and town marshals from the list of persons authorized to issue a license to carry a concealed firearm.

He said that the bill "should receive further legislative study.

"The entire question of the issuance by local law enforcement officials of licenses to carry concealed firearms is a difficult one," the governor said. "There is a difference of opinion among issuing authorities concerning the principles governing the issuance of such permits. This difference is illustrated by the opposition expressed by many law enforcement officials to this bill."

The measure would have required an applicant for such a license to reside within the city or county served by the licensing officer.

The bill also provided that, in court proceedings to compel issuance of a license to carry a concealed firearm, the person whose application had been denied would have had to prove he was eligible for the license.

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Governor Ronald Reagan has vetoed the following bills:

AB 866 - Fong Provides a two-year experimental program of year-round operation at one high school. It estimates the expenditure of \$1.2 million and estimates the involvement of 2,000 full-time equivalent students.

REASON FOR VETO: Governor Reagan said: "The program outlined in this bill, though called experimental, is not truly experimental in that it neither establishes ways for clear evaluation of the effects of the total program or of its component parts. It is not an innovation of a continuous school year; year-round schools have been tried in many U.S. school districts.

"There is little doubt, of course, that any school district might well benefit in its general educational program by having the kinds of courses available during the summer for those students who would voluntarily avail themselves of the opportunity.

"There is need for the opportunity during summer for students to improve themselves in subjects in which they are weak and to have the opportunity to explore new areas. Summer session programs currently meet these needs in many school districts.

"We have a great need for true experiments to test new ideas and new approaches to the teaching of our young. The practical proposal outlined in this bill does not go far enough in providing ways to assess the nature or meaning of whatever results may accrue. There is insufficient evidence that it significantly adds to what a quality summer session could achieve. It also raises certain questions which should be considered in advance: what would be the effects on those who take advantage of the speeded-up graduation suggested who do not intend a college experience but who may be too young for normal employment? and, can the families of students who most need special help afford year-round attendance by their children?"

AB 1208 - Brathwaite Makes a comprehensive revision, reorganization and recodification of the California statutes relating to the exemption of debtors' property from attachment, execution, and similar judicial process.

REASON FOR VETO: Governor Reagan said: "While I am in accord with the general objectives of AB 1208, I believe that the provisions relating to the absolute exemption of wages from attachment prior to judgement are too broad. The objective in this area is to enable a debtor to support himself and his family and to prevent impairment of that ability by garnishment. On the other hand, the creditor should have reasonable legal recourse to collect indebtedness due him, particularly in instances where the debtor may leave the area of jurisdiction of the creditor. I believe that the provisions of the Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act achieve a better balance between the two objectives by exempting essentially 75 percent of wages from garnishment prior to judgement. I would welcome re-introduction of this bill next session amended in this respect to conform to the Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act."

AB 1711 - Bear Prohibits the use of wiretap or eavesdropping evidence obtained in any other state, country or jurisdiction which, if obtained in this state would have been illegal. The bill also generally prohibits the copying or reproducing of any photograph, negative, or print, of a body or a portion thereof taken in the course of a post mortem examination or autopsy made or caused to be made by the coroner.

REASON FOR VETO: Governor Reagan said: "I have no quarrel with the principal objective of AB 1711. However, the bill is so broadly worded that it would have the unintended effect of impeding the legitimate use of autopsy photographs in medical education and research. Leaders of the medical profession and experts in the fields of forensic pathology and medical research have indicated the

detrimental effect that this legislation would have on scientific advancement."

AB 1964 - Veneman Would exempt from sales and use tax, gross receipts from the sale or lease of equipment and all other personal property bought for use in connection with exploration for, or production of, oil, gas or minerals on the outer Continental Shelf.

REASON FOR VETO: Governor Reagan said: "This proposal constitutes a change in the basic tax policy of this state in that it would provide preferential sales tax treatment and a tax shelter for part of an important domestic industry which is in competition with other parts not receiving the same treatment. Exploration for petroleum and gas on the Continental Shelf competes with exploration on the mainland in California. Production there will compete with production here. A tax advantage for companies drilling and producing there would disadvantage other companies drilling and producing here. The latter, in turn, would seek similar tax treatment, with a consequent further serious erosion of the important sales tax base.

"Moreover, granting this exemption would afford an opportunity for tax evasion, since costly equipment which had been purchased tax-free under provisions of this bill--barges, derricks, drilling equipment and the like--could be returned to the mainland and used in direct competition with similar equipment on which sales tax had been paid.

"However, in the interests of doing everything possible to encourage California industry, it would appear that a narrow exemption could be supported if the tangible personal property of the kind contemplated by this bill were purchased exclusively for use on the outer Continental Shelf, and if no use is made in California by the purchaser other than the actual shipment to the Continental Shelf.

"I believe strongly that California industry should be encouraged and supported, and a narrow tax exemption of the kind described above would accomplish that purpose. But, this measure offers at least the opportunity for tax evasion, which should not be encouraged.

"It is only in rare cases that tax exemptions are warranted, and when warranted, they should be kept as narrow as possible."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today commended the California Department of General Services for helping to save the taxpayers of California some \$33 million during the first 17 months of the Reagan administration.

These savings were made possible by the implementation of sound, businesslike purchasing and operating practices, the governor said.

The complete savings story was made public in a report by General Services Director Andrew R. Lolli to the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy.

The Commission is often referred to as the "Little Hoover Commission."

The report covered the period from February 1, 1967--one month after Governor Reagan took office--to June 30th, 1968.

Lolli's report--presented last week--also revealed that the federal government was so impressed with the \$1.7 million in savings which the state was able to make on 156 specific items, compared with what the federal government was paying for the same items, that the federal government adopted the state's purchasing practices.

Governor Reagan--who had reviewed Lolli's report prior to its presentation to the "Little Hoover" Commission--praised the Department of General Services and the commission itself for what Reagan described as their "cost-conscious attitudes and continuing efforts to provide the most efficient services and programs possible".

The governor said that the cumulative dollar total of the economies brought about by the Department of General Services in its areas of responsibility for the first 17-month period is \$33,417,680.

He indicated that these economies resulted from action in the following broad categories:

- 1) More competitive bidding, consolidation of purchases and improved procurement procedures.
- 2) Improvements in systems and methods affecting both other state agencies and General Services.
- 3) Savings through internal reorganization, centralized storage and disposition of state records, more efficient use of human and material resources, improved control and use of building space and other administrative improvements.
- 4) Returning unused funds to appropriation sources.
- 5) Cancelling previously budgeted Public Works projects which were carefully evaluated and deemed as unnecessary.

"The Department of General Services has brought about dramatic improvements in many of the state's business management functions so that they are now performed more efficiently and economically," Governor Reagan said.

He enumerated the following as typical of the improvements which have been implemented:

- a) Establishment of space utilization standards resulting in more efficient use of state-owned and state-leased office space.
- b) Standards specifications for communications equipment used by different state agencies resulting in consolidation of requirements, more competitive bidding--elimination of "single sources" of supply--and, as a consequence, sharply reduced costs with no decrease in quality.
- c) Elimination of non-essential telephone equipment and services.
- d) Improved management of the Office of State Printing through more efficient and economical techniques and reduction of inventories.
- e) Establishment of a moratorium on filing equipment purchases to insure maximum use of existing equipment.
- f) Improved vehicle pool charge-out system, using business-proven "credit card" techniques.
- g) Adoption of different methods of janitorial services.
- h) More efficient assignment and utilization of state police personnel.

The governor said that there are also a number of important projects which have resulted in increased economy and overall efficiency through consolidation and centralized control of business management functions. These improvements are still being implemented.

"As a consequence, while we are extremely pleased with the progress so far, we know that there are many other areas where we can reduce cost and improve overall efficiency," the governor said.

"I know that the taxpayers of this state join me in thanking the Department of General Services and the Little Hoover Commission for all that has been done so far."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the transfer of \$3.3 million from the state's general fund to a forward-looking "Work Incentive Program (WIN)" designed to move unemployed fathers off the welfare rolls and into productive jobs.

An executive order officially transferring the funds to the WIN project has been signed by State Finance Director Caspar Weinberger, the governor said.

The state monies, plus \$13.2 million in federal funds, will be used to underwrite the cost of the program during the balance of the 1968-69 fiscal year.

The state appropriation was made possible through passage of an administration-backed bill (AB 210, Chappie) which was signed by Governor Reagan this year.

Governor Reagan said that between 15,000 and 18,000 welfare recipients will be enrolled in the program and moved through the 12,000 job training positions allocated to the program between September 10, 1968 and June 30, 1969.

WIN is administered by the state's Human Relations Agency through the Department of Employment, in cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare, for the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Chappie bill provided the enabling legislation necessary to establish the Work Incentive Programs which were called for in 1967 amendments to the Social Security Act as passed by Congress.

Spencer Williams, California's secretary for Human Relations, said the purpose of the program is to move recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children--especially unemployed fathers--off of welfare into productive employment and useful roles in their communities.

A secondary purpose of the program is to reduce welfare caseloads.

"These have always been major objectives of Governor Reagan and his administration," Williams said.

The program proposes to accomplish these objectives by replacing and stepping up community work and training programs formerly operated under the Department of Social Welfare. These activities will be replaced with work incentive programs in the Department of Employment for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) referred by the county welfare departments.

Initially the program will be operative in 26 California counties. In others the Department of Social Welfare will administer substitute programs until, with additional funding, WIN can accommodate all eligible welfare recipients in the state.

The State Department of Rehabilitation, through contract with the Department of Employment, will provide services to disabled persons eligible under the program.

When a welfare recipient is enrolled in the WIN program, an initial assessment of his needs and abilities will be made. If he cannot immediately be placed in a job, an "employability plan" will be developed.

The first part of this plan will be an orientation program designed to help motivate the individual prior to his entrance into a job training program or directly into permanent employment.

Welfare recipients currently participating in work experience and training programs through welfare departments will be enrolled in the WIN Program to help assure continuity of job rehabilitation services.

Priority of referral to the WIN Program by the Department of Social Welfare--through the various counties--will be given unemployed fathers whose families are receiving AFDC funds.

The program, broken down into three main categories, includes:

- 1) Regular employment and on-the-job training
- 2) Institutional and work experience projects
- 3) Special work projects

The average cost per position in the program, including administration expenses, is estimated at \$1,375.

Here are the number of positions and funds (total of federal and state) appropriated for each county: (see attached sheet)

<u>County</u>	<u>No. of Positions</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
COASTAL AREA		
Alameda	768	\$973,888
Contra Costa	416	527,522
Humboldt	96	121,736
Monterey	128	162,315
San Francisco	544	689,837
San Mateo	160	202,893
Santa Clara	544	689,837
Solano	96	121,736
Sonoma	160	202,893
INTERIOR AREA		
Butte	64	81,157
Fresno	544	689,837
Kern	288	365,208
Kings	64	81,157
Merced	96	121,736
Sacramento	512	649,259
San Joaquin	256	324,629
Stanislaus	192	243,472
Tulare	256	324,629
LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN AREA		
Los Angeles	4,992	6,330,275
SOUTHERN AREA		
Orange	256	324,629
Riverside	288	365,208
San Bernardino	480	608,680
San Diego	480	608,680
San Luis Obispo	64	81,157
Santa Barbara	128	162,315
Ventura	128	162,315
CENTRAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OFFICES		1,283,000
TOTALS		\$16,500,000

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A new computerized billing system has enabled California's Medi-Cal program to recover more than a million dollars in overpayments since January 1, Spencer Williams, Health and Welfare administrator, disclosed today.

In a report to Governor Ronald Reagan, Williams said the system also is rejecting duplicate billings that otherwise would cost the state another \$100,000 monthly.

Williams said a report from the State Office of Health Care Services shows that for the six-month period ending June 1, 1968, a total of \$752,000 in such claims was rejected.

He said he directed California Blue Shield, which handles the billing, to go back through claims paid since the start of Medi-Cal in March, 1966, to recover overpayments estimated at approximately \$2.5 million during the 22-month period. In addition to the \$1 million that has been identified and voluntarily returned, Williams said, work toward identification and collection of the balance is now in progress.

The system was developed in cooperation with California Blue Shield, the fiscal intermediary under contract with the state for paying claims under the program. The system electronically compares all new claims for medical services with previous claims and rejects those that appear to be duplicates.

Williams said: "These claims are processed at the rate of about 70,000 a day.

"While the sums identified are substantial," he said, "the overcharges still represent less than one percent of the total medical service claims."

Medical service claims include those from physicians, dentists, pharmacists, and other individual providers. Hospital and nursing home claims are processed differently.

Williams said the preventive program was put into operation after a test project indicated that duplicates could be economically identified and recovered.

Williams said many of the duplicate billings resulted from delays in payment that led doctors to think that the first bill had gone astray. A new law sponsored by the administration which reduces the

billing period from six to two months, and improved processing, should cut down on duplications, he said.

Noting that there is evidence that some hospitals and nursing homes have also submitted duplicate bills, Williams said another system was installed last March to detect these in advance of payment. Hospital and nursing home accounts are finally settled on the basis of actual audits, and overcharges are simply deducted from future payments, Williams said.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Governor Reagan will sign a proclamation calling for a special legislative session on the subjects of unemployment disability benefits and workmen's compensation benefits in his office today at 2:30 p.m.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement in support of "Hire the 40-Plus Worker" Week, an annual observance of the California State Employment Service to remind employers of a not fully utilized source of manpower to fill job vacancies:

"September 16 through 20 is 'Hire the 40-Plus Worker' Week, during which each year the California State Employment Service calls to the attention of employers the assets of experience, maturity and reliability which the qualified older worker brings to his job.

"I endorse this observance, for it has been amply demonstrated that ability knows no age limit.

"Employers everywhere concede that some of their most valuable employees are in their forties and fifties and sixties, and sometimes even older.

"And yet, sometimes, qualified people are ignored when a job vacancy occurs, simply because they are in their forties or fifties or sixties.

"I therefore urge employers to avail themselves of this large source of know-how and experience in the labor market. Business and industry needs their steady work habits, their serious approach to the job, their proven record of productivity."

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MEMO TO THE GOVERNOR

#573

GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

September 9, 1968
through
September 15, 1968

Monday, September 9

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Republican legislative leaders,
Governor's Office

Tuesday, September 10

1:30 p.m. PRESS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 11

No public appointments scheduled

Thursday, September 12

No public appointments scheduled

Friday, September 13

Afternoon Depart for Los Angeles

Saturday, September 14

Noon Fundraiser for Joe Holt, GOP Congressional
candidate in the San Fernando Valley, Lakeside
Country Club, Hollywood

Sunday, September 15

Afternoon Return to Sacramento

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RELEASE: Immediate

#574

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Thomas A. Newell of Glendora to the Los Angeles County Municipal Court bench, Citrus Judicial District.

The job pays \$23,000 annually.

Newell, a 43-year old Republican, succeeds Judge Paul Egly who was elevated to the superior court.

Newell, municipal court commissioner for the Citrus Judicial District since 1965, is a 1960 graduate of the Southwestern University School of Law.

Following his admission to the state bar in 1960 he went to work as a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney. Three years later he entered private practice in Azusa. He assumed his duties as court commissioner in December, 1965.

He served as a police officer in Pasadena from 1947-50 and was chief clerk of the municipal court's criminal division, Pasadena Judicial District, from 1951-60.

Newell is married and has five children.

He lives at 418 West Northridge, Glendora.

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STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN REGARDING TAX RELIEF LEGISLATION
FOR ACTION DURING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE:

"I am today advising leaders of both parties in the legislature of my views concerning tax relief legislation and telling them I will place property and income tax relief legislation before a Special Session providing they can assure me of early passage.

"It is a simple program which is designed to give the taxpayers of California a quarter of a billion dollars in tax relief. It is my belief--and this is shared by the Republican leadership in the legislature--that we have a solemn obligation to give immediate tax relief to the citizens of this state.

"I am urging the Democratic leaders to help us in this endeavor.

"At the same time, however, I want to make it perfectly clear that the placement of tax relief legislation on call for the Special Session is contingent on an agreement from the legislative leadership that it accept the view that taxes are too high and that the people's money must be returned to the people.

"What I will submit to the legislature, if that agreement is reached, is a simple program of tax relief containing substantial reductions in taxes for most Californians. This program and the necessary legislation, I must emphasize, cannot be cluttered up with new forms of increased spending.

"Tax relief has been promised by both parties. Far too much time has already been spent debating rather than acting. Too many attempts have been made to provide tax relief while simultaneously increasing the cost of state government. I do not advocate any program which ties tax relief into further spending of the people's money.

"This program generally, would call for \$155 million in property tax relief, as agreed to more than a year ago when the sales tax was increased. It also provides for \$20 million for property tax relief to our senior citizens and \$40 million in inventory tax relief. In addition, it calls for a \$35 million reduction in income taxes for the group of middle-income citizens with large families who ^{were} required to pay a disproportionate share of the income tax increase of 1967.

"This adds up to a quarter of a billion dollar package of tax relief--a truly substantial reduction.

"Because the Republican leadership has agreed with this approach and because it is the right thing to do--I now urge the Democrats in the legislature to join with us in a truly bipartisan move to cut the costs of government and return unneeded taxpayers' money to the taxpayers."

NOTE: Governor Reagan met with the legislative leaders at 2:30 P.M. today in his office.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Governor Reagan will meet with the Toll Bridge Authority in the Governor's Council Room at 11 a.m. today.

He will meet the Maid of California at 11:45 a.m. in his office and is expected to attend the Governor's Cup Races at Cal-Expo for the running of the race which will be at approximately 6 p.m.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the start of a three-part program designed to provide better employment opportunities for the disadvantaged, expand the administration's apprenticeship program to include state government and more fully utilize the talents and abilities of state employees through a new individual and team development training program.

All three phases of the program will involve individual department and agency administrators and--when applicable--the State Personnel Board.

The governor said the purpose of the program is to help assure *any* Californians the chance to obtain and hold any available job for which he is qualified.

In addition, he said the state has an obligation to develop the talents of its employees so that they may better serve the public.

"We believe this program will help accomplish these objectives," the governor said.

The Career Opportunities phase of the program is designed to:

A) Identify the availability of job opportunities within the State Civil Service System to the disadvantaged; B) Create new employment and career opportunities; C) Develop personnel policies which will help in the placement of the disadvantaged and; D) Upgrade the skills of disadvantaged individuals to prepare them for civil service advancement.

One important part of the program will be an extensive review of existing employment requirements to assure that they accurately reflect job needs.

"We do not intend to lower important standards, but if we find we are requiring an applicant for a custodial job to have a college or even high school diploma, we are certainly going to revise those requirements to better suit the needs of the job," the governor said.

Reagan said his cabinet secretary will provide liaison with the State Personnel Board in the implementation of the Career Opportunities program, which will be headed by Richard A. Bernheimer, supervisor of the Career Opportunities Development Unit.

The second part of the program expands apprenticeship concepts to include state government.

Private industry is now providing more than 20,000 man hours of apprenticeship training annually.

During June, proclaimed by the governor as Apprenticeship Month, 1600 new apprentices were enrolled, an increase of 770 over the same period of 1967.

"The apprenticeship program is a proven and effective method of training and placing young people in skilled trades and occupations in private industry. Now we are going to see if it won't work in state government," the governor said.

The state employs approximately 3,200 people in apprenticeable classifications but, at the present, has only 51 apprentices.

At the normally accepted ratio of one apprentice to five journeymen, that figure should be over 600, he said.

The governor noted that the California Highway Patrol has already requested consultation on establishing an apprenticeship program for patrolmen.

He said the State Personnel Board has offered full cooperation and that the California State Employees Association has indicated its approval.

The third phase of the program is designed to help state employees-- those to be employed through the Career Opportunities and apprenticeship programs, as well as those now employed--to maintain the highest level of performance possible.

Under the program, each department, individually or jointly, will implement, maintain and continuously evaluate an employee training program.

The governor said that the responsibility for improving the capabilities of each state employee begins with the employee himself and extends to and through all levels of supervision within each department and agency.

He said that when a department's training needs exceed its capabilities, or when training can be more effectively conducted on a broader basis, other training programs will be developed.

Governor Reagan said that a State Personnel Development Advisory Committee will be appointed to review state training policies and advise the cabinet of training needs and recommend new programs.

The committee will include the governor's cabinet secretary, a

department director, a division chief, and the chairmen of the Deputy Director's Conference, Personnel Officer's Council and State Training Officer's Association, a member of the executive office of the State Personnel Board, personnel and training executives from private industry, and representatives from the academic world. The state training officer will serve as secretary.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

#577

GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

September 18, 1968
through
September 19, 1968

Wednesday, September 18

2:30 p.m. Depart Sacramento Municipal Airport for Rockford,
Illinois via charter jet.

7:30 p.m. Arrive Rockford for Ogilvie for Governor Rally
(CDT)

Overnight - Rockford

Thursday, September 19

10:30 a.m. Depart via charter jet for Middletown, Ohio
(CDT)

12:15 p.m. Arrive Middletown, Ohio for airport rally for
(EDT) Congressman Donald Lukens

12:30 p.m. Fund raising luncheon for Congressman Lukens

4:00 p.m. Depart for Cincinnati via charter jet

4:30 p.m. Arrive Cincinnati

8:30 p.m. Nixon-Agnew \$1,000-a-plate dinner

11:30 p.m. Depart for Chicago via charter jet to proceed via
commercial airline to Los Angeles for overnight

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RELEASE: THURSDAY, A.M.'S
September 12, 1968

PLEASE GUARD AGAINST #578
PREMATURE RELEASE

Governor Reagan today announced that ~~new procedures for issuing~~ drivers' licenses in all California Department of Motor Vehicles offices have proven to be effective deterrents against illegal use of licenses by forgers, confidence men and others who swindle the public and business community.

It is estimated that the new procedures will save bonding and insurance companies, banks, other financial institutions and business firms many thousands of dollars each year.

In making the announcement, the governor commended Department of Motor Vehicles' Director, Verne Orr, ^{for} initiating and implementing the new procedures.

"This, once again, demonstrates that sound business practices do work in government," Governor Reagan said.

The new DMV policy, while effective, is extremely simple.

"The California drivers' license has become the accepted identification card for check cashing and other related purposes," he said.

"Unfortunately, forgers, confidence men, bad check artists and others use the California license to establish their own "identity" for the purposes of bilking the public and business community out of millions of dollars each year.

"Under the old system, all anyone had to do to obtain a license was to make application, pay a fee, take the test and be issued, over-the-counter, a license--or at least a temporary license good for sixty days.

"But when an individual knows that his new license will be mailed to him, he is not so inclined to give law enforcement officers the address where he can be reached if he is not an honest citizen.

"If he does give his correct address, and he is wanted for anything, the police will know where to get him. And they do.

"If he puts down a false address, the license never reaches him but, instead, is returned to Sacramento and the public is that much safer," the governor said.

He added that in checking back over the records of past years, an average of 4,000 licenses was returned to DMV each year--undeliverable because of "incorrect" addresses.

"Unfortunately, under the old system, criminals within that

4,000 had their temporary licenses in their possession from the time they left the DMV offices. And a confidence man, swindler or bad check artist can hurt a lot of people in 60 days," he said.

Under the program, an applicant for a new, renewal or duplicate license pays his fee, takes a test, if required, and is given a simple receipt.

This is an accounting document which indicates that the appropriate fee has been paid. It lists the individual's name and address but contains no description. It is not a license and is not considered acceptable for identification purposes.

At the end of each business day, temporary licenses--which were formerly handed out to applicants--are now mailed to the address which they have given. At the same time, appropriate notification is given Sacramento to begin processing a permanent license.

If the applicant has given a legitimate address, he receives his temporary license in the mail the following day and has in his possession a valid driver's license which many stores recognize as identification for check cashing and other purposes.

If the application has not listed a legitimate address, the temporary license is returned to Sacramento and the would-be con man is thwarted.

The governor revealed that since the new system was established, the number of "undeliverable" licenses has been averaging between 400 and 500 per month.

He said that Director Orr estimates the mailing costs for the new system will run in the neighborhood of \$25,000 per year.

"But, when you realize that it costs the state an average of \$16,000 to process just one forger from arrest through imprisonment and to eventual release, this increased postal bill is really a very cheap and effective form of insurance," the governor said.

"What is more important is the fact that literally thousands of Californians and business firms are being saved thousands of dollars each year by the simple but effective device which deprives the criminal element of the universally accepted Identification Card they need to ply their trade--the California Driver's License," he stated.

Coincidental with the new mail-out policy, major efficiencies have been achieved within the Department of Motor Vehicles. The

old time of up to 40 days for processing applications for renewals of drivers' licenses has been reduced, under Orr's direction, to 10 working days.

This improvement in service to the public will enable the department, soon after the first of the year, to alter the temporary driver's license. Now valid for 60 days, it is anticipated that the term of validity will be reduced to 30 days.

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RELEASE: Immediate

#579

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Burlingame labor leader Donald D. Blewett as a member of the State Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.

The post pays \$24,000 per year. The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

Blewett, a 49-year old Democrat, replaces James M. Shumway who resigned to become a Republican candidate for Congress.

Blewett, assistant research director for the Western Conference of Teamsters since 1962, became acting research director in 1967.

He began his career as a truck driver in Butte, Montana. In 1953, he was elected secretary-treasurer of Montana Teamsters' Local 190, a position he held for the next five years. He was selected as recording secretary of Montana Joint Council 23 in 1954 and became a member of the executive board of the Over-The-Road-Division of the Western Conference of Teamsters in 1956.

Blewett was appointed to the research department of the conference in 1961.

He has attended the Montana School of Mines at Butte and the University of Utah at Salt Lake City.

Blewett is married and has three children. He resides at 948 Sunset Drive, San Carlos.

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RELEASE: Immediate

#580

Governor Ronald Reagan said today he was disappointed that Senate Democrats have refused to agree to meaningful property tax relief that he had proposed and which had the support of the Assembly and Senate Republicans.

Because of this refusal, he said he would be unable to put the subject on special call at this time.

However, the governor said a new proposal submitted by Sen. George Miller would be studied to determine its merits.

"I expect to be able to determine by late this afternoon the merits of this new, last-minute proposal and whether there is sufficient support within the legislature to finally give California's property taxpayers the relief they so desperately need and deserve," the governor said.

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RELEASE: Immediate

#581

The following statement was issued today by Governor Reagan:

"There is a great deal of concern in the legislature over my veto of AB 1711, primarily because of the section of the bill which prohibits the copying or reproducing of any photograph, negative or print of a body or portion of a body taken in the course of a post mortem examination or an autopsy.

"As I have said before, I favor the principle of the bill. However, it is so broadly worded that it would actually impede the legitimate use of autopsy photographs in medical education and research.

"For that reason I vetoed it.

"Now, I understand a new version of the bill, taking care of this defect, has been prepared. If that is the case, I will ask the legislature to consider it on special call after we have disposed of the matter of property tax relief.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Governor Reagan, at approximately 9:15 a.m. today, signed a proclamation adding the subject of property tax relief to the special session of the legislature.

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RELEASE: Immediate

#582

Governor Ronald Reagan today sent the following telegram to members of the California Congressional Delegation:

"While I am in complete agreement with the \$6 billion spending cut required by Congress, the freezing of funds for the federal highway program has been improperly included in the cut by the administration.

"Such action is neither a true economy move nor a reduction in the overall cost of government. This is an evasive subterfuge to fool the public that such deferrals are economy measures.

"In addition, it is contrary to the 'sense of Congress' as contained in the Federal Highway Act of 1968. It also is in direct conflict with a promise made to the Western Governors by Price Daniel, representing the President, who stated that highway trust funds would not be held back or included in the spending cut.

"Gas taxes collected by the federal government and earmarked for highway construction under the laws are still being collected. But apparently they will be diverted to other spending through loans from the federal highway program.

"This continuing disruption of the highway program by the executive branch in Washington will adversely affect the construction industry and the labor force. Construction land costs continue to increase. It is vital to complete major highway construction as quickly as possible to avoid these increased costs.

"On behalf of the State of California, I urge your vigorous and immediate action opposing this improper and regrettable action.

RONALD REAGAN
GOVERNOR "

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Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement in connection with the 168th anniversary of Mexican independence from Spain:

"On this 15th and 16th of September, when Mexico's greatest holiday is being observed, I am happy and proud to be able to send my most cordial greetings to Mexicans and Americans of Mexican descent in California.

"It is a privilege to join you in paying tribute to Padre Hidalgo, the Father of Mexico's independence, and to those who fought along side him against the forces who placed themselves above the sovereignty of the Mexican people.

"We recognize in our California heritage the splendid spiritual, cultural and human values left by those heroes of Mexican independence.

"We recognize the great contributions which Mexicans have made to California--from the first Mexicans who came to found cities and to bring civilization to this territory, to our fellow citizens of today who work in business and the professions in agriculture, in industry and in government.

"We recognize, too, that in our history there are inscribed the names of Californians of Mexican ancestry who have given their lives in defense of this nation.

"On this symbolic occasion we join the Mexican community in reaffirming those basic and inalienable principles handed down by Padre Hidalgo:

- Faith in the people and in the exercise of their rights,
- Devotion to liberty,
- Belief in democracy, and the
- Conviction that only that which is built with labor and on the solid ground of justice will endure and prosper."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

The governor has added the autopsy bill to special call of
the legislature.

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RELEASE: SUNDAY, A.M.'S
September 15, 1968
#584

Governor Ronald Reagan has delivered to the legislature a report--"the most ambitious and far reaching of its kind ever undertaken by state government"--which peers into California's future and details the enormity of the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead.

The report, a 361-page document prepared by the State Office of Planning, not only considers the complex social and technological changes taking place in California, but also outlines approaches to cope effectively with the continuing problems of development.

One of the governor's early directives on taking office was to instruct the State Office of Planning to move ahead with the California Development Plan program as part of the administration's efforts to chart a positive course for the future.

He requested that the effort not just result in "another report," but that it produce the kind of meaningful material which could truly benefit the people of California.

"By virtue of the new thrust we have given the program, California now possesses a unique and thoroughgoing study of developmental processes and problems ever undertaken by any state," Governor Reagan said.

He urged that the program now be "given the fullest possible attention and support so that the state can proceed in an orderly manner in planning and developing the most effective use of our total resources.

He noted that advance copies of the report have been received enthusiastically by experts and officials knowledgeable in the areas of planning and development.

Robert L. Williams, executive director of the American Institute of Planners, said:

"Without question this important document could well become one of the most fundamental instruments for sound growth in California ever to reach the point of broad public discussion."

William R. MacDougall, manager of the County Supervisors' Association of California, called the report "exciting in its concepts for bold steps ahead and probably intentionally challenging.

"We hope that this development plan will be widely circulated

throughout California. Heavy discussion of its many recommendations is essential."

Professor Harold Tokmakian, director of the Fresno State College program of city and regional planning, said the report "offers an unprecedented opportunity for the creative planning necessary to solve the multifarious social, economic and environmental problems of growth and change facing the state."

Sierra Club President Edgar Wayburn called the report "broad in its vision for the future and its concern for preventing deterioration in the quality of our environment. It can be a charter for future progress in California."

Other comments:

--"monumental document in this whole field."

David K. Hartley, director
Council of State Planning Agencies

--"A unique and exceptional document. No other state to our knowledge has taken such a comprehensive look at its past, present and future; and few, if any, are prepared to meet the monumental urban problem as recommended by this excellent report."

Richard Carpenter, executive director and
general counsel, League of California Cities

--"Provides Californians with the focus for debate and action on a broad front in the coming months and years. It should prove invaluable in the continuing task of dealing effectively with development issues confronting the state."

James A. Barnes, executive director
Sacramento Regional Area Planning Commission

The report treats virtually all the significant development issues facing California and analyzes their implications for the future.

The role of state government in the developmental process, it points out, must be part of a creative relationship with local and federal agencies, as well as the private sector.

The document covers in great detail California's growth characteristics, including population and employment trends. It discusses California's resources, their management and utilization.

The state's urban development, including housing, transportation, health, education, waste management and environmental quality is looked at from almost every conceivable angle.

The report says that by 1980, the 16 counties making up the three most urbanized regions of the state--San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego--will continue to have about 80 percent of the state's population. "In terms of sheer numbers, an additional 10 million people will then be living in these three regions."

More than one hundred general recommendations are contained in the report.

The study notes that language has not been provided for specific legislation, but that existing legislation has been analyzed, and improvements or additional legislation have been suggested, together with supporting arguments.

Other recommendations deal with (a) the activities of line agencies for which the governor already has the statutory authority necessary for implementation, (b) more effective coordination and cooperation between various levels of government and state government and (c) those calling for further study and analysis.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

#585

GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

September 16, 1968
through
September 22, 1968

Monday, September 16

No public appointments scheduled

Tuesday, September 17

9:30 A.M.

Press Conference

6:00 P.M.

Depart for Maynard Nelson Fund-Raiser
in Sacramento

Overnight-Sacramento

Wednesday, September 18

9:20 A.M.

Depart Sacramento Municipal for Fresno
Municipal Airport

10:30 A.M.

Arrive Fresno Airport to greet Mr. Nixon

Noon

Proceed to Convention Center to introduce
Mr. Nixon at farm speech

2:30 P.M.

Depart Fresno for Illinois via private
jet

7:30 P.M.
(CDT)

Arrive Rockford for Ogilvie for Governor
Rally

Overnight - Rockford

Thursday, September 19

10:30 A.M.
(CDT)

Depart via charter jet for Middletown,
Ohio

12:15 P.M.
(EDT)

Arrive Middletown, Ohio for airport rally
for Congressman Donald Lukens

12:30 P.M.

Fund raising luncheon for Congressman
Lukens

4:00 P.M.

Depart for Cincinnati via charter jet

4:30 P.M.

Arrive Cincinnati

8:30 P.M.

Nixon-Agnew \$1,000-a-plate dinner

11:30 P.M.

Depart for Chicago via charter jet to
proceed via commercial airline to
Los Angeles for overnight

Friday, September 20

9:30 A.M.

Arrive UCLA's Macgowan Hall for Executive
Session of the Board of Regents.
(Overnight-LA)

Saturday, September 21

NO PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED

Sunday, September 22

Afternoon

Return to Sacramento - Overnight

The following statement was issued today by Governor Reagan:

"The University of California has announced the appointment of Black Panther Minister of Information Eldridge Cleaver as the principal lecturer in a course which carries five units of credit toward graduation and which will be conducted in university facilities.

"In other words, the university has chosen to put its full authority and prestige behind Mr. Cleaver and the class he has been designated to teach.

"The chancellor, who is ultimately responsible for this decision, has chosen to waive all educational criteria normally required of a person to teach.

"I must confess that I am astounded that university officials would have even contemplated such a decision.

"Perhaps on the heels of the campus Viet Cong rally, the Vietnam commencement and other recent performances of a similar inappropriate nature, I should not have been surprised.

"But I am.

"The people of this state have a right to expect that a great institution of learning--one which they have established and maintained, and to which they entrust their children--will exercise great care in the selection of faculty, both in terms of academic preparation and in dedication to the objective and scholarly teaching of truth.

"It is extremely disturbing to me that the university has elected to ignore even the minimum standards of academic competence which the people of California have every right to expect for faculty members.

"Moreover, it is not in keeping with the nature of a quality institution to place in the role of teacher a person whose approach to social issues has consistently been emotional rather than rational, coercive, even violent, rather than problem-solving.

"Added to all of this is the criminal history of the new faculty member. Here is his record:

"In 1954, he was convicted of possession of narcotics and was sentenced to state prison.

"Two years later he was paroled. While on parole, in 1958, he was convicted of two counts of assault with intent to commit murder and one count of assault with a deadly weapon. He was again sentenced

to state prison to finish his original term, and on the new offenses.

"Then, in 1968, while on parole from state prison, he was charged with three counts of assault with intent to kill and is pending trial on these charges. He is also pending a hearing on revocation of his parole for the prior offenses.

"Over the centuries, the academic world has developed a common law which defines appropriate standards of excellence for those who represent higher learning.

"In one single act, the Berkeley administrators would undo years of academic commitment and dedication to the highest values of the teaching profession.

"For all these reasons, I have requested that this matter be taken up immediately by the Board of Regents of the University of California and that this action be rescinded."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today sent the following letter to
Mr. John Wagner, chairman of the Sacramento "Remember the Pueblo"
Committee:

"I am honored to add my endorsement to your efforts to have our
citizens remember the Pueblo.

"I wholeheartedly support the efforts of the Sacramento
'Remember the Pueblo' Committee and urge the citizens of this area
to participate actively in the endeavor.

"We dare not forget, even for one moment, that members of the
Pueblo crew are being held by an enemy which has demonstrated its
gross disregard for international law and common human decency.

"As a nation, we have a solemn obligation--to work, without
respite, for the immediate release of these brave men who have put
their lives on the line for freedom.

"By backing the 'Remember the Pueblo' effort, we have an oppor-
tunity to translate our citizen concern into a strong reaffirmation
of support for the intensification of efforts by our government to
secure the release of the Pueblo and its crew with honor."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today called attention to his plan to reorganize and streamline the executive branch of state government.

He noted that the plan, which was developed by the administration and which has "proven to be highly successful in practice over the past 20 months," became officially effective September 14.

The governor called the reorganization "one of the most far reaching and significant accomplishments ever made by a state administration.

"During the campaign I pledged to the people of California that if elected I would overhaul the unwieldy structure of the executive branch by improving departmental representation at the cabinet level.

"On taking office, we moved immediately to implement the concepts of this plan. Since that time we have proven its effectiveness on an every-day basis.

"The plan works and works well. It virtually eliminates the top-heavy structure which had been in effect under the previous administration and permits a direct line of communication from the governor to individual department heads," he said.

The reorganization is basically designed to coordinate the functions of the executive branch and improve two-way communications between the governor and his executive departments.

Under the plan, nearly all of the principal departments of the executive branch are grouped--insofar as practicable--under four cabinet level secretaries which represent the areas of:

- Business and Transportation
- Resources
- Human Relations
- Agriculture and Services

Governor Reagan said that for the first time in the history of California state government, agriculture is now represented directly at the cabinet level.

"This is as it should be," he said, "because agriculture is one of the most vital elements of our economy and, therefore, deserves such high-level representation."

The secretaries of Agriculture and Services; Business and Transportation; Resources; and Human Relations--along with the director of finance, the governor's executive secretary and his cabinet secretary--comprise the governor's cabinet.

They not only advise the governor on major policy and program matters, but also serve as the primary communications link for effective transmission of policy problems and decisions between the governor and the operating departments.

Included in the Agriculture and Services Agency are the departments of Agriculture, General Services, Professional and Vocational Standards, Veterans' Affairs, Commerce, Employees' Retirement System, Teachers' Retirement System, Franchise Tax Board and State Fire Marshall.

Departments included in the other three agencies are:

Resources: Conservation, Fish and Game, Harbors and Watercraft, Parks and Recreation, Water Resources, Air Resources Board, Colorado River Board and Water Resources Control Board.

Human Relations: Corrections, Mental Hygiene, Youth Authority, Public Health, Health Care Services, Rehabilitation, Social Welfare, Industrial Relations and Human Resources Development.

Business and Transportation: Aeronautics, Highway Patrol, Motor Vehicles, Public Works, Banking, Corporations, Housing and Community Development, Insurance, Real Estate and Savings and Loan.

Governor Reagan pointed out that the agency secretaries are not intended to function as super administrators or executive managers of the departments. Rather, he said, administration of each department is directed by the department head who functions as an expert in his particular area. In this way, the individual department serves as the basic operating unit of state government.

The governor also explained that the plan makes it possible for the cabinet-level agency secretary to function essentially in a policy-level role. Because he is excluded from daily administration and operating decisions--except where such decisions may represent a change in policy--the secretary may better familiarize himself with all major problems of state government and not solely with those of the departments within his own agency.

In this way, all points of view can be brought to bear on basic program and policy decisions and cabinet-level policy decisions may be communicated throughout the executive branch promptly, effectively, accurately and with common understanding, the governor said.

Governor Reagan said that the title of "agency administrator" has been changed to "secretary" and that with the creation of the Agriculture and Services Agency, Earl Coke officially becomes secretary of the agency. He ^{previously} functioned as both the agency administrator and director of the Department of Agriculture.

Coke announced the appointment of Kenneth F. Hall, assistant cabinet secretary to Governor Reagan for the past year as assistant secretary for Agriculture and Services.

As assistant to Cabinet Secretary Win Adams, Hall's duties have included liaison among the governor, his cabinet and the departments.

Hall, 30, is a 1960 graduate of the University of Redlands and holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Southern California (1967).

He served as administrative assistant to Assemblyman Newton R. Russell of the 62nd Assembly District from 1964-66 and was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve from 1960-66.

He was the recipient of a fellowship grant from the Ford Foundation for advanced study in political science and secondary education.

He is married, has a one year-old daughter, and lives at 5208 Carrington, Sacramento. His salary will be \$23,500 per year.

Coke also announced that Richard E. Lyng, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture since April, 1967, will now become director of the department. His salary will be \$23,600 per year.

Governor Reagan said he is naming J. Bryan Sullivan, Jr., commissioner of the State Economic Development Agency for the past 10 months, as director of the newly created Department of Commerce. Sullivan was product data systems manager for the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Sunnyvale prior to ^{his} appointment to state service. His salary will be \$22,600 per year.

The governor also announced the appointment of Lucian Vandergrift, assistant secretary of the Human Relations Agency, as acting director of the newly formed Department of Human Resources Development, pending November 13, 1968. the effective date of AB 1463, / In addition, Vandergrift, who joined the administration last May, will continue his duties as assistant secretary for Human Relations. He served as district attorney of Butte County from 1962 to May of 1968.

Also under the reorganization, Carel E. H. Mulder becomes director of the Department of Health Care Services, previously called the Office of Health Care Services, which he headed. Mulder's salary will be \$22,600 per year.

Governor Reagan said that Spencer Williams, Norman B. Livermore, and Gordon C. Luce will continue to head the Human Relations, Resources and Business and Transportation agencies, respectively. Their titles are also changed from "administrator" to "secretary".

Governor Ronald Reagan has named Thomas M. McMurray, a former Congressional aide, as assistant cabinet secretary.

McMurray, 28, replaces Kenneth F. Hall who has been appointed assistant secretary of the Agriculture and Services Agency.

A Republican, McMurray is a 1962 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a B. S. Degree in mechanical engineering.

He worked as an electrodynamics test engineer for the McDonnell Aircraft Company from 1962-64 and served as legislative assistant to U. S. Representative Robert H. Michel, of the Illinois 18th Congressional District, from 1965-67.

He then became associate publisher of the Mid-County Press in Lewiston, Illinois, a position he held until recently.

McMurray is a member of the American Ordinance Association and a former member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

He is also a past member of the House of Representatives Congressional Secretaries' Club.

He is married and has four children. He and his family will reside at 3826 Breuner Avenue, Sacramento.

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Governor Reagan read the following statement at the beginning of today's press conference:

"I am asking the members of the legislature interested in the Bart problem to come in with a solution by 5:00 P.M. tonight, in order that we can put the measure on special call if some agreement has been reached.

"I believe that eight months have been adequate time for the legislature to come up with an acceptable plan.

"Let me say again that increased tolls are not acceptable. They involve re-financing the bonds of the San Francisco Bay Bridge, and all experts say this is utterly impractical at this time or within the next several years.

"In addition, I think it is somewhat less than fair to ask the commuters--those who already pay to use the bay bridge--to pick up the full burden of the additional cost which could be as high as \$144 million, especially since they have already contributed \$180 million toward Bart.

"There are still a number of choices for the three affected counties--an increase in lieu tax, an increased sales tax, or a combination. There are a number of methods of triggering these, and there are ways of putting time and revenue limits on them. In fact, four and a half years of the increased sales tax would solve the whole problem.

"I am hopeful something can be worked out today. I do not believe we should wait until the first of the year or have to call the entire legislature back after November 5 to solve what is primarily a regional problem."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today said he approves Assembly passage of AB-9 legislation which gives additional reassurances to parents of educationally handicapped children that \$16 million is available for their special educational needs.

The governor met with a group of parents last Friday and assured them then that the money is available. He also told them he would ask the legislature to take whatever action would be needed if funds do not meet the amount required.

"Even though the bill was not needed," the governor said, "I am gratified that the legislature agrees with me and supports my promise to these parents. We are all interested in providing our handicapped children with the best education possible."

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Governor Ronald Reagan announced today he has signed a proclamation placing on special call enabling legislation which will allow the state to authorize payment of assistance funds to persons relocated as the result of highway construction.

The legislation, which is authored by Assemblyman Frank Lanterman (R-La Canada), permits assistance payments to persons relocated as the result of construction of both state and federal highway projects.

Present law allows the state to pay only limited moving expenses to persons relocated by such construction.

The Federal Highway Act of 1968 gives the states until 1970 to enact enabling legislation without incurring funding penalties.

Earlier this year, Governor Reagan signed legislation (AB-1072, Ralph) which enables families whose homes are uprooted by highway construction--especially families in lower income brackets--to exchange their former home for a comparable replacement home without incurring a larger debt or facing the higher monthly payments normally incurred.

Last month, the governor said he felt Californians should not have to wait until 1970 to gain the benefits of the increased relocation assistance.

"I believe that every citizen of this state who is dislocated as the result of freeway construction should be entitled to fair and equitable consideration," he said.

"By expanding the concept of the new federal law to include all state highways, not just those which are federally funded, we will be able to accomplish this objective," he added.

Senators Randolph Collier (D-Yreka) and Tom Carrell (D-San Fernando) have agreed to co-author the legislation, along with Assemblymen Robert Monagan (R-Tracy) and John Foran, (D-San Francisco.)

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Governor Ronald Reagan announced today he will immediately place the subject of BART financing on special call. The governor's action followed an announcement this morning requesting the legislature to substantially agree to a solution by 5 p.m.

"I have been assured that there is substantial support within the legislature for a plan which will increase the sales tax by a half a cent in the three counties that will be served by BART.

"At the same time, I want the legislature to know that it is free to consider an in lieu tax on motor vehicles as a possible method of financing the \$144 million BART deficit, or some other alternative.

"However, I want to make it perfectly clear that I will not and indeed cannot shirk my responsibilities to all the citizens of California by permitting an increase in tolls on the Bay Bridge. If such legislation comes to my desk, I will veto it and call the legislature back into session to solve this financing problem."

The governor said that he agreed last week at a meeting with Bay Area legislators to permit further investigation into the costs of refinancing bonds on the Bay Bridge if tolls were raised.

"No evidence was introduced then and there is no evidence now that a toll increase can be remotely constructed to be fiscally responsible. Refinancing of bonds on the Bay Bridge would cost an estimated \$115 to \$130 million in interest alone. At the same time, the outlook for even the sale of new bonds is bleak in the next several years," he said.

The governor said a bill raising the sales tax in the three counties will be authored by Sen. Lewis F. Sherman (R-Oakland).

Assemblymen Don Mulford (R-Oakland) and Robert W. Crown (D-Oakland) said they supported the sales tax bill and told the governor they would urge their colleagues of both parties to quickly pass it and resolve the financing problem once and for all.

Governor Reagan compared the sales tax proposal to legislation passed several years ago which raised the gas tax one cent to pay for damage done by a disastrous Northern California flood.

The advantages of the sales tax are that it would have to be in effect for only 4½ years and would then be reduced to the original amount.

"Now that I have been assured there is substantial support in the legislature, I would hope that both houses act quickly and responsibly for the people who live in the three-county BART area as well as for all the citizens of California."

Special ceremonies signaling the implementation of a new mental health financing formula to benefit local communities were held today in the office of Governor Ronald Reagan.

The new formula--a major part of the governor's legislative program--provides equality in financing mental health services to counties currently penalized under terms of the Short-Doyle Act.

Under the new formula, community mental health programs will now be (financed on a 75 percent state-25 percent local financing formula.)

The Short-Doyle Act originally provided for cost-sharing on a 50-50 basis.

The act was amended in 1963 to provide a 75 percent state-25 percent local cost-sharing ratio for program additions or new programs approved after June 30, 1963.

"Thus communities which had the foresight to establish mental health programs prior to July 1, 1963 were, in effect, penalized," the governor said.

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The bill (SB 542) appropriates \$1,165,000 to finance the change.

This amount will cover the increased costs for the communities for the remaining three quarters of the 1968-69 budget.

The governor said the money had been included in the 1968-69 budget in anticipation of the legislation.

The added cost to the state is expected to be near \$1,650,000 annually. A total savings of the same amount will accrue to communities participating in the program.

The bill was authored by Senators Clair Burgener (R-San Diego) and Alan Short (D-Stockton).

Participating in the special ceremonies were the two authors; Human Relations Secretary Spencer Williams; Robert Hewitt, M.D., deputy director, Department of Mental Hygiene, and Caspar Weinberger, state finance director.

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(The film discussed in the following release is scheduled for a preview showing to the press at 2:30 P.M. today in the Governor's Council Room.)

Governor Ronald Reagan--in a 15-minute color film just produced by the California Resources Agency--reaffirms the determination of the State of California to assure the continued protection and preservation of Lake Tahoe's crystal clear waters from pollution.

The film, narrated by the governor, will soon be made available for showing by television stations, service clubs and other interested organizations.

Titled "Lake Tahoe Today and Tomorrow," the film reviews the water quality problems of the lake and describes a number of joint state, federal and local action programs designed to meet and solve such problems.

For example, the report goes into sewage disposal, water and land-use efforts now underway to insure the future beauty of the lake and its surrounding areas.

Lake Tahoe was selected as the subject because it provides an excellent example of what the State of California--in cooperation with the State of Nevada, federal and local authorities--is doing to protect and preserve our priceless natural gifts for the enjoyment of both present and future generations of Californians.

The film was narrated by the governor at the request of Norman B. Livermore, secretary of the state's Resources Agency.

Tahoe--one of the world's most famous lakes--has recently been the subject of controversy as a result of articles describing it as being "....polluted and doomed," leaving the impression that nothing is being done to protect Lake Tahoe from pollution and excessive development of its shores.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," Governor Reagan said.

The fact that Tahoe is still one of the world's clearest lakes is demonstrated in the report which shows scientific readings being taken which record light penetrating to depths exceeding 400 feet. Further proof of the unique clarity of the lake is illustrated by the recovery of growing plants from depths below 400 feet.

"Only Crater Lake in Oregon also has plants growing at such depths. If the lake did not have such a unique clarity, light could not penetrate to these depths to support the plants and fish which now live there," the film says.

It acknowledges that Lake Tahoe is beginning to mature and that natural aging--perhaps taking as long as 100,000 years--will gradually change the color of the water from blue to green.

This natural cycle has been speeded up, the report says, as man has introduced great quantities of nitrogen into the watershed. Nitrogen is the material upon which algae feed. The more algae in the water, the less distance light penetrates beneath the surface of the water.

Major sources of the nitrogen, which could accelerate plant and algae growth, originate in the rapidly growing year-round population and recreational centers of the Tahoe Basin.

To minimize damage to the lake, sewage disposal agreements have been made between regulatory agencies in California and Nevada.

The policy being enforced today is that all sewage and waste material--treated or untreated--must be exported from the Lake Tahoe watershed by 1970.

No sewage has been allowed to deliberately enter the lake since 1950.

The film shows how the California and Nevada portions of the lake have been divided into four major areas for the export of sewage effluent.

From the California portion of South Tahoe, treated water from the most modern sewage treatment plant in the world is now being exported along a 27-mile underground pipeline to Indian Creek Reservoir in Alpine County, where it is distributed for irrigation to pastureland.

By the time it leaves the treatment plant, the material is reduced to a clear, colorless liquid that is pure enough to drink!

From Emerald Bay to the state line, a California project is under construction along the western and northern shores of the lake which will export treated water from that portion of the Tahoe Basin.

On the Nevada side, a treatment plant and pipeline are being completed to export treated waste materials from casinos at the south shore and from residential and commercial property in Douglas County.

The Incline Village area of Nevada in the north is the only developed area in the Tahoe Basin with no immediate means of export. However, plans are now underway to export treated waste materials from this area. In the meantime, the treated and purified liquid is being applied to a golf course in the area.

California has already loaned more than \$5.5 million to local districts at Lake Tahoe to supplement funds of local government in financing California export projects. Substantial federal money has also been made available.

The report also says that a siltation problem, due to erosion within the watershed, is appearing in tributary streams throughout the area as a result of construction activities associated with the basin's rapid population growth.

The governor said that the solutions to this and other problems lie with a bi-state regional agency--awaiting ratification by Congress--which must govern land-use management of the area. Most of the agency's members are local residents.

He also reported that agreement has been reached by the California-Nevada Compact Commission, for the distribution and use of interstate waters of Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River. It must now be ratified by the legislatures of California and Nevada and gain Congressional approval as well.

"Lake Tahoe still can maintain its beauty, its clarity, its purity. We are determined that only nature shall age the lake," the governor concluded.

(Additional information on the special filmed report can be obtained from Dean Thompson, Water Resources information officer, Resources Building, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento 95814--Phone: (916) 445-8228.)

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Governor Ronald Reagan today commended the Southern California Rapid Transit District for inaugurating new and improved bus service to link more effectively residents of Watts and other inner city areas with better employment opportunities in other parts of metropolitan Los Angeles.

In a letter to Milton McKay, acting general manager of the Southern California Rapid Transit District, the governor said that it was for just such a purpose that his administration supported, made part of his legislative program, and signed into law legislation which provided fuel tax relief to commute bus companies.

The governor said that he hoped the tax relief provided by the bill (SB 202) ^{mills} had aided in the implementation of the new service.

He also expressed hope that other transit districts would follow the example of the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

SB 202 cut fuel taxes paid by bus companies from seven cents to one cent per gallon--an 86 percent tax reduction.

Although the reduced fuel tax bill cost the California Highway Program more than \$2 million in revenue each year, the measure had the active support of the California Division of Highways, the California Business and Transportation Agency and the governor's office. Written into the bill was the specific intent that the legislation was designed to improve mass transportation as it related to serving places of employment.

In his letter to McKay, Governor Reagan referred to two specific lines inaugurated by the district:

"Your 176 line, linking South-Central Los Angeles residents with employment areas in Beverly Hills, West Los Angeles and Pacific Palisades, fills an important need for faster and more economic service to these areas.

"Similarly, the new line 87, serving the Pomona Garden Public Housing Project in East Los Angeles, makes employment and medical services much more accessible," the governor said.

Prior to the establishment of the two new "job opportunity and commuter lines," bus service took several hours with many transfers. Private jitney service has cost some job seekers and workers as much as \$6 a day.

"Commute costs of this magnitude actually discourage many people from working or seeking employment," the governor said.

"It is our hope that by providing better public transportation in our major cities, Californians--especially those without automobiles--will have one less hurdle in their paths when seeking employment or going to their jobs.

"This was the purpose of the fuel tax saving bill. We are pleased to see the action which the Southern California Transit District has taken and we sincerely hope other transit districts will follow suit,"

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GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

September 23, 1968
through
September 28, 1968

Monday, September 23

9:30 a.m. Signing of Relocation Assistance bill, Governor's Off.
11:30 a.m. Meeting with Osmer Dunaway, GOP candidate for
Congress, Governor's Office

5:00 p.m. Depart Sacramento Metropolitan Airport for
Los Angeles

5:50 p.m. Arrive Los Angeles International Airport

7:00 p.m. Fund-raising dinner for Woody Smith, Lafayette
Hotel, Long Beach. Speech.

Tuesday, September 24

2:00 p.m. Picture for Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation,
Governor's Office, Los Angeles

3:00 p.m. Depart Los Angeles for San Bernardino

4:15 p.m. Arrive Uplander Motel for discussion with
San Bernardino area businessmen

6:45 p.m. Arrive Arrowhead Country Club, reception for
Republican candidates

8:00 p.m. Arrive Perris Hill Park for barbecue for
Republican candidates. Speech.

9:00 p.m. Depart Ontario Airport for Sacramento
10:00 p.m. Arrive Sacramento Municipal Airport

Wednesday, September 25

11:45 a.m. Picture with representatives of Sing-Out Asia
group, Governor's Office

1:30 p.m. PRESS CONFERENCE

2:15 p.m. Picture for Children of the American Revolution,
Governor's Office

8:00 p.m. Cocktail reception and TV preview for Congres-
sional candidate Elmore Duffy at KCRA studios

Thursday, September 26

10:15 a.m. Presentation of Water Development Projects Map
by Irrigation Districts' Association, Gov.'s Office

1:30 p.m. Brief meeting with Gene Sternberg, International
President of Optimist International, Governor's
Office

1:45 p.m. Picture of and presentation by 4-H Club members,
Governor's Office

4:30 p.m. Depart Sacramento Municipal Airport for Colorado
Springs

7:30 p.m. Arrive Colorado Springs for Paul Bradley-Peter
(MDT) Dominick rally at International Center

Overnight - Colorado Springs

Friday, September 27

8:15 a.m. (MDT) Depart Colorado Springs for Rapid City, South Dakota

9:15 a.m. (MDT) Arrive Rapid City for fund-raising breakfast at Sheraton-Johnson Hotel for Senatorial candidate Archie Gubbrud. Speech.

10:45 a.m. (MDT) Depart Rapid City for Sioux Falls, South Dakota

12:30 p.m. (CDT) Arrive Sioux Falls for Gubbrud fund-raising luncheon at Civic Arena

2:00 p.m. Press availability with Gubbrud

2:45 p.m. (CDT) Depart Sioux Falls for Cedar Rapids, Iowa

3:30 p.m. (CDT) Arrive Cedar Rapids

4:00 p.m. Press availability with gubernatorial candidate Bob Ray and Senatorial candidate Dave Stanley

7:30 p.m. Fund-raising rally for Ray-Stanley at Cedar Rapids Coliseum. Speech.

8:30 p.m. Fund-raising reception for Ray-Stanley at Roosevelt Hotel

Overnight - Cedar RapidsSaturday, September 28

9:15 a.m. (CDT) Depart Cedar Rapids for Dallas, Texas

11:00 a.m. (CDT) Arrive Dallas (southwest airmotive terminal, Love Field). Airport rally for Paul Eggers, Texas gubernatorial candidate

12:00 Noon Reception and buffet for Eggers

1:00 p.m. (CDT) Depart Dallas for Borger, Texas

1:45 p.m. (CDT) Arrive Borger for airport rally with Bob Price, Congressional candidate

2:30 p.m. (CDT) Depart Borger for Santa Maria, California

3:00 p.m. (PDT) Arrive Santa Maria

Helicopter to Buellton. Fund-raising luncheon for W. Don MacGillivray, Assembly candidate

4:00 p.m. Dedication ceremony at Solvang

4:15 p.m. Return by helicopter to Santa Maria

5:00 p.m. Depart Santa Maria Airport for Los Angeles

8:00 p.m. Republican State Central Committee Convention Dinner, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. Speech

Overnight - Los Angeles

Sunday, September 29

P.M. Return to Sacramento

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Governor Reagan will sign the property tax relief bill at

9:30 a.m. today.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today expressed concern over the Bi-State Regional Planning Compact for Lake Tahoe if the measure is not enacted by Congress this session.

The compact governs land-use management in the Tahoe Basin and establishes an agency which Governor Reagan has described as "...holding the key to the future of Tahoe, one of the world's most famous and beautiful lakes."

In letters to U.S. Senators George Murphy, Thomas Kuchel and Henry Jackson and Representatives Wayne Aspinall, Biz Johnson and Glen Lipscomb, the governor said that before the measure can be considered by Congress, reports on the compact are required from Secretary of the Interior Stuart Udall and Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman.

Governor Reagan said that, to date, the necessary reports have not been submitted by either Udall or Freeman.

He asked the assistance of the six Senators and Congressmen in urging the two secretaries to submit their reports so that the compact can be considered before the current session of Congress adjourns.

Earlier this year, the California State Legislature passed a bill--AB 1023--which conformed California and Nevada law on the subject of bi-state land management for the Tahoe Basin.

Requiring the approval of Congress, the Bi-State Regional Planning Compact measure was introduced by Congressmen Biz Johnson of California and Walter S. Baring of Nevada.

Until the compact is officially ratified, however, state law requires that the separate California agency--currently in operation--must continue planning, establishing ordinances, enforcing its rules and regulations and other such activities.

"In addition to the obvious operating costs involved, the development of such ordinances and the execution of the obligations of the California agency may complicate rather than complement the bi-state agency when and if it becomes effective," the governor said.

"Funds spent and actions taken unilaterally may prove to be not only needless, but actually injurious when the overall needs of the two-state Tahoe Basin are considered in their entirety.

"We therefore feel it is imperative that bilaterally, California and Nevada be allowed to get on with the business at hand so that together, we can assure that Lake Tahoe will be enjoyed by generations yet unborn.

"I will greatly appreciate any and all efforts which will encourage the secretary of agriculture and secretary of the interior to file their reports immediately so that the Congress of the United States can ratify this vital Bi-State Land Use Compact for the Tahoe Basin," Governor Reagan said.

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Governor Ronald Reagan issued the following statement today in connection with the signing of the following bills--SB-8, SCA-1 and AB-12:

"Good morning.

"This is an occasion that brings great satisfaction to me personally, as it should to every California taxpayer. It represents a major step toward fulfillment of one of my earliest campaign pledges--meaningful property tax relief.

"We have given property tax relief top priority in this administration.

"Certainly there was no one issue facing the people of California which deserved more attention.

"I am very pleased that members of the legislature were willing to resolve their differences on this matter. For without the spirit of compromise which they displayed, agreement would not have been possible, nor would we be here today for this signing ceremony.

"I am confident that the people of California will add their overwhelming approval of this legislation at the ballot box in November. It is a responsible approach to property tax relief and represents a truly unprecedented victory for millions of California homeowners, renters, senior citizens and businessmen.

"I want to emphasize, however, that I do not consider this to be the end of our efforts to ease the tax burden on Californians.

"As you know, I have directed the Commission on Tax Reform to make specific recommendations for overhauling the state's antiquated tax structure.

"I believe the need for such reform is urgent, and I hope to pursue this course in the legislature next year by offering a comprehensive plan to completely revamp the present tax system.

"Before concluding these remarks, I also would like to comment on another bill I will be signing ^{here}/shortly.

"This bill--Assembly Bill 12, authored by Frank Lanterman--will allow the state to authorize payment of additional assistance funds to Californians who must relocate their homes and businesses as the result of freeway and highway construction.

"Although the states have until 1970 to enact such ^{enabling} legislation without incurring funding penalties, this administration is determined

to see that Californians gain the additional assistance which they require immediately.

"I want to point out that the benefits of this new legislation will be in addition to an administration bill which I signed earlier this year. That bill--AB 1072--provides that families whose homes are uprooted by highway construction--especially families in lower income brackets--can exchange their former home for a comparable replacement home without incurring a larger debt or facing the higher monthly payments normally incurred.

"Both bills represent tremendous progress in this area, and I am proud that the legislature has seen fit to act favorably on them.

"I also want to thank Assemblymen Lanterman and Monagan for working so vigorously to help enact this legislation."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement honoring Rosh Hashanah and the Jewish High Holy Days:

"On the occasion of Rosh Hashanah and the period of Jewish High Holy Days, I welcome the opportunity to extend to all my fellow Californians of the Jewish faith my warm greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

"This solemn period which you will observe calls upon you to rededicate yourselves to the faith, the values, the ideals of your great heritage.

"The observance of this Holy Day period has added significance today when our world is fraught with turmoil and upheaval. Today, more than ever before, we need to be reminded of those moral and spiritual values handed down to us from generation to generation.

"With best wishes for a blessed and peaceful year."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced his general satisfaction with the federal redwood park legislation which was passed by Congress last week, and which represented a compromise between Senate and House proposals for a Redwood National Park. It is expected to be signed by the president later this week.

The legislation represents the successful conclusion of fifty years of effort to establish a national park in the redwood area of northern California.

The governor said that while the Resources Agency staff has not yet had time to analyze the conference committee report in detail, preliminary study indicates that inclusion of three state redwood parks into the overall plan would be advisable if the end result is to be the best possible national park.

The inclusion of state parks in the national park was not made mandatory in the legislation.

Although the overall redwood park area has been described as covering 58,000 acres, only some 28,000 actually will be under federal control when the bill is signed. Of this, approximately 23,000 acres will be formerly privately-owned redwood timberlands owned by lumber companies. The other 5,090 acres will consist largely of ocean-front acreage.

"Certainly the 27,500 acres comprising the three state parks in the area--Jedediah Smith, Del Norte and Prairie Creek--contain the key acreage in terms of superlative primeval redwoods," the governor said.

"Fifty percent of the funds to establish these three state parks were donated by the Save-the-Redwoods League, and these prime areas have been protected by the State of California for all the people to enjoy," he added.

In connection with possible formal inclusion of the three state parks in the national park, the governor said he hoped the federal government would cooperate with California so that its citizens will have badly needed recreational lands near California population centers made available to them by the federal government.

"One of our most pressing needs is for recreational lands in Southern California, especially in the beach areas," he said.

The federal government currently owns unused land in heavily populated Southern California and in the San Francisco bay area, he noted.

In order to work out suggestions for land exchanges, and/or long-term leasing arrangements for such areas, the governor said he planned to appoint a special study commission to evaluate and make recommendations to him and the state legislature within the next six months.

He is working on the details of such a commission with Resources Secretary Norman Livermore.

In commenting further on the action of Congress, Governor Reagan said he was pleased that the conference committee bill provided for the exchange of federally-owned timberlands---including 13,000 acres from the Northern Redwood Purchase Unit--in return for private timber acreage to be included within the federal park boundaries. This exchange in land and timber, rather than in cash, was a key item that was continually requested by the governor since hearings on the redwood park started.

This provision is important in order to help stabilize employment in Humboldt and Del Norte counties by helping to insure a continuous supply of timber for the lumber industry--an industry which is vitally important to the economy of the region.

The governor expressed disappointment that the legislation appeared to make no provision which would have helped to make up for serious tax losses that will be suffered by local governments due to the removal of private lands from the tax rolls.

He also expressed the hope that the federal government would act promptly to initiate park development programs which would help provide local employment, by funding the purchase of private lands quickly.

He also called on the federal government to settle promptly and fairly such problems as right-of-way issues and the exact and final delineation of park boundaries.

The governor expressed his deep appreciation for the efforts of Livermore and his agency staff in assisting the Congress to achieve the long-sought Redwood National Park.

He also congratulated Senator Kuchel of California, Senator Jackson of Washington, as well as Congressmen Harold "Bizz" Johnson of California and Wayne Aspinall of Colorado for the major roles they played in steering the legislation through to final passage.

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#602

Governor Ronald Reagan said today he thinks suspension of the equal time rule for broadcasters in order to allow debate among the leading presidential candidates would serve "no useful purpose."

The governor said, "The people already know the issues and the candidates. I see no purpose in Dick Nixon agreeing to debate Hubert Humphrey and giving him the audience that he obviously has been unable to attract by himself. There are many ways for the candidates to make their views known, if the people are willing to listen. They are already listening to Mr. Nixon."

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#603

Governor Ronald Reagan has proclaimed September 27, 1968, as
AMERICAN INDIAN DAY.

Text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, Indians of America have contributed significantly to history and our present-day culture; and

"WHEREAS, a day to honor Indians was at one time declared American Indian Day in California, and such a declaration should be made annually; and

"WHEREAS, the Indian people in California are most anxious to have established a permanent American Indian Day; and

"WHEREAS, many states take the opportunity to honor American Indians by designating a specific day for this purpose;

"NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim the 27th day of September, 1968, and the fourth Friday of each September hereafter as AMERICAN INDIAN DAY, and urge that appropriate programs be encouraged on the fourth Friday of September for the purpose of informing Californians of the valuable historical and cultural contributions, past and present, of American Indians."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today named Kelseyville cattle rancher Oscar S. Holdenried to the California Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee.

The job pays necessary expenses.

Holdenried, a 67-year old Republican, replaces Mrs. Virginia Ohm of Red Bluff who resigned.

Holdenried, who will serve at the pleasure of the governor, is president of the Lake County Cattlemen's Association and is a member of the Clear Lake Horsemen's Association.

He has served for six years as a member of the Lake County Agricultural Stabilization Committee.

He lives on Renfro Drive, Kelseyville.

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#605

Governor Ronald Reagan today urged Californians to join in the observance of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 6-12, 1968.

The governor explained that the purpose of N.E.P.H. Week is (to promote a fuller understanding of the problems facing handicapped citizens and a wider appreciation of their abilities.)

"I urge each of you to broaden your awareness of the contributions that so-called 'disabled' persons are making to our society every day. You will find they have the same wide range of skills, abilities and interests as other persons. Their endeavors extend to industry, public service, labor, the arts, space technology, and in fact to every field where they are given an opportunity to prove themselves," Governor Reagan said.

The governor stressed the need for effective campaigns at the local level to promote employment of the handicapped, both during N.E.P.H. Week itself and continuing throughout the year. "It is a fact that better public understanding and cooperation exist in communities where local 'Employ the Handicapped' committees are active," the governor said. "Local committees provide the leadership and coordination that are essential in any community program of action, and they give the private citizen a way to offer his services."

In discussing recent developments affecting employment of disabled persons, the governor gave credit to supporters of Assembly Bill 7, signed into law last June 6 in California. This legislation requires that new public buildings constructed with state, city or county funds be made accessible to and usable by the handicapped. "I was pleased to sign the bill and am proud of the lawmakers, private citizens, organizations and state agencies which made the legislation possible," the governor said.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Governor Reagan will sign AB-1 and AB-3, the workmen's compensation and unemployment disability bills, at 3:10 p.m. today in his office.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today signed legislation which substantially increases workmen's compensation and unemployment disability benefits for millions of California workers.

The legislation was in the form of two bills--AB-1 and AB-3--which were approved unanimously by members of both the Senate and Assembly during the recent special session of the legislature.

AB-1 (Fenton) raises the maximum workmen's compensation temporary disability benefit from \$70 to \$87.50 per week. The bill also increases the maximum workmen's compensation death benefit and burial allowance. The benefits are paid by employers.

AB-3 (Zenovich) increases the maximum unemployment disability benefit from \$80 to \$87 per week. This insurance is paid for by employees in private industry.

At signing ceremonies in his capitol office, Governor Reagan praised business and labor for their cooperative efforts in making the legislation possible.

"I want to congratulate those who worked so diligently for the success of these bills. Without their efforts and cooperation, this needed legislation would not have been possible.

"I also want to thank members of the legislature for the prompt action and the unanimity they demonstrated in support of the two measures during the special session.

"Their action assures that the working men and women of this state will receive added protection to help meet their families' needs during periods of disability resulting from both on-the-job and off-the-job accidents."

The governor paid special tribute to Assemblyman Pete Wilson (R-San Diego) who carried the workmen's compensation bill during the regular legislative session and "whose efforts contributed in very large part to its ultimate success."

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#607

Governor Ronald Reagan announced today he has signed Assembly Bill 4 (Bear and Unruh).

The legislation, which was placed on call by the governor during the recent Special Session, restricts the use of photographs taken in the course of a post mortem examination or autopsy. The bill permits the use of autopsy photographs in the field of forensic pathology, medical or scientific education or research or for use by law enforcement agencies.

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RELEASE: Immediate

#608

Governor Ronald Reagan has proclaimed the month of October, 1968,
as NATIONAL WINE FESTIVAL MONTH.

Text of the proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, California's diverse climate encourages more than 9,000 growers to raise classic wine grapes with origins in every favored corner of the world; and

"WHEREAS, the wines from these grapes are winning ever greater critical acclaim from learned palates in all the United States and around the world; and

"WHEREAS, these wines are inimitably graced by their California heritage; and

"WHEREAS, the University of California and the industry through their shared research add to this heritage with each passing year; and

"WHEREAS, this present harvest is the harbinger of the bi-centennial of vintaging in California,

"NOW THEREFORE I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1968 as NATIONAL WINE FESTIVAL MONTH in California."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

C-O-R-R-E-C-T-I-O-N - Governor's Schedule

Governor Reagan will attend a fund raising
luncheon for 5th Assembly District candidate
Donald Pinkerton on September 30.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

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GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

September 30, 1968
through
October 2, 1968

(Schedule for the remainder of the week will be released to press on Monday or Tuesday)

Monday, September 30

11:30 a.m. Fund raising luncheon for 5th Assembly District
Candidate ~~John Dunlap~~ at Elks Hall, Vallejo
Donald Pinkerton

2:30 p.m. Ceremonies for passage of San Francisco Port
Authority bonds, World Trade Building,
San Francisco

7:00 p.m. Reception and dinner for Dr. Max Rafferty,
Hilton Hotel, San Francisco

(Overnight - San Francisco)

Tuesday, October 1

10:00 a.m. Brief greetings to National Hardwood Lumber
Association, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco

10:45 a.m. Arrive San Francisco Hilton for CREA Convention.
Speech.

12:30 p.m. Contra Costa County Republican Fund raising
luncheon, Concord Inn, Concord. Speech.

(Overnight - Sacramento)

Wednesday, October 2

3:00 p.m. Governor's Council Meeting, Governor's Council
Room

5:00 p.m. Depart Sacramento Municipal Airport for Arcata

6:30 p.m. Arrive Arcata Airport

8:00 p.m. Fund raising dinner for local Republican Central
Committee, Eureka Inn, Eureka. Speech.

(Overnight - Eureka)

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