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MEMO TO THE PRESS

On Wednesday, December 3, at 2 p.m., Governor Reagan will visit a migrant workers' village under construction at Williams.

Cottages in the project are being built under a Production Training Corporation program which is providing low-cost housing for migrant workers and at the same time training these workers in skills they need to enter more financially rewarding occupations.

The project is an example of joint federal, state and private sector cooperation to provide a better life for migrant workers and their families.

Officials of the Rohr Corporation, which supplied equipment and personnel to establish the program, and state officials will be on hand to answer questions about the project.

Media coverage is invited.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Paul G. Zimmer, deputy director of Health Care Services, as acting director of the Department of Social Welfare.

Zimmer, 33, succeeds John C. Montgomery who resigned to accept a federal post as an assistant to Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch. He will serve until a permanent director is named, probably around January 1, 1970.

A former city manager of Del Mar, Zimmer joined the Reagan administration in September, 1967 as a deputy director of the State Office of Economic Opportunity and was elevated to his present post in February of this year.

In addition to his other duties, Zimmer will be in charge of evaluating the state's welfare program for submission to the incoming director.

A graduate of the University of North Dakota Law School, Zimmer also served as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and engaged in private law practice.

He and his wife Claudia live at 736 Clipper Way, Sacramento. They have four children.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today called on the Federal government to include California Indians in an appropriation for health care services.

He asked that \$1.9 million in Federal funds be allocated to assist state health programs for California Indians who are being "seriously slighted" because they are not eligible for federal funds.

The Governor said that California has received no federal funds to assist in the health care of American Indians since 1955 and pointed out that since then the Indian population has increased from 20,000 to more than 100,000.

The request ^{/was} made in a letter to Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch.

The Governor asked Finch to approve an allocation of \$660,000 to maintain Indian health aid demonstration projects at Humboldt, Modoc, Mendocino, Lake, Tuolumne, Tulare, San Diego, Riverside and Inyo Counties for the next four months, and an additional \$1.3 million to continue the programs next year.

In his letter, Governor Reagan said, "much attention has been given in the press and in Congress to urban problems in recent years but the real and currently neglected needs of the American Indians have been seriously slighted.

"Many Indians are coming to California from other states where a full range of health services have been available to them. Some come on their own, but many are relocated under the Bureau of Indian Affairs or other Federal education and job training programs.

"The growth of California's Indian population, from 20,000 in 1950 to an estimated 100,000 now, has predictably increased the magnitude of the health problems, with no provisions to meet these increased needs," he said.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Governor Ronald Reagan's visit to the Williams Migrant Workers Housing Project scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, has been postponed. The media will be notified when the visit is rescheduled.

The postponement was requested by the Rohr Corporation, developers of the project under a joint agreement between the state and federal governments, because of the illness of key personnel.

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#649

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Joseph W. Chandler as judge of a newly created Santa Monica Judicial District municipal court.

Chandler, 52, is a Republican. He will receive an annual salary of \$29,270.

A member of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's staff since 1951, Chandler is active in numerous legal, service and civic organizations including the State Bar of California, the Santa Monica Bay District Bar Association, the National District Attorneys Association, the Los Angeles Council of the Navy League of the United States, the Santa Monica Community Chest and the YMCA.

He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University Law School.

Chandler and his wife, Nena, have two daughters and live at 817-D 14th Street, Santa Monica.

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WAS

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of four judges to the Los Angeles County Superior Court. They are:

Francis J. Garvey, Covina attorney; Vernon G. Foster, Los Angeles attorney and lecturer at the University of Southern California Law School; David N. Fitts, Deputy District Attorney of Los Angeles County and Municipal Judge Thomas C. Murphy, Los Angeles. Each will receive an annual salary of \$31,816.

Garvey, 56, a Republican, has a wide background of legal experience in government and the military, has served as a consultant to the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government (Second Hoover Commission) and a consultant to the Air Force, Army and Navy.

A graduate of the Loyola University Law School, he has also attended the University of Chicago and Mount San Antonio College.

He is a former city attorney of Covina, has served as judge pro tempore of municipal and superior courts in Los Angeles County, a founding director of the San Gabriel Valley Lawyers Reference Service, the Federal Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the State Bar Association, Pomona Valley Bar Association, Citrus Bar Association and is active in the Covina Chamber of Commerce.

He succeeds Judge Mark Brandler who is retiring.

Foster, 44, a Republican, is a graduate of Occidental College and the University of Southern California Law School. He is a member of the State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Legion Lex, the Southern California Defense Counsel Association, and an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association.

Foster succeeds Judge Aubrey Irwin who is retiring.

Fitts, 47, a Republican, head deputy of the Santa Monica Branch of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, is a native of Los Angeles and a graduate of local schools who received his law degree from Stanford University.

As a member of the Trials Division of the District Attorney's office, he prosecuted Sirhan Sirhan for the murder of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Fitts succeeds Judge Emmett E. Doherty who has retired.

Judge Murphy, 53, a Democrat, has served on the Los Angeles County Judicial District Municipal Court bench since 1965. As municipal judge assigned to traffic court, he increased the Los Angeles County traffic education program from four to 32 schools.

A graduate of Loyola University School of Law, he entered private practice in Los Angeles in 1947 after World War II service with the Royal Air Force and the U.S. Navy.

He succeeds Judge Mervyn Aggeler who has retired.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced establishment of an interim financing program for the Cal-Vet Farm and Home Loan Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"The \$13 million which is being made available today by law from the State General Fund underscores the administration's confidence in the future of the Cal-Vet program, and our continued determination to help our veterans where we can be most effective.

"This loan," the governor cautioned, "is only sufficient to take care of a very limited number of veterans to whom commitments were made prior to the development of the adverse bond market.

"The intent of this interim financing is to provide relief for veterans' home needs pending sale of state bonds which are the sole source of permanent funds for the program.

"The Constitution prohibits sale of veteran bonds above 5 percent. With today's high interest rates, these bonds cannot be sold until authorization is obtained from the people to sell bonds at higher than the current 5 percent constitutional limit," Governor Reagan said.

The governor urged full support of the constitutional amendment proposed for the June 1970 ballot which will authorize sale of all state bonds at interest rates up to 7 percent. "This is the only method that will permanently relieve tight money difficulties in the veterans' home market. The vote of the people will release the \$200 million of authorized but unsold veterans' bonds now on hand."

The governor emphasized that an increase in bond interest rates should not be confused with interest rates on our loans to veterans. This rate is now 4½ percent. No increase is being requested on home loan interest rates.

"An administration study is underway," he said, "to determine subsequent availability of funds to take care of additional veteran applicants and returning disabled veterans. The latter have and should have first priority under law, in accordance with the Military and Veterans Code."

Governor Reagan stressed that "funds being used in this manner clearly will not solve all problems of the program, but will enable us to continue to make home loans on basis of highest priorities."

The governor said "this step is a temporary substitute for permanent funding. Each one million dollars only represents enough money to finance 55 homes at the present average of \$18,000 per home loan. Money released in this manner will only be sufficient to take care of a portion of the backlog of applications. Recent applicants unfortunately will have to await their turn until bonds can be sold.

"The final solution to this critical problem can only come in June 1970 when the voters of California will have the opportunity to increase the now obsolete interest ceiling, thereby allowing the Veterans Farm and Home loan program to proceed as it has so successfully in the past. This method of funding, although temporary, is a positive step forward for the Farm and Home Loan Program and for California's veterans." Governor Reagan said.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of Santa Ana attorney Robert A. Banyard as judge of the Orange County Superior Court.

Banyard, 55, a Republican, will succeed Judge Karl L. Davis who has retired. He will receive an annual salary of \$31,816.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Banyard has practiced law in Santa Ana since 1946. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and is a past president and director of the Orange County Bar Association and a former director of the Legal Aid Society of Orange County.

In addition, he has been active in the Exchange Club of Orange County and the Business Men's Toastmasters Club of Santa Ana.

Banyard and his wife Margaret have a married daughter.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointments of Municipal Judge John M. Brenner of Palo Alto and Santa Clara County Counsel John R. Kennedy as judges of two newly-created Santa Clara County Superior Courts.

Both men are Republicans. They will receive an annual salary of \$31,816. The new courts were created by the 1969 legislature.

Judge Brenner, 52, has served as judge of the Palo Alto-Mountain View Judicial District Municipal Court since January, 1968.

He attended the U. S. Naval Academy and was graduated cum laude from Stanford University in 1941 and returned after wartime service with the U. S. Navy to earn his law degree from the Stanford Law School.

He is a member of the State Bar, the Santa Clara County Bar Association, the Bar Association of San Francisco, the Palo Alto Bar Association, the Order of the Coif, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, the Santa Clara County Bar Association and is a two term chairman of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Judge Brenner and his wife Lois have two daughters.

Kennedy, 51, is a native of San Jose and a graduate of local schools. He attended San Jose College, the University of California and earned his law degree from the University of Santa Clara.

He joined the Santa Clara County Counsel's office in July, 1955, and was appointed County Counsel in January of 1967.

Kennedy is a member of the California State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the Santa Clara County Bar Association, the California District Attorneys Association and the American Arbitration Association.

He and his wife Patricia have two children.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of Frank D. Domenichini, San Clemente attorney and civic leader, to the South Orange County Judicial District Municipal Court bench.

Domenichini, 46, a Republican, will receive an annual salary of \$29,270. He succeeds Judge J. Parley Smith who has retired.

A graduate of the University of the Pacific, he received his law degree from the University of Santa Clara and attended the U. S. Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island as a Marine Corps legal officer.

He is a member of the American Bar Association and the American Judicature Society, a past director of the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the San Clemente Planning Commission, a past president of the South Coast Babe Ruth League and is active in South Orange County Boy Scout groups.

Domenichini and his wife Mary have four children.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of Carlos E. Velarde, Los Angeles attorney, to the East Los Angeles Judicial District Municipal Court.

Velarde, 40, a Republican, will receive an annual salary of \$29,270. He succeeds Judge John Arguillas who has been elevated to the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

A native of Los Angeles, Velarde attended local schools and was graduated from Los Angeles City College and Los Angeles State College. He received his law degree from the University of Southern California in 1959.

A partner in an East Los Angeles law firm, he is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the East Los Angeles-Montebello Bar Association and the Mexican-American Lawyers Club.

He is also active in the East Los Angeles Toastmasters and Kiwanis Clubs and the YMCA Indian Guides.

Velarde and his wife Alice have three children.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today named three San Diego attorneys as judges of newly-created San Diego County Superior Courts.

They are: Francis E. Gallagher, 45; Franklin B. Orfield, 48, and Roscoe S. Wilkey, 43. All are Republicans. They will receive annual salaries of \$31,816.

Gallagher, a former Special Agent of the F. B. I. and a San Diego Deputy District Attorney, has been a partner in a San Diego law firm since 1958.

He is a graduate of the College of Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., and received his law degree from the Boston College Law School.

He is a member of the California Bar Association, the San Diego County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the San Diego County Traffic Safety Council, the Society of former Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the American Red Cross and the California Interagency Council on Family planning.

Gallagher and his wife Lynn have four children.

Orfield, who is also a partner in a San Diego law firm, has practiced in that community since 1951. He is a graduate of the Balboa University School of Law.

He is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association, the California State Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the American Legion and is an Appeals Agent for the U. S. Selective Service.

Orfield and his wife Alycemary have one child.

Wilkey, a partner in a San Diego law firm since 1961, is a graduate of the California Maritime Academy and a summa cum laude graduate of Stanford University where he served as student body president in 1950. He received his law degree from Stanford in 1954.

He is active in the San Diego Barrister's Club, the California Conference of Barristers, the American Board of Trial Advocates, the California State Bar and the California, American and San Diego County Bar Associations.

He is married and has two children.

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#657

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of James C. Schmidt of San Diego and Roy E. Demmon of Atherton to newly created posts on the California Toll Bridge Authority.

Both are Republicans and will serve at the pleasure of the Governor. They will receive necessary travel expenses.

Schmidt, 42, is a former assistant secretary of Business and Transportation in the Reagan Administration and currently an executive vice president of a San Diego savings and loan association.

He holds a PhB in business administration from Illinois Wesleyan University and a law degree from De Paul University in Chicago.

Active in civic affairs, he is a member of the San Diego County Advisory Committee on Air Pollution, a director of the San Diego Economic Development Corporation, a member of the State Bar and San Diego County Bar Associations and a former member of the Housing Task Force of Urban Coalition.

He joined the Reagan Administration in 1967 and left to resume his business career in December, 1968.

Schmidt and his wife Gerrie have three daughters. The family home is at 11330 Lorena Lane, El Cajon.

Demmon, 45, a San Jose businessman, holds degrees from Yale University and the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose and other civic and service organizations.

Demmon is married and has four children. The family home is 253 Park Lane, Atherton.

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#658

Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following message on the occasion of the celebration of Hanukkah:

"The story of Hanukkah is an inspiration not only to those of the Jewish faith but to all men of good will.

"The message of the Festival of Lights is one of heroism, faith and the knowledge that the light of freedom can burn brightly in the hearts of people and sustain them through adversity.

"Through the centuries it has brought renewed hope and inspiration to the Jewish community and to all men.

"I therefore want to extend my warmest wishes and sincere greetings to all my fellow citizens of the Jewish faith on the celebration of Hanukkah."

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#659

GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE
December 8, 1969
through
December 14, 1969

Monday, December 8

9:30 a.m.

California Cattlemen's Association Convention,
Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles. Remarks.

Return to Sacramento

Overnight-Sacramento

Tuesday, December 9

4:00 p.m.

Brief greetings to members of new Task Force on
Transportation, Governor's Office.

Overnight - Sacramento

Wednesday, December 10

10:00 a.m.

Presentation of Medals of Valor, Governor's
Office.

Overnight - Sacramento

Thursday, December 11

a.m.

Depart for Hot Springs, Arkansas for Republican
Governors' Conference.

Friday, December 12

Republican Governors' Conference.

Saturday, December 13

Republican Governors' Conference.

Sunday, December 14

Return to Sacramento

Overnight - Sacramento

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#666

Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following proclamation
in observance of Pearl Harbor Day, December 7:

"WHEREAS, December 7, 1969, will mark the 28th anniversary of
the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

"WHEREAS, That anniversary is a reminder of the vigilance and
preparedness which our Nation must maintain; and

"WHEREAS, We owe a great debt to those members of our Armed
Forces who lost their lives in that attack and, also, to those who
survived and aided in carrying on to the ultimate victory,

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA,
do hereby proclaim December 7, 1969, as PEARL HARBOR DAY in
California, and urge all Californians to pay homage to the members
of our Armed Forces for the manner in which they bore the attack
on that occasion and dedicate themselves anew to the vigilance
which is the price of liberty."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

For your information ----

Governor Reagan will speak and answer questions from faculty and students at Santa Ana College's Phillips Hall on Saturday, December 6. He will participate in the program from 10 to 11 a.m.

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#661

Governor Ronald Reagan today sent the following letter to the President urging early approval of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact which has been approved by the Senate:

"Dear President Nixon:

I am sure you are aware of the strong support my administration has given to the California-Nevada Tahoe Regional Planning Compact. It is designed to establish appropriate criteria for future developments in the Tahoe Basin to carefully balance the economic and environmental interests. Our major goal is the preservation and enhancement of the basin.

"I am most pleased that Congress has taken favorable action on the compact and I am in concurrence with the amendments added by the Senate and the House.

"I urge your early consideration and favorable action on the legislation so that the membership on the Agency from Nevada and California can jointly begin work on the tremendous opportunity and challenge facing them."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

The Bobby Seale extradition hearing---which was scheduled for tomorrow at 11 a.m.---has been postponed until 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 16, at the request of Seale's attorney, Charles Garry.

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Because of scheduling conflicts, the meeting with members of the Task Force on Transportation scheduled for Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. has been cancelled.

It will be rescheduled shortly.

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#662

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed nine prominent Californians to the newly-created California Industry and World Trade Commission.

The Commission, created by the 1969 legislature, replaces the California World Trade Authority. Members will serve at the pleasure of the Governor in terms not to exceed four years and will be paid necessary expenses.

The appointees, all of whom have had experience in international trade, are:

Allan F. Mather, president and chief officer of Sun-Maid Raisin Growers of California. A Republican, he lives at 5896 East Park Circle, Fresno.

William W. Morison, president of Foremost Foods Company, San Francisco. A Republican, he has served in his corporate post since 1945. He lives at 40 Jennifer Lane, Alamo.

William E. Roberts, president and chief executive officer of the Ampex Corporation, Redwood City. Roberts is a Republican. He lives at 211 Winding Way, Woodside.

Earle M. Constable, president of Lockheed Aircraft International, Inc., Los Angeles. A Republican, he lives at 4929 Vineta Avenue, La Canada.

George Curran, vice president of the Bank of America, San Francisco. Curran is a Democrat. He lives at 1274 28th Avenue, San Francisco.

Ralph B. Dewey, vice president of American Steamship Association, San Francisco. A Republican, he lives at 5 Leeward Road, Belvedere.

William J. Neff, executive vice president Trans-World Airlines, Los Angeles. A Republican, he lives at 10787 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.

J. Dallas Clark, executive director of the Economic Development Corporation, San Diego. A Republican, he lives at 4274 Randolph Terrace, San Diego.

Robert H. Volk, president of Unionamerica, Inc., Los Angeles and former corporation commissioner for the State of California. A Republican, he lives at 13 Eastfield Drive, Rolling Hills.

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WAS

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of Robert C. Cozens, 50, of Del Mar, as director of the State Department of Motor Vehicles effective December 29.

Cozens, a member of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors with wide experience in transportation, highway and traffic safety matters, succeeds Verne Orr who has been appointed State Director of General Services.

As director of DMV, Cozens will also serve as Safety Coordinator for the State. He will receive a salary of \$30,000 and will serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

A Republican, he was appointed to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in 1960 and was re-elected in 1962 and 1966.

In addition to serving as both vice chairman and chairman of the Board of Supervisors, he has also served as a chairman of the Local Agency Formation Commission, the San Diego County Comprehensive Planning Organization and Regional Transportation Coordinating Committee, the Airport Study Group of San Diego County, the Governor's Committee on Traffic Safety, the Traffic Operations to Improve Capacity and Safety Committee and the California Highway Functional Classification Advisory Committee.

Active in the County Supervisors Association of California, Cozens has served as general chairman of that group's Transportation and Public Works Committee, Aviation Committee, County Highway Safety Organization and City-County Sign Industry Committee.

He is a member of the Southern California Regional Air Transportation Study Committee, the Southern California Air Space Committee, the San Diego Stadium Committee, the United Community Services and the Engineering Grading Contractors Association.

A native of San Diego, he is a graduate of the Black-Foxe Military Institute and San Diego State College.

During World War II, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and commanded a bomber squadron in the European theater.

In 1944, as a lieutenant colonel holding the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three clusters, he was assigned to the Pentagon where he worked on the nation's missile program.

Cozens and his wife Patricia have three married children.

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#664

Governor Ronald Reagan today urged California motorists
to take advantage of free coffee breaks to be offered by state
restaurant operators as part of a national accident prevention program
during the Christmas and New Year's high traffic periods.

He also paid tribute to California restaurant owners who will offer the free coffee.

"These restaurant owners are offering a coffee break to prevent heartbreak and they should be commended for their efforts to make the holidays safe and happy for all of us," he said.

"Too often during this season joy is transformed into tragedy because motorists attempt to make time when they should be taking a rest. Fatigue and drowsiness are among the principal causes of auto accidents and every motorist who takes a short stop for a cup of coffee increases the odds immeasurably of reaching his destination safely," the governor said.

Free coffee is being offered by restaurants which will display a special red and white sign that resembles a stop sign and reads: "Stop Here, Free Coffee, Safety Break."

Secretary of Transportation John Volpe is honorary chairman of the National Coffee Safety Stop Program which is a cooperative accident prevention program of the restaurant owners, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association and safety officials of the Armed Forces.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of 13 members to the Health Planning Council.

The Council, reorganized through 1969 legislation, will advise the Department of Public Health on hospital and related health care facilities and environmental health factors.

It will also continue the role it had as the Hospital Advisory Council, to implement the "Partnership For Health" program--a joint effort by federal, state and local governments, the private sector and volunteer to improve health care and hospital facilities throughout the state.

Lucien B. Vandegrift, assistant secretary of the Human Relations Agency, will serve as chairman of the council and Lawrence T. Cooper, a director of the Los Angeles County Welfare Planning Council and the Blue Cross of Southern California, will serve as vice chairman.

Vandegrift will represent the state on the council and Cooper, who lives at 2710 Lorain Road, San Marino, will represent the general consumer. Both are Republicans.

Other council members include:

V. K. Meedom, former Crescent City Councilman, Del Norte County Supervisor and president of the Del Norte County Local Hospital District. A Democrat, Meedom will represent the general consumer on the council. He and his wife, Addie, live at 149 South A Street, Crescent City.

Mrs. Thomas K. Pike, member of the public health department's Alcoholism Advisory Commission, the Los Angeles County Alcoholism Commission and founder of the Pasadena Council on Alcoholism. A Republican, she will represent the general consumer. Mrs. Pike lives at 1475 Circle Drive, San Marino.

Mrs. Marvin T. Smith, Southern California civic and health leader. She is active in numerous health and child welfare organizations including the Child Welfare League of America, the California Association for Mental Health, the Los Angeles County Mental Health Association Executive Committee, the Mental Health Development Commission and the San Fernando Valley Welfare Planning Council. A Republican, Mrs. Smith lives at 4200 Clear Valley Drive, Encino. She will serve as mental health representative on the council.

Dr. Malcom C. Todd, Long Beach physician and former president of the California Medical Association. A Republican, he will represent health services. He lives at 5330 El Parque, Long Beach.

Dr. Robert S. Westphal, Stanislaus County Director of Public Health. A Republican, he will serve as public agency, hospital and general health representative. He lives at 2721 Sunrise, Modesto.

Samuel J. Tibbits, president of the Lutheran Hospital Society of Southern California. A Republican, he will serve as representative of non-government hospital or health facilities. He lives at 729 West Palm Drive, Covina.

Mrs. Robert B. Fisher, Mayor of the City of Los Altos. A Republican, she will represent the general consumer. She lives at 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

Mrs. William T. Stephens, Sr., San Diego civic leader and participant in various health programs for children, the retarded and the aged. She will represent mental retardation services on the council. A Republican, she lives at 3569 Silver Gate Place, San Diego.

Donald M. Hillman, Tulare County Supervisor, will represent local government on the council. A Republican, he lives at 613 North O Street, Tulare.

Richard Koch, M. D., staff member of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and an authority on the problems of mentally retarded children, will serve as representative of non-government mental retardation facilities. A Republican, Dr. Koch lives at 6334 West 80th Street, Los Angeles.

The Rev. Timothy E. O'Brien, director of the Department of Health and Hospitals, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. A Democrat, he will serve as representative of non-government mental health facilities. He lives at 1086 Guerrero Street, San Francisco.

The post pays necessary expenses.

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#666

Governor Ronald Reagan today sent the following letter to
members of the California Toll Bridge Authority:

"It is with pleasure and pride that I extend my best wishes to
the members of the California Toll Bridge Authority as you meet for the
first time under a new organizational structure."

"I use the words 'pleasure' and 'pride' with good reason. I've
had the pleasure of working with some of you during the past three years
as chairman of the Authority and I am well aware of the importance of
your work to millions of California commuters and travelers.

"I am proud because we have been able to reduce--for the first
time--the cost of crossing our bridges.

"One-way tolls have been initiated on five bridges that will
save our taxpayers an estimated \$757,000 annually.

"In addition, we have reduced tolls for commuters using the
Richmond-San Rafael and the San Diego-Coronado Bridges, saving them
an estimated \$434,000 annually.

"Secretary of Business and Transportation Gordon Luce now
tells me that current revenue projections show that the toll on the
Benicia and Carquinez Bridges can be cut from 50 cents to 35 cents.
That, plus a five cent reduction in the Richmond-San Rafael bridge
toll will provide a total of \$2.25 million in annual savings for the
users.

"I urge you to give these proposed cuts attention at your
Friday meeting and further urge adoption of these reduced tolls.

"This can be accomplished without impairing the integrity of
the bonds which, as you know, are a vital element in maintaining the
Authority's outstanding credit rating in the financial community.

"Your continued vigilance will help insure better service,
safety and convenience to California's motorists.

"Knowing of the dedication of the Authority members, both
new and old, I am confident that the people of California will be
well served."

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#667

Governor Ronald Reagan has announced the appointment of Dr. Stuart P. Eriksen, director of medical research for a Santa Ana pharmaceutical firm, to a four year term on the newly created Advisory Committee on Drug Manufacturing.

A graduate of the University of California at San Francisco, Dr. Eriksen served as a professor at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy, a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry and an instructor at the Hahnemann School of Medicine prior to taking his present post.

He is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Rho Chi (Pharmaceutical Honor Society), the California Pharmaceutical Association and other scientific groups.

A Republican, he lives at 13341 Eton Place, Santa Ana, with his family.

The post pays necessary expenses.

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Governor Ronald Reagan has announced the appointment of Municipal Judge Donald B. Constine to the Superior Court bench of the City and County of San Francisco.

Judge Constine, 44, a Democrat, succeeds the late Judge John W. Bussey. He will receive an annual salary of \$31,816.

Appointed to the San Francisco Municipal Court in ~~1969~~, 1964, Judge Constine served as United States Commissioner for the Northern District from 1961 to 1964 and as an Assistant United States Attorney from 1951 to 1961.

He is a member of the California Judicial Council, the California Council of Trial Judges, the California College of Trial Judges, the Conference of California Judges, and the North American Judges Association.

In addition to his work in numerous other legal organizations and civic groups, he is a trustee of the National Jewish Hospital, a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, a past president of the San Francisco Lodge of B'nai B'rith, and a regional chairman and national trustee of the City of Hope.

He holds numerous awards and decorations for his services to legal profession and civic groups including the Golden Torch Award of the City of Hope and a Certificate of Honor by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

A native of San Francisco, he is a graduate of local schools, San Francisco City College and the Hastings College of Law.

He and his wife June have two daughters.

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GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE
December 15, 1969
through
January 4, 1970

Monday, December 15

No appointments scheduled

Overnight - Sacramento

Tuesday, December 16

p.m. Depart for Stockton.

7:30 p.m. San Joaquin County fundraiser, Stockton Inn.
Speech.

Overnight - Sacramento

Wednesday, December 17

Noon Singing of Christmas Carols by Sacramento School
children, Capitol Rotunda. Brief remarks.

5:00 p.m. Lighting of State Christmas Tree, North side of
Capitol Building. Governor and family.

Overnight - Sacramento

Thursday, December 18

Office Appointments

Overnight - Sacramento

Friday, December 19

p.m. Depart for Los Angeles

Overnight - Los Angeles

Saturday, December 20

No appointments scheduled

Overnight - Los Angeles

Sunday, December 21 -
Saturday, January 3

CHRISTMAS VACATION - LOS ANGELES

Sunday, January 4

Return to Sacramento

Overnight-Sacramento

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Governor Ronald Reagan today hailed a decision by U. S. Secretary for Housing and Urban Development George Romney to select a California site--Sacramento--as one of 10 locations in the nation for development of an "Operation Breakthrough" prototype housing project.

On hearing of California's selection, the governor said:

"I am especially pleased that one of the 11 California sites proposed for consideration has been chosen for this forward-looking project, since our state represents the largest housing market in the nation.

"We have pushed for California's active participation in this important project as a part of our overall effort to encourage new ideas in housing construction.

"I am sure that one of the major factors taken into consideration in Secretary Romney's decision was the leadership California has demonstrated in the housing field by enacting the first law in the nation which paves the way for factory-built housing systems.

"Great credit should go to Senator George Murphy and members of the California congressional delegation for their efforts in making the California site selection possible.

"Sacramento city officials also deserve high commendation for their work in developing and submitting a successful proposal, and for the support they have shown in attempting to meet the housing needs of the area," the governor said.

The Sacramento site proposal was developed by the city in cooperation with several state agencies, including the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Business and Transportation Agency.

The governor said "California's selection exemplifies the effectiveness of a cooperative federal-state-local and private sector approach which this administration has made a key part of its overall policy."

He described "Operation Breakthrough" as holding great promise for showing how the use of innovative housing systems and mass production techniques can increase output and help arrest spiraling construction costs while providing attractive, quality housing.

The project is financed through federal funds and private investments to stimulate the production of quality housing through new building techniques, materials and methods.

Under the "Operation Breakthrough" plan, 10 prototype sites around the nation--including a 60-acre plot located on the eastern portion of the old State Fairgrounds in Sacramento--will be developed as "housing fairs" to demonstrate the new systems.

A total of 215 separate locations in the U.S. were submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for consideration as "Operation Breakthrough" sites.

Some 200-300 housing units are expected to be built on the old Fairgrounds site. They will demonstrate prototypes of five or six innovative housing systems and will be build under development contracts with HUD. Approximately half of the homes will be sold as they are built. The remainder will become part of a "housing fair," for from three to four years, and then sold. Prices for the homes are expected to range from \$10,000 to \$35,000 each.

The 11 California sites submitted for consideration included San Diego, Oceanside, East Los Angeles, San Gabriel, Val Verde, two in Montebello, Fresno, San Francisco, Long Beach and Sacramento.

Charles LeMenager, director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, estimated that, in Sacramento, the federal contribution in terms of land acquisition, planning, development, and management, and the private sector's investment in the actual construction of the housing systems should represent roughly five to six million dollars.

He said this does not take into consideration the millions of dollars invested by the contracting corporations in research and development and proposal preparation, nor the money that HUD will be spending on performance testing of these systems to prove their soundness.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today named Robert Martin, chief counsel and executive officer of the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board for the past two and one half years, as director of the California Department of Social Welfare.

Martin, 47, succeeds John C. Montgomery who resigned December 1 to accept a federal position as an assistant to Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch. Paul G. Zimmer, deputy director of Health Care Services, is serving as acting director of the Department of Social Welfare until next Monday, December 22, when Martin's appointment becomes effective. Martin's salary will be \$30,000 per year.

A Republican, Martin joined the Reagan administration in July, 1967, after working for two years as a trial deputy and member of the appellate department of the Los Angeles County Public Defender's office. He received his law degree from the University of Southern California in June, 1965.

From 1964-65, as a program assistant and consultant to Dr. Newton Metfessel, professor of educational psychology at the University of Southern California, Martin helped to develop several programs associated with "Project Potential," sponsored by HEW. Included were the development of objectives for Head-Start pre-school programs; and the development of creativity tests and measures of achievement for children and youth from disadvantaged areas.

For four years (1958-62), as head of technical information for research, for System Development Corporation, Santa Monica, he was part of a research group which developed a comprehensive system description of the Sawtelle Veterans' Administration Hospital. Among the results of the project were an extensive patient data system and a medical research support center.

He also worked as an assistant to Charles Rouch, a noted computer health planning expert, on a project to develop information systems to serve patients more effectively at Camarillo State Hospital, under a National Institute for Mental Health grant, from 1962-64.

A 1949 graduate of Amherst College, he did graduate work in logic and linguistics at Dublin University, Ireland, and New York University. Prior to moving into medical information systems development and management planning-research work, he was a secondary school administrator and instructor for five years.

Martin and his wife, Monica, a former schoolteacher of French, have three teenage children and live at 3-B Willowbank Road, Davis.

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

This statement was released today by Herbert Ellingwood, legal affairs secretary to Governor Reagan, following the extradition hearing for Bobby Seale:

"Facts relating to the request by Connecticut for extradition of Bobby Seale have been presented and my recommendations will be given to the Governor for his decision, which may be expected within 10 days."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the formation of a State Environmental Policy Committee designed to help coordinate the development of a long-range environmental plan for California.

He called the action "part of a commitment I have made to the people of California to wage an all-out war on the pollution of our environment. For we are, indeed, committed to a continuing program which will assure the protection of our natural environment---making the air we breathe cleaner, and the water we drink purer---into the 70s and beyond.

The governor designated Lt. Governor Ed Reinecke as chairman of the committee, in line with an executive order making the lt. governor responsible for the efforts of a number of state agencies concerned with various aspects of environmental protection.

His office now administers the State Office of Planning, the Environmental Study Council, the Interagency Council on Ocean Resources, the California Advisory Commission on Marine and Coastal Resources, the Model Cities Program, the Solid Waste Management Task Force and the Governor's Flood Task Force. He also serves as a member of the State Lands Commission and the Interstate Cooperation Commission.

The committee, to be composed of the secretaries for Resources, Business and Transportation, Human Relations and Agriculture and Services, and the director of finance, will be charged with four immediate responsibilities.

--To digest the content of suggestions to improve the state's environment, offered at the recent Governor's Conference on California's Changing Environment, and to bring to the governor specific recommendations for implementation.

--To review departmental legislation to insure a coordinated attack on the problems of environmental pollution.

--To initiate program suggestions for interim environmental control.

--To analyze legislative proposals and their possible effects on the quality of life in the state.

Governor Reagan said the committee's efforts will help the state avoid unnecessary overlapping and duplication of effort among departments, boards and commissions, and assist in the orderly development of California's environmental goals.

"We must move quickly to counter those public and private actions which result in further pollution of the environment," he said. "But, we must attack these problems in a logical and practical way, making full use of all the technological resources which are so readily available to California," he added.

The governor, noting Reinecke's business-scientific orientation to problem solving, said he has chosen the lieutenant governor to chair the committee because "he knows how to bring together those people working on individual aspects of environmental control in order to marshall the scientific and technological expertise of the state in a truly coordinated effort."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Because of a slight touch of the flu, Governor Reagan will be unable to attend the San Joaquin County Fundraiser tonight.

He will be represented by Dr. Alex Sherriffs, Education Secretary to the Governor.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of seven persons to the state's newly created Navigation and Ocean Development Commission.

The commission, created by the 1969 legislature under a reorganization plan proposed by the governor, will work with the State Department of Navigation and Ocean Development on a plan for California's ocean area.

Members of the new commission, who will serve staggered four-year terms, are:

Colonel Theodore R. Gillenwaters, a founder and secretary-counsel of the Oceanic Research Institute at La Jolla, who is active in numerous other oceanic study and research groups. An advisor to the governor on oceanic matters since 1967, he has also served on the Committee on Oceanographic Information of the National Academy of Sciences and the International Association for Water Pollution Research. He lives at Desert Hot Springs.

J. Jamison Moore, executive director of a Beverly Hills management consulting firm. He attended the University of Madrid in Spain, the University of California at Los Angeles and Loyola Law School and holds degrees in Public Administration, Business Administration and Political Science.

He is a member of the American Arbitration Association, the American Marketing Association and was chairman and founder of the Los Angeles Consultants Council.

He lives at 16459 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades.

John F. Bonner, senior vice president of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Francisco. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley where he received his degree in Civil Engineering, Bonner has wide experience in engineering and construction with P.G. and E.

He was a member of the Western Regional Advisory Committee to the Federal Power Commission, and is active in the Western Systems Coordinating Council and the Atomic Industrial Forum.

Bonner lives at 6 Pacific Avenue, Piedmont.

Stanley B. Williams, Bethel Island yacht broker and a director and vice commodore of the Pacific Coast Yachting Association. He lives at Oakley.

Frank M. Woods, a San Francisco businessman and member of the St. Francis Yacht Club and the St. Francis Yacht Racing Association. He lives at 2516 Gough Street, San Francisco.

William A. DeGroot, Jr., Marina Del Mar yachtsman and businessman. He has served as an Advisor to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Small Craft Harbor and Beach Committee, and is a member of the California Yacht Club and numerous other yachting groups and associations. He lives at 5205 Ocean Front, Marina Del Mar.

Camille M. Shaar, Jr., director of the General Motors Corporation Defense Research Laboratory at Goleta. Prior to assuming his present post, he was involved in research for space exploration systems. He lives at 1124 Estrella, Hope Ranch.

All of the commission members are Republicans. They will be paid necessary expenses.

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California moved toward the control of "noise pollution" today with the appointment by Governor Ronald Reagan of a seven member advisory committee to assist the State Department of Aeronautics in establishing noise abatement standards for aircraft and airports.

In announcing the appointments, Governor Reagan said that the muffling of airport noise must be a combined effort by government, industry, residents of communities that surround airports and by the aircraft and airport operators.

He pointed out that efforts to bring noise under control are already under way.

Manufacturers are developing and testing new concepts in engines, propeller blades and airframe design that will reduce aircraft noises while architects are developing improved low cost sound proofing materials for buildings, he said.

At the same time communities are looking into more stringent zoning regulations to reduce the unregulated growth of residential and business areas near airports.

Additional restrictions are being proposed by the Federal Aviation Administration in rules for aircraft certification, the governor reported.

Noise abatement standards set by the State Department of Aeronautics will go into effect on January 1, 1971, that will impose fines of \$1,000 against aircraft operators who refuse to comply.

The seven member Advisory Committee was created by legislation authored by Assemblyman John Foran (D-San Francisco) which sets up noise standards at all airports operating under State permit. They will work with Joseph R. Crotti, director of the Department of Aeronautics.

Members are:

Mrs. Mary Lou Crockett, 6510 Firebrand Avenue, Los Angeles. A realtor, Mrs. Crockett will represent home owner associations on the committee. She is a Republican.

Daniel W. Emory, 2250 Golden Circle Avenue, Newport Beach. A technical writer, Emory will also represent homeowners. He is a Republican.

Richard E. Coykendall, 3804 Fernwood Street, San Mateo. He is manager of the Advanced Aircraft Division of United Airlines and will represent air transportation. He is a Republican.

Daniel D. Mikesell, 811 West Granada Court, Ontario, vice chairman of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. A Republican he will represent county supervisors.

Warren N. Boggess, 1212 Davis Avenue, Concord, mayor of the City of Concord. He will represent the League of California Cities. He is a Republican.

Dr. John M. Heslep, 545 Dwight Place, Berkeley, chief of the Environmental Health and Consumer Protection Program of the Department of Public Health, will represent public health. He is a Democrat.

Charles D. Gibson, 4901 North Avenue, Carmichael, chief of the Bureau of School Planning, Department of Education. A Democrat, he will represent education.

Committee members will receive no salaries. Their terms will expire January 1, 1971.

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Governor Ronald Reagan said today he is confident that the Tahoe Bi-State Compact which is awaiting signature by President Nixon will "provide the vehicle whereby men of good will can resolve the environmental problems facing Lake Tahoe and preserve one of the world's greatest scenic attractions."

"The compact represents a milestone in the environmental protection for the lake," the governor said, "and will help give us the tools we need to assure future generations that we will not permit the despoilization of so great a resource.

"The decisions which must be made, I am confident, will reflect the sincerity and responsibility of men of good will who share the common goal of preserving and enhancing the present quality of Lake Tahoe and its outstanding environment.

"Because the Bi-State Tahoe Planning Compact will be a reality soon, it is imperative that the agencies which have been operating separately in the past will now join hands in a mutually responsible and responsive program to protect that outstanding natural asset.

"I have been advised that the interim plan of the Tahoe Agency will be completed within 90 days from the date the compact becomes effective, and I therefore urge all parties and individuals involved to work together for the best interests of all our citizens."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Governor Reagan will meet with the State Board of Agriculture at 2 p.m. in the Council Room. It is a regular meeting of the board and is, therefore, open to the press.

Following the scheduled lighting of the state Christmas Tree by the Governor and family at 5 p.m. there will be an office Christmas party in the governor's office to which members of the Capitol Press Corps are invited.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today reluctantly accepted the resignation of Gordon C. Luce, one of his key advisers and secretary of the state's Business and Transportation Agency since January, 1967.

Luce is leaving the state post to accept an offer from the board of directors of the San Diego Federal Savings and Loan Association to become the organization's president.

The governor said:

"Gordon is one of the ablest and most respected members of my administration, a leader of great integrity and ~~dedication~~ whose outstanding service to the people of California over the past three years will long be remembered.

"While accepting his resignation with deep regret, I am at the same time of course very proud and pleased for him in having been selected for this important job in private business.

"Like so many others in this administration, Gordon came to Sacramento, not to begin a career in government, but to contribute his time and talents toward making state government more efficient and responsive to the needs of his fellow citizens.

"He came with the understanding that he could return to the private sector after one or two years. Now, the time has come for him to return to private life. And, while all of us will miss him very much, we wish him every success in all his future activities.

"His contributions to the success of administration programs---from those designed to cut bureaucratic red tape and governmental spending, to those intended to assure the enhancement and protection of our environment---are the envy of other governors across the nation.

"As a result of his leadership, the state has laid the groundwork for a balanced transportation system to help meet the growing needs of a highly mobile society.

And, for the first time, the state is now making environmental and community values prime considerations in freeway planning.

"California is a better place to live because of Gordon Luce."

Luce said he expects to assume the presidency of the San Diego firm, a federal (not state) savings institution with assets over \$300 million, in mid-January.

In a statement, Luce said:

"Serving the state of California and Governor Ronald Reagan has been the greatest experience of my life.

"We have been able to accomplish a wide range of governmental improvements in economy and efficiency, balanced transportation planning, environmental enhancement and consumer protection to name a few areas pertinent to the Agency.

"I have turned down several possibilities in other private and governmental positions to accept this new assignment. However, I plan to continue my involvement in transportation planning, environmental matters, and economy in government by speaking out and participating in various roles in the private sector."

"I believe that every businessman should consider giving some of his time to public service. I feel more than ever that business should aid government wherever possible.

"To me, there is also great personal satisfaction in such service, plus an opportunity for both sectors to learn and progress in a mutually beneficial manner.

"I also look with pride at the people who have so diligently pursued their responsibilities in state government, and in the departments of my agency, and congratulate the many state employees and members of the governor's team who have done their jobs so well.

"I look forward to rejoining the financial community and to returning to California's second largest city."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of three members to the California Advisory Commission on Marine and Coastal Resources.

The positions, which require Senate confirmation, pay necessary expenses.

The appointees are:

Dr. Edmund P. Halley, 68, a retired physician, of 1759 San Joaquin Street, Stockton. Dr. Halley is active in numerous yachting groups and previously served on the Small Craft Harbors Commission. He is a Republican.

Wheeler J. North
Dr. James N. Wheeler, 47, professor of Environmental Health Engineering, the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. An authority on marine biology, he is the author of numerous works on the subject and serves as a consultant to governmental agencies on the marine environment.

A Republican, he lives at 205 Carnation Avenue, Corona Del Mar.

Preston B. Hotchkis, 40, president of a Los Angeles based real estate development and ranching company and Southern California civic leader. A Republican, he lives at 1415 Circle Drive, San Marino.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of Dr. James E. Feldmayer of Exeter to the District Review Committee for the Fifth District, Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Feldmayer, 58, a past president of the Tulare County Medical Society, will succeed Dr. Leopold J. Snyder who has resigned.

A Republican, Dr. Feldmayer will be paid per diem and expenses. His home is at 200 East Cedar, Exeter.

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#679

Governor Ronald Reagan today sent the following telegram to
Rogers C. Morton, chairman of the Republican National Committee:

"I know you were faced with a hard decision not to seek
election to the United States Senate. But I want you to know that
I feel you have acted in the best interests of our party and the
nation to remain in your post as Republican National Chairman. You
have made tremendous progress in crystalizing the many vigorous and
progressive forces within the Republican Party and your vitality
and wisdom in helping guide us to further victories next year
cannot be underestimated. I know I speak for California Republicans
when I say thanks for staying."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of two Superior Court and two Municipal Court judges in Sacramento County.

Named to the Superior Court bench were Municipal Judge Lloyd A. Phillips, Jr., 43, a Republican, and George E. Paras, 45, a Democrat.

Attorney Lawrence W. Marvin, Jr., 42, was named to succeed Judge Phillips on the Sacramento Judicial District Municipal Court and attorney Michael J. Virga, 37, was appointed to a newly created Municipal Court bench.

Judge Phillips and Paras will receive annual salaries of \$31,816. Marvin and Virga, both Republicans, will be paid \$29,270.

Appointed to the Municipal Court bench in February, 1968, Judge Phillips practiced law in Sacramento from 1956 until his appointment.

A native of Sacramento, he is a graduate of local schools, Sacramento Junior College and the University of California's Hastings College of Law.

He is a member of the State Bar, the Sacramento County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He and his wife Eugenie have two children.

Judge Phillips succeeds Judge Elwin Sheehy who has retired.

Paras, a native of Sacramento, has practiced law in the community since 1957. He is a graduate of Sacramento Junior College and the Stanford University Law School.

He is a member of the State Bar, the Sacramento County Bar Association and Delta Theta Phi law fraternity.

He is married and has two children.

Paras succeeds Judge Gordon Schaber who resigned.

Virga, a former Sacramento County Deputy District Attorney and a former City Prosecutor, has been in private practice in Sacramento since 1963.

A native of Sacramento, he is a graduate of local schools and the University of Santa Clara.

Twice named Sacramento's Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, he is active in the Sacramento Bar Association, the California Bar Association, the California Trial Lawyers Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association.

He and his wife Betsey have four children.

Marvin, who served as a research assistant to the Third District Court of Appeal and a deputy district attorney of Sacramento County, has been in private practice since 1962.

He is a native of Sacramento, a graduate of Sacramento Junior College, the University of California at Berkeley, and has attended Hastings College of Law and Sacramento State College. He received law degrees from the University of San Francisco.

He is active in numerous civic and youth groups, is a founder of the Sacramento Barristers Club, former director of the Sacramento Legal Aid Society and a member of the Sacramento County Bar Association, the California Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Marvin and his wife Roberta have three children.

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Governor and Mrs. Reagan and their children
will be available for pictures only by the family
Christmas tree from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday,
December 23, at their Pacific Palisades home.

Please note that coverage is limited to
pictures only.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of Ventura Municipal Court Judge Philip J. West to the Ventura County Superior Court bench.

Judge West, 45, is a Republican. He will receive an annual salary of \$31,816. He succeeds Judge Roy A. Gustafson who has been elevated to the District Court of Appeal.

Judge West, presiding judge of the Ventura County Municipal Court since 1968, has also served as judge of the Fillmore City Court, the Fillmore Judicial District and the Oxnard and Camarillo municipal courts.

He attended Grand Rapids Junior College in Michigan and the University of Wisconsin, receiving his law degree from the University of Michigan.

He is a member of the Ventura County Bar Association and the Conference of California Judges.

Judge West and his wife live in Fillmore. They have three daughters.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Norman L. Vroman, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, to the newly created Pomona Judicial District Municipal Court bench.

Vroman, 33, a Republican, will receive an annual salary of \$29,270.

A native of Los Angeles, he was graduated from local schools and La Verne College. He received his law degree from the University of Colorado.

Vroman, who is now deputy in charge of the West Covina office, joined the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office in 1966.

Active in civic affairs, he is a former La Verne City Councilman and is a past president of the La Verne Chamber of Commerce.

He is also a member of the Pomona Valley Bar Association, the Deputy District Attorney's Association and numerous other civic and legal groups.

Vroman and his wife Marion have three children.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced a six point program designed to use the state's fleet operations and purchasing and taxing powers to encourage and expedite the use of smog-free motor vehicles in California.

Terming the fight against air pollution "a matter of urgent necessity--a war which we must win; a war we intend to win" the governor outlined his plan:

1. Immediate conversion of 175 state vehicles to a dual fuel system which will permit the use of virtually smog free compressed natural gas (CNG);
2. Conversion of additional state vehicles to the dual fuel system on a programmed and continuing basis;
3. Locating low emission cars, and new 1970 model state cars in major smog affected areas;
4. Requiring that 1971 autos and trucks purchased by the state for use in smog troubled areas meet the proposed stiff 1975 vehicle emission standards;
5. Reducing the fuel tax on natural gas as an incentive for other fleet operators--private and public--to join with the state in this part of his clean air campaign, and
6. Developing a systematic testing and tune-up procedure to insure sustained low vehicle emissions.

The first phase of the program, the conversion of 175 state operated vehicles to the CNG dual fuel system, will begin immediately, the governor said. With the dual system, the vehicle could be operated on the highway or in open country on regular gas, then switched to natural gas for driving in the smog-plagued metropolitan areas.

"The state is one of the very large motor vehicle fleet operators", the governor pointed out. "It should lead the way in this specific effort to reduce vehicular air pollution in our cities."

At the request of Assemblyman Pete Schabarum (R-Covina) the State Highway Commission allocated funds to test the dual system on 10 state autos. The tests were conducted under the supervision of the State Air Resources Board and the satisfactory results of those tests prompted the governor's decision to begin converting a portion of the state auto fleet to compressed natural gas. The governor said the test vehicles scored below the state requirements set for 1974 models, and that with some modifications, they could meet the even stiffer 1975

The governor's program calls for additional dual system autos to be converted and added to the state fleet on a monthly basis. Under the program, the state will also put into operation vehicles powered by other low emission fuels and engines when these prove practical. Such vehicles might include steam and electric powered cars and trucks as well as those powered by improved gas turbines.

During recent months, the Reagan administration has been making stringent efforts to cut back on the total number of motor vehicles operated by the state government. Part of the savings realized by the cutbacks will be used to pay for the conversion of internal combustion engined cars to the dual system. "At the same time," said the governor, "some 1970 model autos will be purchased with the conversion system installed before use."

All converted and 1970 low emission state vehicles will be located and operated in major cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento and San Diego, areas considered to have smog problems. Older vehicles will be transferred to rural and other areas not experiencing air pollution problems.

The Air Resources Control Board recently called for emission controls on 1975 model cars which would be even stiffer than the California standards set for the 1974 models. The governor announced that he has instructed Verne Orr, director of General Services, to require that those 1971 models purchased by the state for use in high pollution areas meet the stiff 1975 standards. In lieu of meeting the 1975 requirements with internal combustion engines, CNG switchover dual fuel system installation would be permitted.

The governor urged other major fleet operators in California--public utilities, city and county governments--to make similar dual system conversions.

As one incentive, the governor said that he will ask the legislature to cut the present state tax on natural gas for automotive use by almost 60 percent-- from 7 to 3 cents per 100 cubic feet, the amount of CNG comparable to a gallon of regular liquid gasoline. The state tax on a gallon of gasoline is 7 cents and would remain unchanged.

If the legislature approves the governor's request, the cost for natural gas would be about 14 cents, compared to about 30 cents per gallon of gasoline.

To encourage city and county governments to convert their vehicles, the governor stressed that the state's massive purchasing power was available to them. Many city and county governments already work with the state's department of General Services to save money in the purchase of police and other vehicles.

The average cost of converting an auto to the dual system is \$400. It is estimated that tax and fuel cost savings should average \$100 a year under normal fleet operation. The dual fuel unit can be switched from an old to a new vehicle when the car is sold or traded.

The governor acknowledged that there are some disadvantages in operating on compressed natural gas including the initial conversion cost, the present scarcity of natural gas stations (the state plans to install its own), the relatively limited operating range on a tankful of gas, and the amount of trunk space needed for the natural gas tanks.

"However, the point is--we can start achieving low pollution now, and that outweighs any disadvantages as far as we are concerned," the governor concluded.

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MEMO TO TELEVISION NEWS EDITORS

The accompanying color videotape contains a Report to the People by Governor Ronald Reagan for use AFTER 5 P.M. DECEMBER 22, 1969. It runs 1:44. Please guard against premature release.

Enclosed is a news release---also embargoed for use after 5 p.m. Monday, December 22---containing additional details of the program being announced by the governor.

Following is the text of the taped Report to the People:

"When I took office I promised you this administration would wage an all-out war on air pollution.

"We have done this. We have adopted the strongest controls on air pollution by any state in the union. Automobiles literally have to be manufactured to California specifications.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today nominated San Diego Superior Court Judge Richard B. Ault as Associate Justice of Division One, Fourth Appellate District, Court of Appeal.

His nomination for appointment to the newly created court must be confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.

Judge Ault, 52, has served on the San Diego County Superior Court since 1957. For the past nine months he has been on special assignment on the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal.

He is a former San Diego Municipal Court judge and a former teacher in the San Diego schools system.

Judge Ault, holds degrees from San Diego State College, the University of California at Berkeley, Balboa University and California Western University.

He and his wife Jeanne have four children.

Judge Ault is a Republican. His salary will be \$38,179.

Governor Ronald Reagan today nominated San Bernardino attorney Marcus M. Kaufman and Orange County Superior Court Judge Robert Gardner as Associate Justices of Division Two, the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal.

Their appointments to the newly created benches must be confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments. Their salaries will be \$38,179.

Kaufman, 40, a partner in a San Bernardino law firm since 1961, has served as judge pro tem of the San Bernardino Superior and Municipal courts. He is a Republican.

He is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Southern California Law School and has served on the USC Law School faculty.

Active in many civic, service and legal organizations, he is a past president and director of the San Bernardino Legal Aid Society. Other affiliations include the San Bernardino Air Pollution Control Hearing Board, the San Bernardino County Bar Association, American Bar Association, Boy Scouts of America, Legion Lex, Phi Beta Kappa and Congregation Emanu El.

Kaufman and his wife Eileen have three children.

Judge Gardner, 57, who has served on the Orange County Superior Court since 1947, is a former Orange County Deputy District Attorney. He is a Republican.

Active in numerous civic, service and legal organizations, he is also an author whose works have appeared in legal journals and popular magazines.

He is a founding member of the Town Hall of Orange County, the Orange County World Affairs Council, Friends of the Library at the University of California at Irvine, the United States Surfing Association and was selected as "Man of the Year" by the Newport-Harbor Chamber of Commerce in 1968, the Newport-Harbor Kiwanis Club in 1967 and the Newport-Harbor Spastic League in 1966.

He has also served as president of Newport-Harbor Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Orange County Associated-In-Group-Donors, Amigos Viejos and as an advisory board member of Chapman College, the Salvation Army and the Santa Ana Boys Club.

His legal associations include membership in the American Bar Association, the Conference of California Judges and the American Judicature Society.

He is a graduate of the University of Southern California. Judge Gardner and his wife Kathryn have two daughters.

Governor Ronald Reagan has announced the appointment of five members to four year terms on the newly created Vocational Rehabilitation Appeals Board, subject to Senate confirmation.

The board was created by the 1969 legislature in a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Gene Chappie (R-Cool) to hear appeals by persons who have been denied services or are dissatisfied with services received from the Department of Rehabilitation.

Members are:

John R. Hardin, 51, manager of a salvage and refuse collection company. A Democrat, Hardin is active in several youth and service organizations in Santa Rosa. He and his wife Essie have six children. The family home is at 5050 Taylor Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Tom B. Pearson, 43, mayor of the City of Del Mar. Pearson, a nuclear engineer and project manager for a San Diego research firm, holds degrees from M.I.T. and Harvard. He and his wife live at 2051 Balboa Avenue, Del Mar. He is a Republican.

Don J. Lathrop, 43, executive director of Goodwill Industries of Santa Clara County. A Republican, he was named one of the five "Outstanding Young Men of California" by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1960, and won the 1961 certificate of Meritorious Award from the President's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, and a 1962 service award from the Associated Blind of California. He lives with his wife Enid and three children at ~~46 Race Street~~ ^{1525 Winton Way}, San Jose.

Miss Rose Resnick, 53, executive director of the California League for the Handicapped, Inc., San Francisco. A Democrat, Miss Resnick is a founder of the Enchanted Hills Foundation and has a wide background of service to the blind and the handicapped. She lives at 40 Anzavista Street, San Francisco.

Dr. Carolyn L. Vash, 35, staff psychologist and chief of Vocational Services, Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. Dr. Vash is also assistant professor of psychology at California State College at Los Angeles and is active in numerous rehabilitation programs. She is a Republican. Her home is at 35 East Las Flores Drive, Altadena.

Board members are paid necessary and actual expenses.

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Following is the text of a filmed Report to the People (104 sec. in length) by Governor Reagan which has been distributed to California television stations for use after 5 p.m. Monday, December 22. (The governor's recorded statement is available to radio stations at 916-445-0101. Members of the Capitol Press Corps who serve radio broadcasters in the state may wish to reproduce a tape-recording of the governor's statement which is available in the governor's press office---also embargoed for use after 5 p.m., Monday, December 22.)

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Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following Christmas

Message:

"This is the season when, for a brief moment, man almost seems to be within grasp of the gift willed to him by the gentle man of Nazareth.

"Yet, while he can devise formulas that are unlocking the secrets of the universe and the secrets of life itself, the gift of Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men, continues to elude him.

"Today, as we are surrounded by the warmth and the joy of Christmas, I ask all my fellow Californians to pause and consider this legacy.

"I ask, too, that every man search his heart for the secret that was planted there by the child of Bethlehem---the gentle man of Nazareth whose birthday we celebrate today.

"As we move into a decade, many miracles await us. And I ask you, my fellow Californians, to join me in praying for the miracle that lies within the meaning of Christmas."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of one of his top aides, Winfred (Win) W. Adams, of San Diego, to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Adams, who begins his four-year term on the board January 15, will succeed William Alexander of Porterville. The job pays \$25,000 per year.

He served as Governor Reagan's cabinet secretary from September, 1967, to January, 1969, and has headed up the establishment of an administration management evaluation system for the governor since last September. From January-September of this year, he served, on an interim basis, as Ed Reinecke's top aide during the lieutenant governor's transition to state government.

Adams also was instrumental in the formulation of a new administration office of intergovernmental management, headed by the lieutenant governor.

In addition, he played a key role in helping to shape administration policy and programs during the interim government, immediately following Governor Reagan's election victory in November, 1966.

As cabinet secretary, he worked closely with other administration officials on a major reorganization plan for the executive branch, which later was approved by the legislature.

During the first eight months of 1967, as assistant secretary of the State Resources Agency, he assisted in organizing the State Water Resources Control Board, which emerged from the consolidation of the Water Pollution Control Board and State Water Rights Board.

In his new assignment, Adams will be one of five members of a board charged with the responsibility for establishing water quality standards and administering water rights throughout the state.

Governor Reagan noted Adams' "demonstrated administrative ability in the water resources field. With his keen understanding of state water policy, and the workings of the executive branch, Win's new responsibilities will further strengthen California's efforts to assure continued high standards for water quality," the governor said.

Adams and his wife, Jo, currently live in Sacramento but maintain a permanent residence in San Diego.

Prior to joining state service, he worked for four years as campaign director for the Republican State Central Committee of California. He also was director of the "Cal-Plan" to elect Republican legislators.

He previously was district supervisor for the Census Bureau in the U.S. Department of Commerce.

A Retired Air Force warrant officer, he served from 1949-53 as a military assistant, Air Attache's office, U.S. Embassy, Cairo, Egypt. From 1953-56, he was on the U.S. Air Force intelligence staff at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

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RELEASE: Immediate

#689

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Modesto attorney Francis W. Halley to the Stanislaus County Superior Court bench.

Halley, 57, succeeds Judge Robert Carter who has retired.

A Republican, Halley is a senior partner in the law firm of Halley, Head and La Force.

He is a 1930 graduate of Modesto High School and received an A.B. degree from the University of California at Berkeley four years later. After graduation from Boalt Hall in 1937 he entered private law practice in Modesto.

Halley served as deputy district attorney in Stanislaus County from 1941-45 and was Modesto's city attorney from 1946-51.

He is a former president of the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, the Modesto 20-30 Club and Modesto Junior College Alumni Association. He also is a past president of the Stanislaus County Bar Association.

He and his wife, Eleanor, have two sons and reside at 810 Carolyn Avenue, Modesto.

The judicial post pays \$31,816 per year.

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#690

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of attorney William A. Yale to the San Diego County Superior Court bench.

The post pays \$31,816 annually

Yale, a 43-year-old Republican, succeeds Judge Richard Ault who has been elevated to the District Court of Appeal, pending confirmation by the State Commission on Judicial Appointments.

Yale is a 1949 graduate of California Western University law school and has been engaged in private practice in San Diego since 1950 when he was admitted to the State Bar.

He is a former president of the San Diego County Bar Association and has served as a member of the California Law Revision Commission for the past two years.

He and his wife, Yvonne, have three children and live at 10056 Fuerte Drive, La Mesa.

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RELEASE: Immediate

#691

Governor Ronald Reagan has announced the appointment of Van A. Lamb, 26, an Escalon ranch foreman, to the Local Applications Advisory Board.

The board allocates O.E.O. funds for services to migratory agricultural workers.

Lamb, who lives at 1317 Colorado Avenue, Turlock, will represent labor on the board, succeeding Secondino C. Ramirez who has resigned. The post pays necessary expenses.

Lamb is a Republican.

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RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

#692

Governor Ronald Reagan today elevated Municipal Judge J. Edgar Thomson Rutter II to the Orange County Superior Court bench.

Rutter, 38, succeeds Judge Robert Gardner who has been nominated by the governor to the District Court of Appeal, pending confirmation by the State Commission on Judicial Appointments.

A 1955 graduate of the U.S.C. Law School, Rutter, a Republican, was named a municipal court judge in the Orange County Harbor Judicial District November 19, 1968.

He is married, has four children

In his new post, Rutter will earn \$31,816 per year.

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Governor Ronald Reagan today took action to assure that persons in 37 California counties who were thrown out of work as the result of floods earlier this year may receive unemployment benefits.

The State Department of Human Resources Development estimates that some 90,000 persons could be eligible for unemployment checks totalling around \$28 million.

In signing an agreement with U.S. Secretary of Labor George Schultz, the governor's action cleared the way for California to carry out provisions of the Federal Disaster Relief Act of 1969 which enables "any individual unemployed as the result of a major disaster"--- including counties declared disaster areas earlier this year---to receive unemployment assistance. President Nixon recently signed the Act into law.

The Department of Human Resources Development will administer the federally funded relief program in California for the Department of Labor.

The governor and President Nixon joined in declaring 37 counties in California as disaster areas earlier this year after heavy rains and a record snowpack in the Sierra caused major flood damage.

The counties are: Amador, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Sierra, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tehama, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura, and Yuba.

Governor Reagan called the action "good news for many thousands of Californians who were put out of work temporarily as the result of the floods" and noted that he signed the necessary agreement papers as soon as they were received this week from Washington, D.C.

"The news should make for an even happier Christmas for those who face the prospect of receiving such assistance," he added.

Application may be made any day between January 12 and February 23, 1970, at Unemployment Insurance offices of the California Department of Human Resources Development (HRD), to determine eligibility for the disaster unemployment assistance.

Sig Hansen, deputy director of HRD, reckoned that the average--- repeat, average---person affected by the action will receive six weeks of benefits, at \$51 per week. He estimated that some 90,000 persons could be eligible, out of the 140,000 persons expected to apply.

Following application, the department will determine eligibility and the amount of assistance payable.

The funds will be paid out over a period of two to three months, he said.

The Department of Labor will reimburse HRD for the cost of administering the program in California.

Hansen said workers not covered under California's unemployment Insurance law---notably farm workers---may apply for disaster unemployment benefits provided under the new federal Disaster Act.

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RELEASE: Immediate

#694

Governor Ronald Reagan has announced the appointment of San Diego Fire Chief Leonard T. Bell, 51, to the State Fire Advisory Board, subject to Senate confirmation.

Bell, who lives at 14102 Half Moon Bay Drive, Del Mar Hills, will receive necessary and actual expenses. He is a Republican.

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(NOTE: Governor Reagan's Executive Secretary, Edwin Meese III, will introduce Mr. Orr to members of the press for a brief question and answer session at 1:30 p.m. today in Room #1190, State Capitol.)

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Verne Orr, a key member of the administration since early 1967, as his new Director of Finance.

Orr, 53, has served as director of the Department of General Services since December 1, and was previously director of the State Department of Motor Vehicles for nearly three years.

He succeeds Caspar W. Weinberger who is leaving the \$35,000-a-year post January 1 to become chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.

Although he had been urged to begin work in Washington earlier, the governor persuaded Weinberger to remain in Sacramento to head up the administration's budget and financial planning in preparation for the forthcoming legislative session.

Governor Reagan called Orr "one of the ablest members of our team, a man of great integrity and dedication to the principles of good government who has performed a truly outstanding job as a department director during the course of this administration.

"I, of course, am very pleased that Verne has agreed to take on this tremendously important assignment, as director of finance.

"He brings to the task a wealth of practical experience and administrative talent, along with an intimate working knowledge of the fields of finance and government.

"I know that in his new role, he will continue to make the same meaningful contributions to effective and responsive state government which have so marked his service to this administration and the people of California.

"Under his leadership the Department of Motor Vehicles reduced the time required for processing a driver's license from 39 to 10 working days. In addition, the department was able to take on a 30 percent workload increase without any increase in the number of state employees--- examples, among many which could be cited, of his concern for the efficient use of the taxpayers' money.

"Welcome, Verne, to another challenging assignment," the governor said.

Orr, who served as president of Investors' Savings and Loan Association of Pasadena for four years prior to joining the administration, said:

"I am deeply honored and very grateful for the confidence which the governor has placed in me in making this decision, and I look forward to the job which lies ahead."

A Republican, Orr is married, has two children, and lives at 6649 Lake Park Drive, Sacramento.

In his letter of resignation to the governor, Weinberger said:

"I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to work with you and your administration and am deeply honored to have had the opportunity in this office to serve you, and through you, the people of California.

"The opportunity to work with you and your administration has been one of the great experiences of my life, and I am deeply grateful to you for all that you have done for the people of California.

"I hope and am sure that my successor will have the same fine cooperation that I always received from the members of the Department of Finance, and all of the other departments and agencies of state government. I also hope that he will have as much enjoyment in the work as I have had these past two years."

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Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following New Year message:

"On this, the eve of a new year and a new decade, I ask all Californians to join me in a moment of re-dedication.

"I ask them to reaffirm the spirit of America, knowing that it can carry us into a new century against all challenges.

"It is a spirit that makes it possible to look at a man and not ask from where he came but where he is going--not what he has been, but what he can be.

"It is the spirit that gives every citizen the knowledge that he can change the world for the better if he starts making the changes in his own home and his own neighborhood.

"It is the spirit that makes every man know that he and he alone is responsible for his acts and their effect upon those who surround him.

"If we, as Californians, will greet the new year and the new decade with this dedication, we can and will solve the problems that lie before us and perhaps we can blaze a trail into a new world where there is genuine peace, freedom and dignity for all men."

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MEMO TO THE PRESS

Governor Ronald Reagan today granted Connecticut's request for the extradition of Bobby Seale to stand trial for murder, kidnapping, conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy to commit kidnapping.

The governor said that after a thorough analysis of all the legal points raised there was no basis on which to decline the extradition request.

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