

EAST BAY

Vote Count Prospects

By FRANK PIAZZI
Next year's primary and general election ballots in the two East Bay counties in all likelihood will still be counted by the old-fashioned one-at-a-time hand ballot counting system.

Hopes that modern, high speed, electronic computers would take over the chore of tallying the votes in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties seem to be fading.

The primary election is next June 7. The general election follows Nov. 8.

WHICH MACHINES?
In Alameda County, Chairman John Murphy of the board of supervisors, who is also chairman of the Voting Machine Committee, may call a session of his committee within the next few weeks to try to reach a decision on which—if any—of the two finalist voting machines to buy:

- The Cubic Votronic machine which scans hand-marked ballots at high speed

and tallies the results automatically, or

- The IBM system, which provides voters with IBM cards on which to punch out their voting preferences.

But if and when the committee and the supervisors decide on which vote tallying system to buy, financing the machines could be a problem. The original \$700,000 budgeted for this purpose was de-toured to the Russell City re-development program, with the agreement that profits from this project would be returned to the voting machine fund. Those profits could take a long time in coming back.

NO SWIFT TALLY
Which would mean that there won't be any voting machines to do a swift tally of election results come next June's primary election.

And in Contra Costa County, the board of supervisors only last week named Supervisor Edmund Linscheid of

Pittsburgh and James T. Moriarity of Lafayette, as a committee to look into the voting machine problem. Both men shied away from the chairmanship of this committee, which could leave it either without a head or with two heads and deadlocked on any firm decision.

STRONG FOE
Linscheid has been a strong foe of the Coleman ballot counting machine that was tried experimentally last year by Contra Costa County. The machine chewed up a few ballots in early operation, but operated well thereafter. However the ballot-destruction caused great controversy and drew opposition from Linscheid. He said:

"This experiment was disastrous. It must not be repeated. There's only one tried and true system to count manually marked ballots. And that is trained election precinct workers who do the counting by hand and give us an accurate count. Not a ma-

chine that breaks down and gives us a rough estimate of the vote."

Regardless of how soon this two-man committee meets, or what it decides, it isn't going to come up with voting machines for Contra Costa County's elections in 1966.

NO MONEY
There is no item in the budget for voting machines and no money available as yet.

All of which adds up to no vote tallying by electronic computers in the East Bay next year, as of now.

Thus results in the political races of candidates in national, state and county races may be long in coming out of Oakland and Martinez next year.


Only swift—and firm—decisions to do something about voting machines within the next 30 days could change this picture. That is hardly likely.

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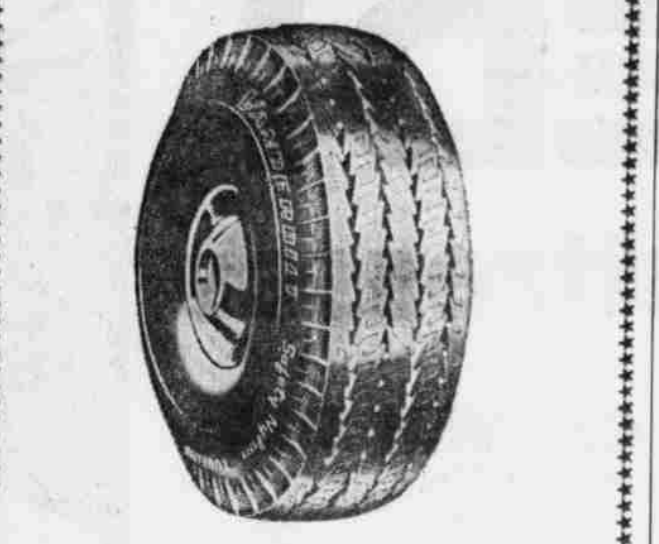
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Eyes of Texas On Integration

TEXAS CITY (Tex.) — (AP)—A Federal government attorney asked about 300 Negroes Friday night to report any failures by Texas school boards to carry out the Federal government's integration program.

Herbert C. Kane, an attorney with the U. S. Office of Education, spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Texas branches of the National Association for Colored People. Kane is helping Texas boards develop integration plans acceptable to the U. S. office.

CABBIES CAPITULATE

Sign Rejected Contract

San Francisco's Yellow Cab drivers have approved a new contract calling for a 50-cent-per-day increase in their minimum wage guarantee plus improved fringe benefits, it was announced yesterday.

Terms of the agreement, announced yesterday, were essentially the same as those offered by the company last month but rejected by members of Chauffeur's Local 25. International Teamsters President James R. Hoffa had flown to San Francisco to order the local to cancel plans

for a strike and to conduct a mail vote instead of the customary open-meeting balloting.

The mail vote, supervised by the State Mediation Service, approved the contract by 461-388.

Under the new agreement

approximately 1,200 Yellow Cab drivers will get a daily wage of \$13.50 of half of the total fares they collect, which ever is greater. The contract also provides for increases in employer contributions to pension and health welfare funds.

Strike Area Hit By Dynamite

LAWRENCEBURG (Tenn.) — (AP)—A dynamite bomb was lobbed to the roof of the City Hall in this labor-troubled town Friday night, knocking a four-by-six foot

section of the ceiling over the second-story library. There were no injuries in the explosion, which is at least the third to be set off here since March 3

INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

Should Auto Racing Be Allowed at Candlestick?

(Asked at Kearny and Bush Streets.)

By PAUL OLSEN

HECTOR ORTIZ, claims adjuster, 2590 Sacramento: "There will always be accidents in racing. But, knowing what the danger factors were at Candlestick, I think that if they don't ban racing, they should at least eliminate the dangers. There should be adequate supervision and inspection by a responsible agency."



JOHN BAILEY, public relations, 1901 Noriega: "In any high speed racing, the drivers put their lives on the line. So it's up to the drivers and the racing association to determine what are safe and satisfactory racing conditions. Where spectator safety is concerned, that's a matter for civic study and appropriate public action."



FRANK KRUGER, financing, 18 Peregó Terr.: "They'd ought to wait until they see what the Sports Car Club of America comes up with. I think they'll find that the track was unsafe, because it isn't natural that two men's deaths occur on one weekend. This race was sanctioned by the SCCA, so maybe their operations needs a second look."



MICHAEL THOMPSON, PGE lineman, 3507 Orinda Dr.: "The settling of the ground in the parking area makes the course a little more difficult and interesting. But adequate safety precautions must be taken for both drivers and the public. If it is to be used for future racing, a code should be published for promoters to follow."



DAVID MERLIN, advertising, 369 Pine: "As long as there is the slimmest possibility of the loss of life, racing should be prohibited. When a human life is lost unnecessarily, the life of every man, woman and child on earth is diminished. The people of San Francisco should look to more spiritual ways of obtain satisfaction."



PIERRE FAIRON, quality control inspector, 1455 Sixth Ave., Belmont: "I'd like to see the races continue. Judging from the layout I've seen the course was a difficult one. The public should be better protected, but the drivers take their own chances. If they want to enter, it's more challenging, and that makes a better race."



ARTHUR HOGGARD, stock broker, 3441 Divisadero: "I guess races are better run on a properly supervised course designed for that purpose. And that can't be said of the parking lot at Candlestick. There were indications of some immaturity in the planning of this activity. I think the races should be discontinued."



JON WOLLANDER, civil engineer, 140 San Marco, San Bruno: "They should probably confine this racing to areas built and intended for racing, rather than on a parking lot with power lines and inadequate spectator security. A wire fence rather than a good, sturdy barricade—a roller-coaster ride rather than a level track—don't spell safety."



Today's Film Clock

Title and starting time of the attractions listed below are subject to change without notice. We recommend you telephone the theater for verification.

ALEXANDRIA—"What's New, Pussy Cat?" 1:30, 3:25, 5:45, 7:50 and 10 p. m.

BELLA UNION—"Grand Substitution," 2, 8 and 10 p. m.

BRIDGE—"Zorba the Greek," 12:30, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45 and 10:10 p. m.

CINERAMA - ORPHEUM—"The Greatest Story Ever Told," 2 and 7:50 p. m.

CLAY—"Lord Jim," 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p. m.

CORONET—"My Fair Lady," 2 and 9:30 p. m.

COLISEUM—"I Saw What You Did," 3, 6:30 and 9:50 p. m.

CROW—"I Saw What You Did," 3:30, 7 and 10:30 p. m.

EL RANCHO DRIVE-IN—"Cat Ballou," 9 p. m.

EL REY—"Cat Ballou," 1:15, 5 and 9:50 p. m.

ESQUIRE—"Help," 11 a. m., 2:15, 5:30, 8:45 and 11:55 p. m.

FOX - WARFIELD—"Maritoni," 2, 5:15 and 9:30 p. m.

GENEVA DRIVE-IN—"Help," 8:45 and 12:10 a. m.

GOLDEN ORPHEUM—"Hallelujah Trail," 1, 4:45, 8:30 p. m.

LARKIN—"Nitty Natty Chateau," 2:25, 5:30 and 8:45 p. m.

MARINA—"I Saw What You Did," 3:10, 6:45 and 10:20 p. m.

METRO—"The Collector," 1:30, 3:40, 6, 8 and 10 p. m.

MISSION DRIVE-IN—"I Saw What You Did," 8:52 p. m., 12:46 a. m.

NEW MISSION—"Cat Ballou," 3:20, 6:50 and 10:25 p. m.

MUSIC HALL—"David and Lisa," 1, 4:05, 7:10 and 10:15 p. m.

ROYAL—"Cat Ballou," 1, 3:15, 5:35, 8 and 10:25 p. m.

ST. FRANCIS—"Follow Me, Follow Me," 11:40 a. m., 2:20, 5, 7:40 and 10:25 p. m.

STAGE DOOR—"Lord Jim," 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:50 p. m.

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