

## Judge Assails 'Waste' in County Psychiatric Setup

Alameda County is needlessly spending a quarter of a million dollars a year because of delays in commitment hearings of the mentally ill, alcoholics and habitual drug users.

Such is the opinion of Superior Judge Joseph A. Murphy after a two-year study as judge of the county's psychiatric court at Highland Hospital. His report has been forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for study.

But Judge Murphy's plan for correcting the situation is challenged by Dr. James C. Malcolm, Alameda County health officer, who charges that the recommendation of the judge would usurp the authority and functions of the District Attorney, County Hospital and Health Officer.

**MALCOLM OBJECTS**  
"As outlined in the report," says Dr. Malcolm in his own report to the Board of Supervisors, "the superior court would become the petitioner, the prosecutor, the judge and jury, and apparently, even provide psychiatric treatment."

Judge Murphy wrote that adequate psychiatric screening of class brought before the court could save the county \$85,000 a year and that proper coordination between the court and psychiatric facilities would save around \$180,000 a year by limiting the time of confinement of patients awaiting hearings.

## HCUA Hit By Atheistic Group Leader

A leader of some 10,000 members in the Ethical Movement has declared that the House Committee on Un-American Activities should be abolished.

The Ethical Movement maintains that churches and a belief in a Supreme Being are not necessary for religion, and opposes "In God We Trust" as the American motto.

Jerome Nathanson, administrative leader of the New York Society for Ethical Culture, a unit of the Ethical Movement, discussed the San Francisco City Hall riot at a press conference yesterday, and said:

"Who cares whether the mob was directed by communists or the film 'Operation Abolition' distorted? The real issue is that no legislative body can define Americanism. 'You can't legislate a definition of Americanism,' he said. 'Diversity and the right to disagree are a basic part of American democracy.'"

Nathanson said the Ethical Movement stresses the importance of what man does in his daily personal and community relations, leaving acceptance or rejection of a supernatural Being up to the individual.

He will discuss "The Prospects of Liberal Religion" at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the University of California's International House in Berkeley.

## Student Sues Dance Studio In Fee Dispute

A 55-year-old Oakland waitress has asked Alameda County Superior Court to force Arthur Murray Dance Studio to return \$16,841 of \$21,301 paid by her for ballroom lessons.

Mrs. Carrie Stovall, of 1458 Madison St., said that she made the total payments for instruction over a period from Feb. 26, 1958, to July 27, 1960. She fixes \$4,460 as the reasonable value of lessons received under the contract.

Her lawsuit, prepared by Atty. William H. McInerney, lists as co-defendants with the Oakland studio the Arthur Murray School of Dancing and Arthur and Kathryn Murray, officer-operators of the national chain.

**Albany GOP Speaker**  
ALBANY, March 15—The Rev. Bryan Judge of Alameda will tell why he changed his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican as he addresses the Albany GOP Assembly here tonight. The meeting will be held at the Albany Community Center, starting at 8 p.m. and the public is invited.

## Navy Officer Backed for Health Post

Alameda County's mental health advisory board has recommended the appointment of a U.S. Navy psychiatrist as chief of the county's mental health system.

The proposal suggests the hiring of Dr. Richard Gerlach, 31, chief of the psychiatric services of the U.S. Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi, Tex.

He would be the successor of Dr. Howard Cooper, who resigned last Sept. 1 in protest to what he called economy measures by the Board of Supervisors.

The advisory board made its recommendation on Dr. Gerlach to the supervisors in a letter transmitted through Superior Judge Joseph A. Murphy.

Dr. Gerlach interned at Highland Hospital. He graduated in psychiatry at Yale University and served on three general hospital staffs before entering Navy service.

**Indian Languages**  
WASHINGTON—There are 55 separate American Indian languages and many more dialects.

## County to Seek Federal Aid For Renewal of Russell City

Russell City, considered a blight on the map of Alameda County, may be removed by an urban redevelopment program.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday voted unanimously to develop a plan by which federal aid can be obtained to relocate some 1,500 people and develop the area for industrial use.

The board assigned to the District Attorney, the Planning Director, and the County Administrator the task of compiling the data necessary to qualify for federal aid.

When the data is available the board will appoint an Urban Redevelopment Authority to relocate the residents of the 92-acre area south of the Hayward Airport and to start condemnation proceedings.

The action came after the board heard reports from Bengt Torsell, field representative of the Urban Renewal Administration, San Francisco, who outlined requirements of the Federal Government to qualify for federal aid, and Deputy Dist. Atty. John Lewis, who outlined the suitable housing elsewhere.

Present at the hearing also were J. A. Quinn, foreman of the Alameda County Grand



**NLRB APPOINTEE**—Gerald A. Brown, director of the National Labor Relations Board's 20th Region, has been picked by President Kennedy to be a member of the national board. Brown lives in Palo Alto.

## Park Nature Class For Children Set

BERKELEY, March 15—The plants and insects of Live Oak Park will be studied during a nature class for children, 7 to 11, sponsored by the Berkeley Recreation and Parks Department.

Registration for the series is now being accepted at the Live Oak Recreation Center, Shattuck Ave. and Berryman St.

Jury, who urged immediate action by the board, and Irvin Alkus, Joseph Blankenstein, Mrs. Janita Patterson and Mrs. Betsy Strobe, members of the Russell City committee of the grand jury.

Torsell told the board that prerequisites of federal aid are ability to relocate the people of the blighted area in decent, safe and sanitary housing, a master plan for development of the land, ability and willingness to share one-third of the net cost of the project, and public support in the undertaking.

The Russell City area, described by recent grand juries as a "squalid mess" without a water system, sanitary or storm sewers, has been under study by the county planning staff for nearly a decade. In July, 1958, they recommended that the county clear the area and convert it to industrial use.

The plan calls for condemnation of the property, compensation of the owners at the fair market value, and transfer of the residents, whether property owners or not, to suitable housing elsewhere, and sale of the land for industrial development.

Councilman Dan Cooper of

Hayward said that city will cooperate in development of the plan so far as legally possible. The area is at this time unincorporated and is the responsibility of the county.

There is every expectation that it will be annexed by the City of Hayward after it is Welfare Director Harold Kehoe said that of the 1,500 to 1,600 population of Russell City only 72 are getting welfare assistance. Three of these are blind, one is totally disabled, 10 get general assistance, 28 get aid to needy children, and 30 are on old age security.

There was no estimate of the total cost of the redevelopment program but Surveyor Olof E. Andersson reported that if the area were developed to subdivision standards with streets, water, sewers and fire protection, the cost would be around \$1 million, exclusive of the cost of relocating the residents.

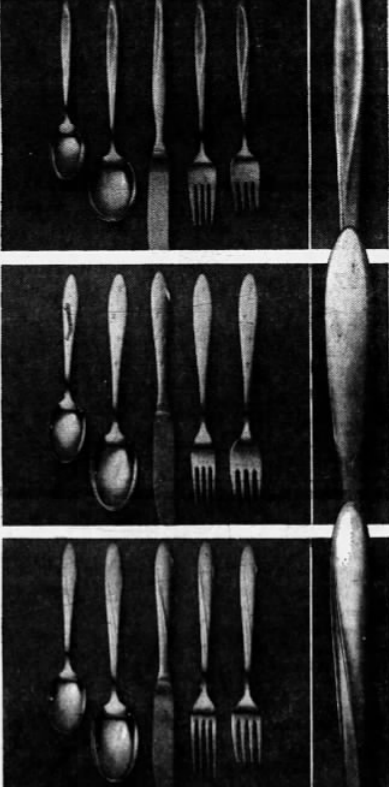
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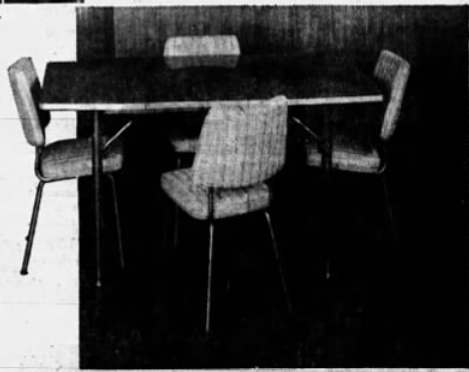
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