Automation May Take Over With State's Budget

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Signs are in the sky that our California state budgetary process may go largely automated before too many years. Last year the Assembly Ways and Means Committee authorized the development of a long range program for the functioning of state government and for budget planning by a well-known firm of governmental administration specialists. The firm has submitted a tentative draft of recommendations, which will be reviewed by the committee in the near future.

The committee was informed that the cost of state government will increase steadily in years to come, not only because there will be more people, but because all the people will require more services and facilities. Further inflation will also increase it, but costs in specific areas may decrease because of improved administration or cutting back of obsolete services. This means of financing the cost may or may not keep pace with the need.

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THE COMMITTEE also was told that, in a sense, every legislator has a greater responsibility for encouraging the long view than does any governor. The Legislature is the source of the constitutional amendments and statutes which express the state public policy. It authorizes state expenditures, and it establishes the tax system which pays for them. The Legislature can no longer afford to wait for each fiscal year to see where state government stands. It has to look far enough ahead to be able to take prompt action to prevent a state financial crisis, or a severe reduction in vital service.

The tentative report points out that so far legislative action to meet the problems of California's growth has been mainly a scramble to catch up with developments. Unless state government faces what is ahead, and arranges the services and facilities that will be required, little better than continued waste and chaos can be expected in the years to come.

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FACTORS WHICH must be taken into account in long-range fiscal planning range from the normal expansion of government to meet growth needs, through the continuing pressure for new services, the ambitions of particular state agencies, the questions as to revenues available from the existing tax structure, the use of special fund surpluses for general state needs, to the cost of borrowing for capital outlays. All these point up the dire need for effective long range planning.

The report continues that this planning does not imply that the Legislature should make commitments beyond the next fiscal year. Adoption of a budget one year at a time is still desirable, but it is advisable to study what can lie ahead.

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VALID INDICATORS of what the future may hold fall into four main categories. 1) population and changes in its composition; 2) data relating to general economic trends; 3) data relating to specific trends in some area of service, such as education, health, or conservation, and 4) information concerning scientific or technical progress in governmental areas. Departments should collect and investigate data in all these fields relating to their work.

The report recommends a five-year, "rolling" period for advance planning, abandonment of the multi-hundred paged budget book, and the substitution of a much more understandable summary of department programs and forecasts, which legislators can use as a real tool for control. It recommends that most of the detailed data be fed into a large computer where it can be stored, added to, or changed as circumstances warrant. Such action could really automate and improve our budget work.

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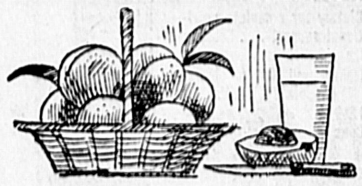

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BEAMING HAPPILY . . . Mr. and Mrs. Al Ortale contemplate trip to Switzerland and Italy after Al Ortale Rambler was judged the winner of a national sales contest. The local dealership won over 15 other Rambler dealers in Southern California.

Rambler Dealer Wins Vacation in Europe

First place in a nationwide sales contest today belongs to Al Ortale Rambler of Torrance.

The contest was sponsored by the American Motors Corporation for the greatest number of sales during the months of April, May, and June.

In winning over 15 other Rambler dealers in the Southern California area, Ortale received a fully paid trip to Switzerland and Italy for him and his wife.

Several representatives of the local Rambler dealership also won prizes during the spring event.

Keith Muir, sales manager, and other sales representatives, Frank Boothe, Paul Brewster, George Cassidy, Don Christenson, and Bid Clayton received awards.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT By FRED NEHER

"We put the fireplace screen up in case a foul tip comes back."

Public Meeting Calendar

Listed below are meetings scheduled for the City Council and City Commissions during the month of July, 1962.

Torrance residents are cordially invited to attend any of these meetings.

Scheduled Meeting	Date	Where	Time p.m.
Traffic Safety Council	16	Room 209, City Hall	7
City Council	17	Council Chambers	5:30
Planning Commission	18	Council Chambers	7
City Council	24	Council Chambers	5:30
Recreation Commission	25	Council Chambers	8
Airport Commission	26	Council Chambers	8
City Council	31	Council Chambers	5:30