

Fourth Municipal Court Judge Sought for Area

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District
On March 15, 1966, I introduced my Assembly Bill No. 115, which is now proceeding through the legislative process which will eventually lead to its enactment into law if all goes well. The bill reads as follows:

"Section 1. Section 72602.4 is added to the Government Code, to read: 72602.4. On October 1, 1966, the number of judges prescribed by Section 72602 for the South Bay Municipal Court District shall be increased to a total of four judges."

At present there are three Municipal Court judges who hold court in the buildings at 1231 N. Pacific Ave., Redondo, and at 3231 Torrance Blvd. For more than two years the three judges have been faced with an increas-

ingly high case load which recently has reached overwhelming proportions to the point where they are no longer able to keep up with the cases before them.

This has made it necessary for them to obtain help by having attorneys sit as "judges pro tempore," which means temporarily. Even this attempt to keep up with the litigation has worn very thin. Therefore a fourth judge is urgently needed.

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It is not simply a question of the judges being overworked. The clients of the attorneys with cases before the court, the attorneys, and the witnesses all suffer the delay in the administration of justice. None of this is the fault of anyone in particular. It is another aspect of the exploding population.

Both civil and criminal cases are heard by Municipal Court judges, although felonies (crimes for which the penalty on conviction may result in a sentence to a state penitentiary) are actually sent up to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

The South Bay Judicial District has the second highest case load in Los Angeles County and the third highest in the entire State of California. Although I have known about this situation for several months, it would have been unethical for me to introduce a bill in the legislature on this subject until requested to do so by one of the Municipal Court judges. Since the Honorable Donald Armstrong is the Presiding Judge of the South Bay Judicial District (senior of the three), I asked him if he wanted me to introduce a bill for a fourth judge. On March 14, 1966, Judge Armstrong wrote the required letter to me and enclosed supporting evidence to help me get the bill enacted into law. The following day I introduced the bill on the floor of the assembly.

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Since the cost of paying the salary of the new judge, and other expenses, are paid in a large part by Los Angeles County, I immediately asked the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution supporting my Assembly Bill No. 115. The court is located in the district represented by Supervisor Burton Chace, hence the request was made initially to him and then to the other supervisors.

Municipal Courts are also part of the judicial system of the State of California hence the support of the Judicial Council is necessary. The Judicial Council of the State of California consists of the Honorable Roger J. Traynor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California, several judges, and a few outstanding lawyers who are not judges. In order to place the matter before them I wrote to and telephoned Ralph N. Kleps, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, whose office is in San Francisco.

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Fortunately, Ralph N.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO YOU

Sunday, March 27th
KFI-640 kc-7:45 A.M.
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Symphony to Present Annual 'Opera Night'

The third concert of the season will be presented by Beach Cities Symphony Friday, at 8:15, in Mira Costa High School Auditorium.

An evening of operatic favorites has been planned by Louis Palange, musical director. The annual "opera night" will feature such popular selections as "Jewel Song" from Faust, "Recondita Ar-

monia," Tosca, "Parigi Oprano, and tenor Hipolito Cortez, will perform the Merry Widow, and "Parlemo De Ma Mere," Carmen.

In accord with the Easter season, the symphony will perform also the "Russian Easter Overture" by Rimsky-Korsakov.

TWO GUEST soloists, Miss Alma Piazza, coloratura so-

prano, and tenor Hipolito Cortez, will perform the Merry Widow, and "Parlemo De Ma Mere," Carmen.

Miss Piazza's background includes appearances at Hollywood Bowl as soloist and duet performances with the late Mario Lanza. Her repertoire includes more than 20 operatic roles as well as concert and recital programs.

Cortez was the leading

tenor at Radio City Music Hall in New York for two years and is currently rehearsing with the Pasadena Opera Company where he will be singing two leading roles in Tosca and Otello.

A future appearance as the tenor in the world premiere of an Eugene Zador opera in Las Vegas has been confirmed also.

The public is cordially invited to attend the free concert and further information is available by contacting Mrs. T. L. (Jeanne) Jefferson at FR 5-2670.

FOR A RESULT GETTING CLASSIFIED AD CALL DA 5-6060

Kleps has been a personal friend of mine during the 16 years that I have been in the legislature. For many years he was the Legislative Counsel, with offices on the floor of the capitol directly under my office.

This may appear to be a lot of "red tape" to some people, but it is actually a necessary procedure for the orderly administration of government. I am thoroughly familiar with it and although it requires a vast amount of work, I enjoy it because when we get a fourth Municipal Court Judge in Redondo Beach, I will have a sense of satisfaction, which is one of the rewards of public office. The tangible, material reward is a gross salary of \$500 per month, minus deductions, I regret to report.

North High Principal Honors 47

Forty-seven North High students have been named to the Principal's List for earning all "As" on their fall semester report cards, according to Dr. Richard D. Guengerich, principal of the school.

Dr. Guengerich said a total of 428 Saxons were named to the Honor Roll for maintaining a "B" average during the fall term.

Seniors who earned perfect report cards include Janice Cohn, Linda Faia, Linda Greenberg, Margit Juul, Patricia Kurashige, Nancy Morrin, Marie Stansbury, Rita Wells, Scott Hanlon, John Lemke, Roger Maddaford, Lawrence Marrs, Randall Scheel, Steven Sorenson, Stanley Sorensen, Ray Thomas, and Creige Wennstrom.

Juniors who earned straight "As" are Carol Compton, Susan DeCallies, Pamela Oliver, Jerry Gans, Charles Scholes, Robert Shoup, Terry Skeen, and Robert Young.

Sophomores with all "As" include Donna Cooper, Linda Jackson, Victoria Larson, Eva Lippman, Catherine Maddaford, Ann Sorensen, Virginia Woodis, Milan Breite, Richard Cook, Richard Epstein, Robert Hatfield, Randall Herrst, Robert Jones, Marvin Kettering, David Lewis, Martin Morfeld, Raymond Seaver, George Waddell, and Stanley Wisniewski.

Freshmen Robert Angeos, William Davis, and Richard Lindel also received straight "As."

Dills Wants Compton to Have Court

Judge Ralph C. Dills this week urged the California Legislature to re-establish a full session of the Superior Court in Compton, including felony criminal trials.

In a letter to his former colleagues in the State Assembly, Judge Dills pointed out that while he was in the Assembly it was necessary to pass legislation to assure Compton a Superior Court branch.

Dills stressed in his letters to Assemblymen Carley V. Porter, F. Douglas Ferrell, Clayton A. Dills, Joseph M. Kennick, and Vincent Thomas that appropriate legislation appears permitted under Item 23 of Governor Brown's Proclamation calling an extra session on Feb. 9.

Under Item 23 the Legislature now in session can "consider and act upon legislation relative to increase of the number of courts and judges."

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