

Governor Ronald Reagan has signed legislation authorizing submission of a \$250 million bond issue to the voters for financing construction at the University of California and the California State Colleges and to reconstruct and replace run-down urban school buildings.

The bond issue will be placed in the November ballot. If approved, \$200 million would be set aside for the two systems of California public higher education and the remaining \$50 million for the urban schools.

"This bond issue will help schools insure future generations of Californians access to public higher education," UC President Charles J. Hitch commented. "We urgently need funds to provide and maintain adequate facilities for steadily growing student enrollments. California's progress and prosperity depend upon constant expansion of research and public service facilities, as well as the training of experts in medicine and other indispensable services."

THE CAT states that the bond funds would be used "to meet the major building construction, equipment and site acquisition needs of the State for the purposes of UC and the State Colleges, and to provide necessary funds for the reconstruction and replacement of sub-standard buildings in school districts maintaining public elementary and secondary schools in urban areas..."

All proposed construction projects funded by the bond money would be subject to review by the Legislature and the Governor. At UC, the funds would be used in large part for expansion of the new and rapidly growing campuses at San Diego, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Davis and Riverside, as well as at the older campuses in Los Angeles and Berkeley.

Construction money is also needed for the new medical and health science centers at San Diego and Davis, for moving the California College of Medicine from Los Angeles to Irvine, and for the Medical Centers at UCLA and San Francisco.

The 1969-70 construction budget proposed by the Regents actually totals \$166 million, including Federal matching funds and other financial sources, such as loans, fees, revenues and gifts. Nearly one third of the total would be for the medical and health science centers.

COLLEGE REPORT

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I made the point in a recent column that the weight of new knowledge was forcing changes upon our society — some of them uncomfortable. Institutions and individuals have always resisted change but usually in vain.

"Change," Disraeli once observed, "is inevitable in a progressive country — change is constant." Indeed, this has applied to our own country since the first moment of its Declaration of Independence. By 1776, for example, the Age of Machine Power had dawned, and the resulting Industrial Revolution was changing the technological, economic, and social foundations of Western society.

A FEW discerning men, such as Ben Franklin, foresaw the coming of the new era and recognized its intellectual and educational implications. Few people, however, gave much thought of the possibilities of the extraordinary changes which the modern power revolution could bring, and practically no one had any inkling of the speed which change would soon attain.

Even a wide-ranging, far-reaching thinker such as Jefferson observed when he negotiated the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 that it would probably take a thousand years for the Americans to settle all the land east of the Mississippi.

But soon thereafter railroads began to join distant places, and the frontiers pushed further and further westward. Industry monopolized the economy of the Northeast. Trade and commerce flourished. It took the greater part of the energy of the nation to furnish the life blood of such activities, and American education had to struggle to keep pace with the demands of its burgeoning society.

IN A BROAD sense, the schools were to be the chief instruments for change in the new world — change in man and change in society. They were to be the chief instruments for the growth of democracy, equality, freedom, and of morality as well.

It's unfortunate that I must seven-league-boot over such an important and colorful span in the history of the development of American education. I feel, however, that my purpose here will be better served by addressing my remarks in general to the staggering new era of change in which our society and its educational institutions now find themselves embroiled, and in particular to the role of education as it progresses through the latter half of the 20th century.

Goodwill Dedicates New Organ

Earl Billings of the Billings Baldwin Piano and Organ Co., 23244 Hawthorne Ave., was the principle speaker when a new organ was dedicated Thursday at the Goodwill Industries chapel in Long Beach.

He traced the development of the organ from an ancient greek barber's crude instrument to modern electronic ones.

The barber, he said, had an adjustable mirror stand made of a shaft inside a tube. It gave off a musical note when pushed rapidly. He made a series of these, tuned to represent the musical scale.

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