

Bond Issue Would Add New Juvenile Facilities

By KENNETH HAHN
County Supervisor
One of the great personal

tragedies endured by many parents comes at a time when their child is in trouble with the law. There is no sense of failure like that of mothers and fathers when they find out their boy or girl has been arrested.

All of the pride that goes with childbearing and with childraising is suddenly erased for one tragic moment when they get the fateful call, an anxious call from a son or a daughter from a police station, appealing for help, saying: "Help me, Mom, I'm in trouble!"

But there is a realization by the parent that a job must be done to mend a young life, to restore responsibility and straighten out the thinking of a young mind before it's too late.

THIS JOB is not for the parents alone. It's a responsibility that our courts assume, one that probation officers and counselors assume, and one that the community as a whole must assume.

Beyond the level of one family, there is a by-product of this tragedy for the entire community—a tragedy of numbers. Juvenile arrests in the County have increased steadily at a rate of 5 per cent per year for the past seven years until there are now 1,707 boys and girls detained and under rehabilitation programs in three existing juvenile halls.

In one year, from 1966 to 1967, juvenile narcotics ar-

rests increased 167 per cent. IF THIS rate of increase continues—and, sadly, we can see no brighter prospect—the detention capacity in our juvenile halls must be increased by a total of 1,082 beds between now and 1975. But the alternative is especially frightening.

Already lack of space has necessitated the release of many of these troubled children too early. Ordinarily, they should be detained for longer periods for their own welfare to allow more time for rehabilitation and the protection of the community.

Those experienced in the entire scope of juvenile rehabilitation, including police officers, judges of the juvenile courts, and the probation officers and counselors, are mindful of the fact that these children, these young boys and girls in trouble, are not hardened criminals although they are potential ones.

THE rehabilitators know that now is the time to correct them, and they need the proper facilities with which to do it.

What the community must do is provide immediate immediate funds for building these vitally needed new facilities to help the Board of Supervisors, the Probation Department and the Courts to meet this responsibility.

At my urging, the Board of Supervisors has placed Proposition B on the ballot at the general election Nov. 5. It is a proposition seeking approval of a \$24.8

million bond issue to build critically needed new juvenile detention facilities. It is good, sound business because it means that the tremendous cost of construction can be spread over a period of 20 years instead of paying for it all at once.

BUT MOST of all, it means that the community will recognize the fact that these young people need this rehabilitative help to make a better world for themselves—to end civil disobedience and lawlessness in our streets.

"The youth of a nation are the trustees of posterity," Benjamin Disraeli once stated. Surely, we must give them every opportunity to be the proper trustees of this community which they will one day inherit. One sure way to help is to give our juvenile authorities, who are dedicated to this principle of improving the lot of troubled youth, the tools they need to accomplish this goal.

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