

# State Interim Committees Take Spotlight Now

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Now that the primary election is a matter of political history your legislators will turn their attention more fully to the work of the many interim investigating committees and subcommittees. A few of the members decided not to seek re-election, and the terms of half our Senate members do not expire until 1960, but regardless of which group each of us belongs to, it is our collective responsibility to continue our interim committee work in preparation for the 1959 session.

Since our great State of California continues to grow so rapidly, the problem of legislating fairly and satisfactorily for all the diverse interests which make up our social and economic fabric becomes more difficult with ease session. As our population grows, so does the number of angles to every legislative situation. Where it used to take only the weeks of an actual session to hear all sides of a question, and to work out acceptable laws, it now takes months, and even years, to reach the same end, because of the complexities, and communication difficulties involved.

It is largely because of these factors that the interim committee has become an increasingly important legislative tool during recent years. Through its effective use, we legislators are enabled to carry on the necessary intensive research, and the extensive hearings which are frequently required to reach proper decisions.

One vital function which the interim committee performs for your legislators is the pre-testing of suggested legislation. Even when proposed bills are drafted in advance by our legislative counsel, their language may not completely reflect the ideas and needs of all the groups who may be interested in a proposed statute. But the very fact that preliminary drafts have been made available for review speeds up and makes considerably easier the process of analysis and compromise.

The 85 interim groups which were established to serve until they report to the 1959 session have collectively been given sufficient leeway in responsibility by the resolutions creating them so that practically any matter requiring legislative attention can be reviewed by one of them. However, the field of each is limited to topics specified, and a maximum budget for its expenses is also fixed.

The transcripts of interim committee hearings, and their printed reports are valuable sources of materials, and their worth often continues long after a particular group has finished its work. Some committees, who existence has been continued by consecutive regular sessions, have issued literally shelves of different reports over the period of their activity.

These reports have an added value because they permit other legislators, not members of the groups which issue them, to follow progress on issues involved. They also serve an exceedingly useful purpose by keeping all interested parties among the general public advised as to facts, as well as each others' attitudes and opinions. Like preliminary drafts of bills, the reports speed up agreement and final action.

Two import subjects will probably test our interim committees by fire, so to speak. The water issue is still boiling for the joint committee on water resources problems. Our educational system seems to be developing some warm controversies as to whether it's good, bad, or partly both. The new legislators' and citizens' committee on our educational system ought to have an interesting time, listing to that one.

**New Dance Class**  
Beachnut Square Dance club will sponsor a new adult beginner class in square dancing beginning Monday June 16 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The dance will be held at Knolls Lodge Recreation Hall, 23701 S. Western Ave. Ken Collins, caller and teacher, may be contacted for further information.



RETURN ENGAGEMENT . . . Entertaining nightly in a return engagement at Marineland restaurant in Palos Verdes is Meri Ellen and Cohorts. The hilarious comedy-musical group just opened in the dining establishment's "Porpoise Room."

# Temple Menorah to Install New Officers on June 22

The 12th annual installation dinner-dance of Temple Menorah of Redondo Beach, will be held Sunday, June 22, 8:30 p.m. at the Pen and Quill, 3421 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Manhattan Beach.

Accepting the gavel for his second year of leadership as President of Temple Menorah will be Matthew J. Ellenhorn, M.D. Other Temple officers to be installed are: Al Levitt, first vice president; Walter Schwartz, second vice president; Al Tanz, recording secretary; David Morrison, corresponding secretary; David Brandwein, financial secretary; Jerome Scharfman, treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors are: Mrs. Robert Saunders, publicity; Bert Shupps, program; Howard Cole, senior youth group; Stella Benmayor, junior youth group; Ben Kaufman, membership; Mrs. Milton Feinberg, religious school; Fred Spangler, religious activities; Mrs. Henry Rappaport, adult education; Mark Bennett, community relations and Paul Mandel, health and welfare.

Ex-Officio members of the board are Mrs. Gene Kaufman, president of Sisterhood and Seymour Nberman, president

of Brotherhood. Other Brotherhood officers being installed this evening are: Sidney Siegel, vice president; Harold Greenband, treasurer and board members Martin Schulsinger, Paul Chalken, Mike Ward and Morrison Grossman.

Taking part in the evening's ceremonies will be Rabbi Henri E. Front, spiritual leader of the Temple, who will act as installing officer. Guest speaker this evening will be Rabbi Richard Israel, presently director of Hillel at UCLA and formerly Rabbi in Israel and India.

Early reservations are advisable according to Mrs. Melvin Schumacher, installation chairman.

## Business Fraternity

Major George Johnson, Air Force, 2401 W. 169th St., has been elected to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary business fraternity.

Major Johnson will be among the other students in the School of Business, University of Chicago, to be inducted into the society tonight at the 60th annual dinner of the business school.

# Sermon Topic Announced by Minister

Dr. David John Donnan, the church supply minister, will have as his sermon topic "More Power to You," Sunday, He will read the scripture lesson from Acts 1:1-8.

The Judith Circle will meet on July 17 at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Forehand, 15532 Chadron Ave., Gardena, at 7:30 p.m.

The annual church family picnic is scheduled for June 21 at Banning Park, Wilmington at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:45.

## TIN CAN DEMAND

Tin cans for beer and soft drinks produced during 1954 required the use of about 700,000 tons of steel since "tin" cans are mostly steel.

## GP Official Named

Harry J. Packheiser, a marketing division manager for Socony Mobil Oil Co., has been named vice president and director of marketing for Gen-

eral Petroleum Corp., it was announced this week by President R. L. Minkler. Packheiser succeeds Baxter F. Ball who has been appointed general sales manager for Socony.

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