

Hahn Asks Vote on RTD Plan

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn today asked the County Counsel to draft a proposal for the June, 1968, ballot to determine — once and for all — if the people of Los Angeles County want rapid transit.

He suggests the question be put simply, requiring a "yes" or "no" answer by the voters: "Do you favor a rapid transit program for Los Angeles County?"

Hahn also suggested voters be given the opportunity to decide which method of financing they favor.

THE BOARD of Supervisors has asked the State Legislature to grant authority to

place the proposal on the ballot. Hahn said he thinks the public would overwhelmingly support rapid transit but added that despite the millions of dollars' worth of studies in this field the opinion of the general public has not been sought.

Hahn said he was disappointed in a recently announced program by the Southern California Rapid Transit District because it included an airport-to-downtown Nov. 16 and 17 in San Francisco as a secondary — not prime — transit route. "A rapid transit system serving Los Angeles Interna-

tional Airport, Southwest Los Angeles, and Inglewood, should be the very highest priority," Hahn said.

Dentists Slate Alumni Meeting

Two Torrance dentists are expected to attend the 69th annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of the Pacific, Nov. 16 and 17 in San Francisco.

They are Dr. Arthur E. Heslov and Dr. Lance M. Larson.

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"How can ABC cancel 'Custer' without showing him being scalped by the Indians? It doesn't seem fair to us who have watched the TV series just to see him get his comeuppance."

They killed off so many in the first thirteen episodes there probably weren't enough Indians left in Hollywood to stage "Custer's Last Stand." More accurately, the series folded before a finale could be considered. Most movieland impressions of his hasty exit heavenward are taken from a highly dramatized lithograph, "Custer's Last Fight" which was used as a beer ad in the '90s by Anheuser-Busch. For a fictionalized finale you'll have to be satisfied with the recently completed movie "Custer's Last Stand" which, to add to the confusion was produced in Spain, and has an English actor in the part.

"How did Mia Farrow grow all that hair so fast for 'Johnny Belinda'?"

It was grown for her in a wig shop. Her own hair in her next movie is short and curly. In Hollywood, hair-dos are up-dated more often than anything except birthdates.

"What is Bobbie Gentry like? I have been listening to her record 'Ode to Billy Joe' for weeks and have pictured her as a little country girl. Am I right?"

It depends on what sort of country girls you've met. She is 23, smart, ambitious, and has the figure of a queen. She may have grown up on her grandparents' farm in the Mississippi Delta but she went to school in Palm Springs, a sand-box for rich movie stars in the desert outside Los Angeles. For the past two years she has been living alone in Hollywood, studying music, and trying to get her first break. She wrote "Billy Joe" in two hours but expected somebody else would record it. The music publisher liked her version and it became an immediate summer hit. You'll see her soon on TV shows with Bob Hope and Perry Como and probably get to know her very well.

"What has become of James Franciscus, the actor who was so good as 'Mr. Novak' the high school teacher on TV a few years ago?"

When the show was cancelled, Franciscus left TV to crash motion pictures, though very few TV stars have been successful at it. During the two years since Novak he has made two movies, a World War II suspense story, "Operation Deep Yellow" which was filmed in Norway and will be released next year, and "Journey to the Dark Valley" which was just finished in Spain. He also made one of NBC's movies-for-TV to be seen in 1968.

"My family and I were delighted with the movie 'The King and I' which we saw on TV. Was there really an English woman who tutored the King of Siam's children. I couldn't even find it on the map?"

Siam is now called Thailand and it is considerably smaller now than it was in the last century before the British sliced off some of it to make the Malay States and the French took more to make Cambodia. The musical is based on a charming book titled "Anna and the King of

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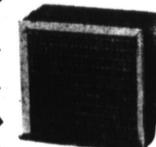
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