

RECREATION COMMISSION

For Support of the Recreation Commission from the General Fund

Item 339, page 65 of the Budget Bill and page 724 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$76,397 for the 1948-49 Fiscal Year. This compares with \$61,600 estimated expenditures for the period September 19, 1947, to June 30, 1948, an increase of \$14,797. Expenditures shown in the current fiscal year represent initial organization expense and nine months operating expenses. *The increase proposed for 1948-49 is due principally to the fact that the Budget request represents a full years operation.* Chapter 1239, Statutes of 1947, created, effective September 19, 1947, the Recreation Commission consisting of seven members and a director appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Director of Recreation shall receive a salary to be determined by the Recreation Commission with the approval of the Department of Finance. The Recreation Commission has the following functions:

(a) *To study and consider the entire problems of recreation of the people of the State of California as it affects and may affect the welfare of the people especially the children and youth and to form a compilation of the laws relating to recreation in California.*

(b) *To formulate and cooperate with other state agencies and interested organizations and citizens on a comprehensive recreational policy for the State.*

(c) *To aid and encourage but not conduct public recreation activities.*

Recommendation

We recommend that Item 339 be approved in the amount of \$76,397, as requested. Since the State is confronted with the large problem of juvenile delinquency and the lack of recreation facilities are obvious both to juveniles and adults it is accepted that an extensive recreational survey should be made with the view of stimulating more interest in local communities and rural areas in an effort to assist in decreasing juvenile delinquency. By a diligent and very active campaign conducted by this agency we believe that it should assist other state agencies confronted with recreational problems, such as Youth Authorities, Penal Institutions, Mental Institutions, etc.

It is further suggested that a survey be made of salaries paid personnel employed in recreational capacity, cost of recreation equipment and other facilities with the view of guiding and advising any organization or citizen within the State who is contemplating either expansion of their recreation facilities or starting a new recreational activity.

This is a new agency and its value to the State remains to be demonstrated.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

For Support of the Department of Veterans Affairs from the General Fund

Item 340 of the Budget Bill, pages 725-727 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$271,159 for support from the General Fund. This represents a decrease of \$5,863 or 2.1 percent under the amount of \$277,022 estimated for expenditures for 1947-48.

The amount originally budgeted for support in 1947-48 was \$306,449. Actual and estimated expenditures are now scheduled for 1947-48 at \$277,022. The agency has thus effected a potential savings of \$29,427, if adherence to the present forecast is accomplished. The indicated trend is commendable and might well be the objective of many other state agencies, too many of which are prone to operate in the opposite manner. However, the cut is not deep enough, considering the slowing up in the home and farm loan activity.

The prime factor forming the basis for the decrease has been the elimination of items of temporary help and overtime. Altogether a total reduction of \$11,375 is scheduled for these two items.

Salaries and wages reflect a slight advance going from \$220,712 in 1947-48 to \$222,325 for 1948-49, a gain of \$1,613 or 7.3 percent.

No new positions are requested.

Operating expenses indicate a negligible increase of only \$164. The 1947-48 amount for this object is estimated at \$52,076 and is proposed at \$52,240 for 1948-49.

Equipment expenditures of \$2,594 are projected for 1948-49 as against \$9,734 for 1947-48, reflecting a decline of \$7,140.

Recommendations

We recommend that Item 340 of the Budget Bill be reduced from \$271,159 to \$252,423, effecting a reduction of \$18,736, consisting of the following items:

Salaries and Wages—\$14,436 reduction

1. We recommend that the position of deputy director be deleted, effecting a reduction of \$8,940 in the category of salaries and wages with additional proportional reductions in secretarial assistance and automotive equipment.

Attention is directed to the fact that each of the major divisions of this department are headed by an appropriate executive position, in the form of a manager, one at a salary of \$5,364 and the other at a salary of \$6,672. The added position of deputy director makes the organizational structure top-heavy from an administrative standpoint and the deletion will provide a closer knit and more efficient control of the individual units at a lower cost.

The volume of work in this agency is not such as to justify a deputy director and we recommend his elimination rather than any of the division heads for they have had a long-time experience and a successful record which has placed California in first place in the financing of homes and farms for veterans. The director, with this expert assistance, can very readily handle the administrative problems without some of the confusion that existed through having a deputy.

2. We recommend deletion of the position of public information editor effecting a salary saving of \$5,496. This position is now vacant and its deletion will therefore not affect the present status of employment of any individual within the department.

Our recommendation for the deletion of the position of public information editor stems from the fact that the Division of Service and Coordination has three established positions of field administrator as

shown on page 726, line 66, of the Budget. Only two of these positions have been filled until February 24, 1948, at which time the third position was filled. We have reviewed the civil service specifications for this position and find that to a considerable degree its duties are somewhat analogous to that of public information editor in that they provide for a substantial degree of activity in the field of information dissemination and for public relations contact work.

It is our further understanding that this third position of field administrator is to be used primarily for public relations work at the request of the Veterans' Board.

Under the circumstances it is therefore desirable and appropriate that some compensating contraction be effected in the scope of other public relations activities within the department. This can well be accomplished through a curtailment of expenditures for the monthly bulletin and the elimination of the presently vacant position of public information editor.

Operating Expenses—\$4,300 reduction

1. We recommend a reduction of \$4,300 in the amount of \$7,500 scheduled for printing on line 5, page 727 of the Budget, under the Division of Service and Coordination. The deletion of the amount is to cover the major portion of the cost of printing and mailing a publication entitled "California State Department of Veterans' Affairs—News Bulletin." This is a twelve to sixteen page printed document, issued monthly. Its make-up is designed primarily to contain news of particular interest to veterans. In addition to the actual costs of printing and mailing, the actual production of the publication entails the services of a staff position of public information editor at a salary of \$5,496, plus stenographic and clerical assistance.

The elimination of the publication would not detract from any service rendered the individual veteran since the bulk of the items are not of an informative character but are news items that normally appear through the usual news channels. These latter channels have far broader coverage than is effected by the publication, sponsored by the department.

As to those items of particular interest that originate within the department itself and concern the program of the State, as they affect veterans, such news will generally be very acceptable to newspapers as a departmental release if proper relationships are maintained with the press. The department might give consideration to mimeographing a small bulletin as a supplemental activity. The reduction of \$4,300 will leave \$1,200 in the Budget for this latter item. We have determined that a six-page-mimeographed bulletin will be reproduced, assembled and stapled by an outside commercial agency a cost of \$44 per thousand. The outside agency makes over 25 percent gross so the State should produce this same bulletin for about \$33 per thousand. Thus \$100 per month would permit publication of 3,000 copies of the bulletin on a mimeographed basis.

2. We recommend that the Department of Finance complete a review of the staffing of this entire department in the light of reduced activity, particularly in the matter of appraisers and their workload.

**For Educational Assistance to Veterans, Department of Veterans Affairs,
from the General Fund**

Item 341 of the Budget Bill, page 727 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$1,830,000 from General Fund. This is an increase of \$286,725 or 1.8 percent over the estimated expenditure of \$1,543,275 scheduled for 1947-48. These funds are to be expended pursuant to Sections 981-981.7 of the Military and Veterans Code.

Recommendation

1. We recommend approval of Item 341 in the amount of \$1,830,000 as requested.

2. It is recommended that in each instance before the State shall approve an application for benefits entailing an expenditure from this appropriation, that the applicant shall have exhausted all of his rights under the Federal Government's GI Bill of Rights in the matter of educational assistance.

**For Veterans' Claims and Rights Service, Department of Veterans Affairs,
from the General Fund**

Item 342 of the Budget Bill, page 727 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$500,000 from the General Fund. This is the same amount as estimated to be expended during 1947-48. This amount represents contract payments to three veterans' organizations, namely, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The amounts of the contract payments scheduled to be paid to each of these organizations is as follows:

American Legion	\$235,000
Disabled American Veterans.....	75,000
Veterans of Foreign Wars.....	190,000
Total	\$500,000

Recommendations

1. We recommend approval of Item 342 in the amount of \$500,000 as requested.

2. These funds are to cover payments on contracts with veterans' organizations for their services in processing veterans' claims against the United States arising out of war service. Since these disbursements represent a sizeable sum and are in compensation for expenses incurred by outside agencies we recommend that all such claims for reimbursement by veterans' organizations be subject to an annual audit by the State.

3. If the policy of the State is to continue to support these activities the amount indicated will in all probability be necessary. We are heartily in accord in extending every possible real service to veterans where necessary. However, we conclude that in the matter of processing claims the services of the Federal Government through the veterans bureau are already adequate to meet this need. The State should not participate in the expenses of veterans' organizations for this type of activity, which is an overlap of services already provided through other channels.

4. It is recommended that as a matter of policy a determinative date should be established when there shall be effectuated a material decrease in the state participation in the expenses of this service.

For Additional Support for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Payable from the Veterans Dependents Educational Fund

Item 343 of the Budget Bill, page 727 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$6,600 payable from the Veterans Dependents Education Fund. This represents an increase of \$715 over the amount of \$5,885 estimated for expenditures during 1947-48.

This is an operating expense item based on the pro rata costs of divisional expenses for administration of educational services to veterans' dependents.

Recommendation

We recommend approval of Item 343 in the amount of \$6,600 as submitted.

For Educational Assistance to Veterans' Dependents, Department of Veterans Affairs, Payable from the Veterans Dependents Educational Fund

Item 344 of the Budget Bill, page 727 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$152,400. This represents an increase of \$45,320 or 42.3 percent over the amount \$107,080 estimated for expenditure for 1947-48.

Recommendation

We recommend approval of Item 343 in the amount of \$152,400 as requested.

VETERANS' HOME

For Support of the Veterans' Home of California, Payable from the General Fund

Item 345 of the Budget Bill, pages 728 through 735 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$1,500,449 from the General Fund. This amount represents an increase of \$248,059 or 19.8 percent over the amount \$1,252,390 estimated for 1947-48. The foregoing amounts represent the totals for net support after taking into consideration estimated amounts payable from federal contributions. These contributions amounted to \$357,600 for 1947-48 and are scheduled at \$384,125 for 1948-49, an increase of \$26,525. The gross increase of \$274,584 for support results from an increase in all three categories of expenditures.

Salaries and wages are scheduled to go from \$1,118,658 in 1947-48 to \$1,211,494 in 1948-49, an increase of \$192,836 or 17.2 percent.

Operating expenses indicate an advance from \$623,244 in 1947-48 to \$689,805 for 1948-49, an increase of \$66,561 or 10.6 percent.

Equipment outlay is scheduled to advance from \$30,088 in 1947-48 to \$56,545 for 1948-49, an increase of \$26,457 or 87.9 percent.

Reimbursements for special services furnished to members, employees maintenance and surplus products sales are scheduled to

increase from \$62,000 to \$73,270, an increase of \$11,270 or 18.1 percent which operates as an offset item.

The increase in salaries and wages of \$192,836 results from an increase of \$50,463 for normal salary increases and \$148,278 for 109 proposed new positions, six reclassifications, intermittent help and conversion of one part-time position to full time.

The following 109 new positions are proposed at a salary cost of \$138,956.

<i>Position classification</i>	<i>Salary cost</i>
Administration	
General Business Office :	
1 Senior account clerk -----	\$2,640
1 Intermediate account clerk -----	2,160
Support and Subsistence	
Feeding :	
1 Assistant institution supervising cook -----	2,916
1 Institution food administrator -----	3,540
6 Kitchen helpers (3 for 6 months and 3 for 12 months) -----	9,180
16 Waiter-waitress (16 for 6 months) -----	16,320
2 Janitors (1 for 6 months and 1 for 12 months) -----	3,060
Clothing :	
1 Assistant seamstress (1 for 6 months) -----	1,020
Laundry :	
2 Laundress (for 6 months) -----	2,160
1 Laundryman (for 6 months) -----	1,140
Housekeeping :	
1 Janitor (member) -----	1,020
Care and Welfare	
Custodial and Personal Care :	
1 Company commander (member, 6 months) -----	690
1 Company sergeant (member, 6 months) -----	510
1 Intermediate clerk (member, 6 months) -----	540
Medical Care :	
3 Senior physician and surgeon (3 for 6 months) -----	9,540
17 Graduate nurse (6 months) -----	22,440
39 Hospital attendant (6 months) -----	39,780
1 Physical therapy technician (6 months) -----	1,386
1 X-ray technician (6 months) -----	1,386
1 Clinical laboratory technician (6 months) -----	1,458
1 Dental assistant (6 months) -----	1,080
1 Supervising nurse (6 months) -----	1,530
5 Janitor (6 months) -----	5,100
1 Intermediate stenographer-clerk (6 months) -----	1,140
1 Chiropodist (1 day per week) -----	1,560
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	
Light, Heat, and Power :	
1 Institution steamfitter -----	3,060
Fire Protection :	
1 Institution fire marshal -----	2,640
109	\$138,956

It is to be noted that the additional proposed 109 new positions plus the reclassifications result in the equivalent of only 61.6 man-years of added staff time. This is due to the fact that a majority of the proposed new positions are scheduled to be effective only on a six-month basis for the 1948-49 Fiscal Year. By the same token it follows that salary costs for the 1949-50 Fiscal Year will show a marked advance even without the addition of any new proposed positions at that time. The added fixed charges represented by the projection of the required wages for the new positions on a full year's basis amounts to \$111,300. For this reason the budget figures indicated on page 728 under the title of population and unit costs as per line 62 are distorted for the 1948-49 Fiscal Year. There it is indicated the costs per member at this institution in 1946-47 were \$989. Under the estimate of 1947-48 expenditures the per capita cost is \$1,288, an advance of \$299 or 23.2 percent. Under the proposed Budget of 1948-49 the per capita costs are scheduled to advance to \$1,346, an increase of \$58 or 4.5 percent. This figure, however, is fallacious from the standpoint that the actual increase being incorporated into this Budget must be considered on a full annual basis when evaluating the impact of the annual fixed charges resulting therefrom. Obviously positions which are scheduled for only a six months' period cannot ordinarily be dropped during ensuing fiscal periods. On this basis then we must consider the above mentioned additional sum of \$111,300 representing that portion of additional salary costs required to maintain these new positions on the basis of a full year. When this additional factor is taken into consideration we get a projected per capita cost of \$1,425.62 per member. Thus it will be seen that the additional increase in per capita costs totals the difference between the 1947-48 figure of \$1,250 and the projected figure of \$1,425.62, an increase of \$175.62 or 14 percent. The average member population at this institution is scheduled to advance from 1,250 members to 1,400 members, a gain of 150 members or only 12 percent.

We also wish to point out another item in connection with line 17 on page 728 of the Budget entitled "restoration of normal operating complement of supplies." The sum indicated is \$50,000 as a separate item under other current expenses. When computing the population and unit cost referred to on line 62 of page 728; this added factor was not taken into consideration.

These supplies, while necessary to restore the depleted condition of inventories which accrued during the war, are, nevertheless, a part of the operating expenses and as such must be taken into consideration in evaluating projected per capita costs. The added per capita cost as a result of this item is \$35.71.

We wish to point out that the Budget as printed is in error further, in that line 76 of page 728 shows a total cost of \$148,278 as the cost for salaries and wages, apparently for 96.8 man-year positions for member employees. This is an error in the Budget, and this amount should, we believe, appear on line 79 of page 728 as the total amount of salaries and wages requested for the 61.6 man-years representing the proposed new positions.

Recommendation

We recommend that Item 345 of the Budget Bill be reduced from \$1,500,449 to \$1,491,909, a reduction of \$8,540, consisting of the following items:

Salaries and Wages—A reduction of \$2,640

We recommend deletion of the proposed new position of institution fire marshal at a salary saving of \$2,640. This position is shown on line 48, page 733, of the Budget under maintenance and operation of plant. We are fully in accord with a sound and practical plan of fire protection. However, it appears entirely inconsistent for good management to incur the expense of the position indicated at an institution of only 1,400 population. This position was placed in the Budget upon recommendation of the State Fire Marshal. He has been equally inconsistent in similar recommendations at other institutions.

We wish to point out that the sum of \$1,800 is already provided under the item of fire protection to cover payment for 15 intermittent institution fire fighters. We are advised by the present management of the institution that it has a well organized fire fighting complement which is subject to regular drills. The Fire Marshal should confine his activities to making regular inspections at state institutions with a view toward testing the efficiency of the function of such auxiliary fire fighting crews as may be organized and a general inspection of the premises to determine whether or not regular inspections are being made by local personnel in order to eliminate fire hazards. The actual operating program of such local inspections should be assigned to regularly employed personnel in the Division of Maintenance and Operation of the plant. The employment of another fire marshal in itself will not prevent fires.

Equipment—A reduction of \$6,500

We recommend deletion of the sum of \$6,500 which appears as part of the total of line 72 on page 733 of the Budget as an expenditure of \$6,800 for fire protection, additional equipment. The \$6,500 on which we propose deletion is to cover the purchase of a fire truck. This again was at the request of the State Fire Marshal. The institution, at present, has a fire truck which is in good operating condition and there is no need for an additional piece of equipment. The remaining \$300 of the \$6,800 shown in the Budget is to cover the purchase of fire extinguishers on which we are fully in accord.

The whole matter of fire protection at this institution must be considered in the light of the fact of new construction which has and which is taking place at the premises. Many of the old buildings are being removed and are being replaced with modern concrete fireproof buildings. This merely further substantiates the contention that since the fire hazard is actually being reduced as a result of the construction, there is no sound premise to support additional personnel or equipment for fire prevention purposes. The management of the institution concurs in our general recommendations.

**For Purchase of Supplies and Equipment to Restore Normal Operating
Complement, Veterans' Home of California**

Item 346 of the Budget Bill and page 734 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$50,000 from the General Fund.

Recommendation

We recommend that Item 346 be approved in the amount of \$50,000 as submitted.

**For Construction, Improvements, Repairs and Equipment, Veterans' Home of
California, from the General Fund**

Item 347 of the Budget Bill and page 735 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$98,860 from the General Fund. This represents a substantial decline under the amount of \$1,153,040 for the 1947-48 Fiscal Year. The expenditure for the proposed Budget covers the following items:

Install fire alarm system.....	\$30,000
Addition to present laundry.....	2,500
Repairs to boiler.....	4,000
Sprinkling system.....	4,650
Install restroom at Memorial Grove.....	2,750
Construct firehouse with living quarters.....	50,000
Addition to post office.....	4,960
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	\$98,860

We raise several questions in connection with these expenditures as follows:

We understand that the institution has had only one estimate in the matter of installing the fire alarm system which is to provide a maximum of 25 outlets. At present, we understand that there is a rather antiquated system at the institution which is obsolete and beyond repair and which has only nine outlets. We believe that, based on current costs, a 25-station alarm system can be installed for approximately \$25,000. While we approve the request for the item, we believe that an additional saving in the sum of \$5,000 can be attained after competitive bids have been secured.

In connection with the request for \$50,000 to construct a firehouse with living quarters, we raise serious objections to the expenditure of any such sum for the purpose indicated. This amount was included in the Budget as a result of recommendations by the Fire Marshal. The institution at present has a firehouse which houses the equipment it now possesses which is in good operating condition. As an alternative to the expenditure of \$50,000, we believe it more feasible to construct living quarters adjacent to or in connection with the present firehouse to provide sleeping accommodations for employees or auxiliary fire fighters in order that the efficiency of the Fire Department may be increased by having personnel located close to the equipment particularly at night.

Recommendation

It, therefore, is our recommendation that the department secure estimates from the Department of Architecture for the construction of

such an additional unit and that the amount of \$50,000 be reduced to the amount required to construct such sleeping quarters.

We recommend, therefore, that Item 347 be reduced from the sum of \$98,860 to such lower figure as may be indicated by the reduction of cost for living quarters in connection with the present firehouse.

For Construction, Improvements, Repairs and Equipment, Veterans' Home of California, from the Athletic Commission Fund

Item 348 of the Budget Bill, page 735 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$475.

This item is in effect a reappropriation over former amounts provided, plus a small increase to provide for added costs.

Recommendation

We recommend approval of Item 348 in the amount requested.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME

For Support of Woman's Relief Corps Home, Department of Veterans Affairs, from the General Fund

Item 349, pages 736 to 738 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$78,776 for support from the General Fund. This represents an increase of \$168 over estimated expenditures of \$78,608 for the 1947-48 Fiscal Year.

The amount budgeted last year was \$69,168. This, however, was supplemented by three budget revisions totaling \$14,443. *This represents an increase of 20.8 percent over the Governor's Budget as originally approved by the Legislature.* Estimates indicate a saving out of these deficiency allotments, bringing forecasted expenditures for 1947-48 to the \$78,608 figure.

The increase proposed for 1948-49 represents primarily a normal increase in salaries and wages since no new positions are contemplated. Actually total salaries and wages are scheduled to increase \$1,624 over 1947-48. This increase is practically offset by decreases in expenditures for operating expenses and equipment, leaving the above net gain of \$168.

Eligibility for admittance to the home was limited to individuals who could qualify as indigent dependents of Union Veterans of the Civil War and war nurses. This included wives, widows, mothers, or dependent destitute unmarried daughters or sisters of such veterans.

Membership to the home has been closed, and it is therefore merely a question of time until in the natural course of events the decline in membership will permit closing this facility.

Present staffing at the institution appears to have about reached the minimum consistent with keeping the premises in operation without regard to a decline in membership population. It is estimated by the institution management that no reduction in staff will be possible until population declines to 29, at which point a reduction of one position only would be possible. It is therefore self-evident that *per capita costs will rise abnormally as membership declines.*

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that Item 349 be reduced from \$78,776 to \$76,072, a reduction of \$2,704. This reduction reflects the elimination of the laundry function at the institution. This service should be supplied by the Agnews State Hospital located approximately six miles distant.

Per capita costs for the laundry operation will be \$86.05 for the 1948-49 Fiscal Year, based on the budget submitted. Attention is directed to the fact that annual per capita laundry costs at other state institutions range from approximately \$8 to \$12 per year or about one-tenth of the presently budgeted cost at this facility. The excess cost is further reflected in the fact that one laundress is employed for an average inmate population of only 35 while the average ratio of laundry personnel to inmate population at other institutions ranges from one to approximately three or four hundred.

The present budget request reflects the following items of cost in the operation of the laundry for 35 members:

One laundress	\$2,370
Temporary help	192
Operating expense	400
Replacement equipment	50
Total	\$3,012

This gives an annual per capita laundry cost of \$86.05.

NOTE: The above cost does not include the cost of water, fuel and lights, nor the possible cost of any repairs to laundry equipment.

We recommend that a contractual arrangement be made to have the laundry service for this institution performed twice weekly if necessary by the Agnews State Hospital which has a per capita laundry cost of only \$8.79 as projected for 1948-49. Elimination of the laundry service at the home will effect a gross saving of \$2,704.

2. Some consideration may well be given to the feasibility of transferring the members to the Veterans' Home of California as soon as facilities can be made available at that institution. In conjunction with this movement or as a complete alternative, an analysis should be made to determine the possibility of transferring members to private rest homes where charges range from \$60 to \$110 per month as compared to a present per capita cost to the State of better than \$187 per month.

For Hospitalization of Members of the Woman's Relief Corps Home in County Hospitals, Department of Veterans Affairs, from the General Fund

Item 350 of the Budget Bill and page 736 of the Budget. The amount requested for 1948-49 is \$10,000 from the General Fund. This represents an increase of \$5,000 or 100 percent over the amount estimated for 1947-48.

Recommendation

1. We recommend the approval of Item 350 in the amount of \$10,000 as requested.

2. In view of the sizeable increase in the appropriation, we believe that if substantially the entire sum is expended, there should result some

savings in the way of reduced operating costs for the home, since obviously there will be less total care extended at the home facilities if either the number of patients or the average length of care required in outside institutions is doubled.

For Construction, Improvements, Repairs and Equipment, Woman's Relief Corps Home, Department of Veterans Affairs, from the General Fund

Item 351 of the Budget Bill and page 738 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$9,100.

Recommendation

We recommend that Item 351 be reduced in the amount of \$1,100 representing a reduction in the \$1,600 requested for cement floors and wood partitions in the garage facilities at the institution.

\$500 is ample to allow for concreting the floor and miscellaneous alterations if necessary. No added fire protection will follow from the full expenditure of \$1,600 in the manner contemplated.

CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

For Support of the California Centennial Commission from the General Fund

Item 352 of the Budget Bill and page 739 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$2,000,000 for the 1948-49 Fiscal Year. This compares with \$248,438 estimated expenditures for the period September 19, 1947 to June 30, 1948, an increase of \$1,751,562. Expenditures shown for the current fiscal year represent only initial organization expense, whereas the amount of the proposed Budget for 1948-49 represents a full year's operation. Likewise there will be an increase in 1948-49 due to the fact the major portion of the work of this commission will be performed during the coming fiscal year.

The commission is planning an extensive celebration to commemorate three historical events: The discovery of gold, the gold rush, and California's admission to the Union. Detailed plans of these events are not as yet complete, however, and the amount budgeted is only an estimate of the cost of a reasonable program.

In addition to commemoration of these historical events, the commission plans a number of other programs including the rehabilitation of a number of old Chinese buildings, the making of historical films at a cost of approximately \$100,000 to be shown at all schools in California for the purpose of educating children and arousing interest in the pageants, and the entrance of three floats in the Pasadena Rose Bowl Festival at an estimated cost of these floats at \$7,500.

Offices have been established for the commission in San Francisco and Los Angeles to work with counties who are developing programs. The commission will also retain a publicity staff, including photographers, but will not place any paid advertising. Many of the counties of California are organizing their own committees to raise funds for local celebrations. The commission intends to assist them by donating an amount of money equal to the amount collected by these committees, except in the well-populated counties that collect sufficient funds to