

✓ Pageant activities *Beauty pageants - 1970* begin *6-13-84*

SANTA CRUZ /— Forty-two young women competing for the Miss California title have settled into grinding, daily routines of practice and preparation at the Civic Auditorium.

The full week of activities got under way Tuesday as the contestants began getting acquainted, their hostesses and chaperones busied themselves at the Civic and at social engagements around town, and pageant director Charles Grebmeier oversaw the building of a neon-bright superstructure over the stage.

The three-day competition, which in past years has begun on Thursday, begins on Saturday and concludes Monday night. Each competition begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the preliminary competition Saturday and Sunday, and for the final competition Monday, are on sale daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium box office. Monday night's competition also will be broadcast live throughout the state and parts of Arizona, Nevada and Oregon.

While the contestants will appear on television Monday, only the 10 finalists will go through the talent and swimsuit competition.

The contestants' introduction to the sun and fun of the area came Monday afternoon when they rode the rides at the Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk.

Tuesday, the contestants mixed and mingled at a potluck dinner in the Civic Auditorium lobby. In an inspirational pep talk, Carolee Munger, the pageant's state director of field operations, equated the pageant with the start of the women's movement in the U.S. She noted that none of the pageant's "friends" (from the Myth California protest) had appeared yet outside the Civic.

Munger equated pageant contestants inside with protesters who've promised to appear outside, saying that both are part of the women's movement. "We are them

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... only we do it with style," she said.

The Miss California Ball at the Cocoanut Grove will be Thursday. This year's affair will be a tribute to 1983 Miss California, Shari Anne Moskau of Mission Viejo. A Black-and-White Party is set for Friday night at the Pogonip Club.

On Saturday, the contestants and members of the community will feast their eyes on an "Olympic Fanfare of Fashion," starting with an 11 a.m. cocktail hour at the Cocoanut Grove. Tickets, at \$20, can be reserved by calling 688-8476.

Miss California competition starts Saturday with the first preliminary show at the Civic. Half the contestants will be in the swimsuit competition, the other half in the talent competition. Sunday at 8 p.m., the order is reversed for the second preliminary show.

The pageant will be televised starting at 8 p.m. Monday. After Miss California 1984 is crowned, all contestants will celebrate at the coronation awards gala in the Grand Ballroom at the Cocoanut Grove.

The new Miss California will then make her way to the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City. The nationwide Miss America Pageant is the largest woman's scholarship foundation in the world, distributing annually more than \$2 million in its affiliated pageants throughout the nation.