

Live Oak Incorporation Alone Would Be Folly, Group Told

"It would be folly for Live oak even to think of incorporating by itself," Ivan Netoff said after Monday night's meeting

Scant Rise In State Aid For USCS

UCSC's 1970-71 operating budget includes an increase of 2.4 per cent, or \$220,279, in state-funded support, according to Governor Reagan's new budget proposals.

A total of \$9,483,671 of the budget comes from state sources and compares with \$9,263,392 in 1969-70.

"With a planned undergraduate enrollment of 3300 students in 1970-71, enrollment at UCSC is expected to increase 8.2 per cent over the current academic year," Harold A. Hyde, vice chancellor for business and finance, said.

"Almost all of the instructional costs of the university must be paid from state monies. When one looks at the state support for undergraduate instruction and research, the situation is clear.

"This state support will be up only 2.1 per cent, while our undergraduate enrollment will be up 8.2 per cent," Hyde said.

A previous announcement from Sacramento indicated an operating budget of \$15,418,035 for UCSC, or an increase of 8.8 per cent. "This total figure includes such items as a room and board fees, student registration fees, university extension, and the summer session. These do not represent actual increases in our operating funds, but are estimates of our self-sustaining operations," Hyde said.

Almost two-thirds of the \$229,279 state-funded increase is designated for 15 new faculty positions authorized in the governor's proposals.

The remaining third is for organized research, library maintenance, student services, and staff benefits. Amounts for UCSC's general administration, public service and institutional service remain at their present levels.

Said Hyde, "The situation is serious, but I believe we will be able to continue to offer a quality education next year. If the trend continues, however, the situation will become immediately critical during the following years.

"As for capital improvements, the Regents asked for \$5,564,000 for UCSC's needed new construction, but only \$602,000 is slated for the campus, all of it relating to projects under construction."

of the Live Oak Improvement Association.

And he brought along figures to the gathering to back up his contention. The data was gleaned mostly from a UCSC study on Mid-county incorporation. It indicated per-capita tax costs would be more than twice as much for Live Oak residents if their city incorporated by itself, rather than joining the entire mid-county in the proposed formation of a single city.

Netoff, chairman of the Committee for Mid-County Progress and a member of the Live Oak association, reported the estimated first-year budget of a Live Oak city could be \$835,000 to \$887,000.

Netoff's figures for a Live Oak city are based on an area bounded by the City of Santa Cruz, 41st Avenue, the Highway 1 freeway and Monterey Bay.

The whole mid-county, with a population of some 50,000, would require a minimum budget of about \$1,820,500; only a little more than twice as much as for the 12,000 population of Live Oak.

When state subventions are subtracted from both budgets, Netoff pointed out, the two spending schedules are even more disproportionate. Live Oak residents, he observed, would tax themselves to make up \$385,000 of their budget, while more than four times as many residents of all mid-county would only have to make up \$25,000.

The speaker indicated the greatest area of saving for the larger city would be in its central administration. He noted any city, no matter how small, must have a corps of administrators and facilities. The cost of that central corps is diminished in a larger city because it is spread over more taxpayers.

He pointed out, too, that for an extra cost of some 10 to 15 per cent, the larger city could afford really capable administrators which would be out of the price range of a smaller municipal unit.

Netoff said the only areas in which the larger city would not be able to effect per-capita savings are police protection and road construction and maintenance.

Emilio Maggiolo, chairman of the Live Oak Improvement Association, said he was disap-

Court Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1970
Superior Court
John Jeffery Frias, 18, of Saratoga, was sentenced to four years probation and had a \$300 fine imposed for a "spur of the moment" burglary spree of tackle shops on the cement ship on the beach at Seacliff last December.

pointed at the small turnout at the meeting and reported Netoff might be invited to make his presentation again when the group would try for a larger attendance.