

Weather Report

Temperatures for 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. yesterday: Maximum, 69; minimum, 35. For 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today: Maximum, 70; minimum, 38.

Monterey Bay Area — Fair through tomorrow. Continued mild temperatures. Low tonight in the 40s, high today 65 to 70. Light variable winds.

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SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA ★ SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 21,

Santa Cruz Takes Another Step Forward

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Santa Cruz continued its march of progress yesterday as governmental officials, civic leaders and citizens joined in the dedication of the handsome new City Hall Annex on Church Street.

Under brilliant sunshine of a balmy day symbolizing the bright future of the community, more than 150 persons witnessed the ceremonies commemorating a milestone in the city's history and development.

The historic occasion served as a forum for bringing into focus the dramatic changes in community life and for reviewing the vexing questions facing all levels of government as they struggle to meet mounting public demands for services.

The principal speaker, Senator Donald L. Grunsky traced the importance of home rule and local autonomy as a bulwark in the government of American society.

The Watsonville Republican recalled the his-

toric background of home rule in California through the establishment of charter cities, of which Santa Cruz is one. He noted that this action taken in the 19th Century by the State Legislature was one of the most far-reaching developments in American municipal government.

Senator Grunsky also pointed out that today the concept of home rule is under stress and attack as cities struggle to find new sources of revenue, to broaden the tax base, to give relief to home owners and property taxpayers, and to improve efficiency and economy in local services.

He declared the State Legislature understands the problems and is sympathetic to the needs, and, as a result, major efforts to resolve these dilemmas will be continued in the current session.

Senator Grunsky, who is scheduled to return to Sacramento today, noted that last year the lawmakers adopted several programs to ease the burdens of local governments, including the allocation of three cents of the cigarette tax

to cities and counties. He said many additional suggestions now are being studied in Sacramento.

Senator Grunsky also stressed a cornerstone of American democracy, that local governments must face squarely their responsibility to assure that local problems are solved at the local level. Abdication of this task or failure to meet it, he suggested, will result in further enlargement of powers at the state and federal levels of government.

He praised Santa Cruzans for their vision in building the new \$500,000 facility which will aid local officials in meeting the needs of the future.

Mayor Sam Leask cited some of the highlights of the city's history, review the efforts several years ago to enact a capital improvements program in the city, noted the role of the new structure in further improving the efficiency of municipal government, and paid tribute to the many citizens and organizations who assumed roles in the project.

He recalled that the City of Santa Cruz was incorporated in 1866, when a board of trustees was appointed under a special act of Congress to straighten out land titles in the area.

The first meeting of the board was convened where the Santa Cruz Hardware store now stands.

The first City Hall, Mayor Leask continued, was erected on the present site of the court house annex on Front Street in 1877 and continued to be used until the early 1920s. The city then purchased the residence of the late Frederick A. Hihn.

"This large mansion," the mayor said, "was used as the seat of the city government until the present city hall was constructed in 1938."

In 1965, Mayor Leask said, the City Council appointed a citizens committee headed by Donald Younger to review recommendations for a major capital improvements program, out of which came the \$2.6 million bond issue of 1966. At the election, the proposal was approved by a more than three-to-one margin.

Later officials developed a three phase program of construction. The first called for the city hall annex, the second for remodeling of the present City Hall, a project now in progress, and the third will include purchase of the remainder of the block in which the present facilities are located.

Mayor Leask said the timetable for the third stage calls for an additional building to house the police department to be erected by 1975.

He noted, however, that this proposal might be replaced by a joint city-county law enforcement facility. The feasibility of such a plan now is being studied, he said.

Mayor Leask lauded the work of the architects, Robert Stevens and Associates, in designing a building that would provide the needed space and also "blend in with and complement the existing City Hall in the most economical manner."

He said the new structure was built at a cost of less than \$20 per square foot, for a total of \$450,000, excluding furnishings or additional land. The re-modeling project, according to the mayor, will cost about \$150,000.

Of the total amount of \$600,000, he added, more than one-

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Reagan On The Stump

St. Louis (AP). — The President's spending policies and the U.S. Attorney General were prime targets for California Gov. Ronald Reagan who addressed a Republican fund raising rally in St. Louis last night.

In a speech at the rally, Reagan said "inflation is knocking at every door because of the President's romance with something called the new economics."

An estimated 9000 persons attended the rally in the arena, which had been prepared for a crowd of about 15,000. Reagan's speech was interrupted 29 times by applause.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark was criticized as "a dove . . . reluctant to prosecute draft card burners."

In remarks concerning demonstrations against the war in Vietnam, Reagan said, "according to enemy intelligence reports, the actions of Spock and Coffin have actually contributed to the killing of American boys."

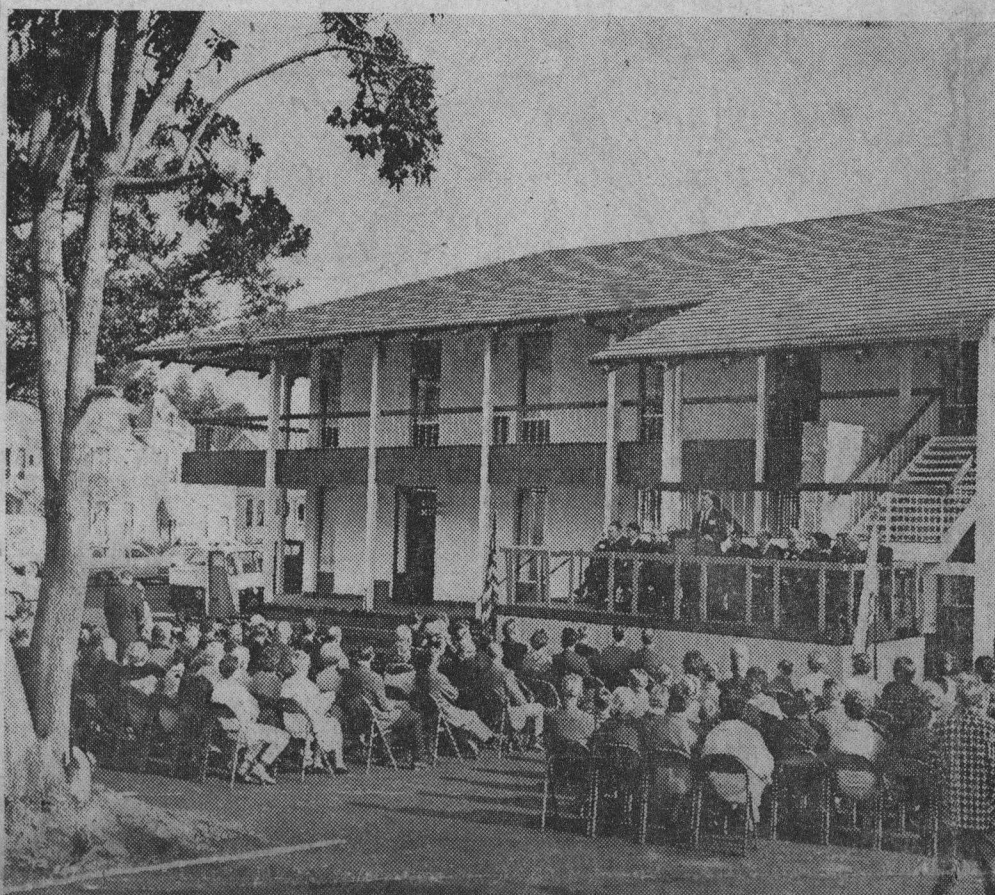
He referred to Dr. Benjamin Spock, noted baby specialist, and the Rev. William Coffin, chaplain at Yale University. Both men have been indicted for encouraging young men to evade the draft.

Returning to the President, Reagan said last Wednesday's State of the Union message was "a dismal rehash of the methods, the language and the philosophy of the past."

Earlier Reagan took a swing at administration war policies saying that although 93 of 94 North Vietnam targets recommended by the Air Force have been bombed, the effectiveness of escalation has been lost.

"We've arrived at an escalation we shouldn't have," Reagan said. "This war has gone on longer than any other in our history."

"The only target left is Haiphong harbor. The Air Force recommended a 16-day blitz of



Raymond Goodrich, vice mayor and master of ceremonies, introduces guests of honor at yesterday's ceremonies in which

the new \$500,000 City Hall Annex was dedicated.

Doves, Hawks Both Hail Clifford's Appointment

Washington (AP). — President Johnson apparently has bought a measure of peace with Congress on Vietnam with his appointment of Clark Clifford as secretary of defense.

Before he steps into the shoes of Robert S. McNamara on or before March 1, Clifford, the former counsel to Harry S. Truman and a top adviser to John F. Kennedy and Johnson, will face a friendly inquiry into his

Vietnam views by the hawkishly inclined Senate Armed Services Committee.

He is expected to be confirmed speedily.

The effectiveness of Johnson's action in moving a comparative outsider into the thankless job of running the Pentagon was demonstrated when the appointment of Clifford was greeted with cheers by both Sens. J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.)

and Richard B. Russell, (D-Ga.).

Russell, who heads the Armed Services group and is considered leader of the hawks, predicted an outstanding career for the nominee.

Fulbright, who heads the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and is the principal Senate critic of Johnson's war policies, said he thinks Clifford is taking the job with an open mind and "is capable of re-evaluating our policies."

The principal benefit to Johnson falls in the category of his having given Fulbright someone in the administration he can trust to talk to about war policies. The Foreign Relations chairman has all but lost contact with Secretary of State

Thousands Bid Sad Farewell To Sicily