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History Group Named

California's 200 years of modern history marked by the discoveries of Gaspar de Portola and Father Junipero Serra will be remembered in California Bicentennial celebrations in Santa Cruz County.

County supervisors yesterday appointed a 51-man committee to plan and coordinate the county's observances over the next two years, beginning in 1969.

It was in 1769 that Portola and Father Serra trekked northward from Mexico along the coast to San Francisco Bay. This resulted in the founding of the state's first mission at San Diego in July, 1769 and Mission de Monterey in June, 1770.

"These expeditions truly signify the birth of California and the beginning of her modern history," Supervisors Chairman J. Russ McCallie said in a press release. Supervisors McCallie and Robert Burton and Supervisor-elect George (Hoot) Cress are members of the committee.

Co-chairman of the committee are Margaret Koch of The Sentinel and attorney Hubert Wykoff.

"Our Historical Past, Our Living Present, and Our Vibrant Future," will be the theme of the two-year observance.

The first organizational meeting of the committee will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Superior Court room No. 3 at the county center, Ocean and Water Streets.

Members of the committee appointed by the board include:

Don Clark, Timothy Welch, Alice Earl Wilder, Gordon Sinclair, Sam McNeely, Bud Prindle, Ralph Gray, Rita Mattei, Vester Dick, Carl Bengston, Gene Zimmerman, Dr. Richard Fickel, Hal McGlathery, Mrs. Joyce Melrose, Peggy Hunter, Jeanne Epping, Don Ward, Norman Bedell, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William MacLoughlin, Fred D. McPherson Jr., Raymond H. Goodrich, Douglas B. James.

Bill Graham, Sam Leask III, Warren (Skip) Littlefield, Mario Esposito, W. P. Hendrick, Francis Gregory, Malio Stagnaro, Mary K. Hubbard, Mrs. Amelio Romeo, Jerry Hughes, Mrs. Charles McLean, Mrs. Charles Leamy, Mrs. Albert Everly Jr., Mrs. Geraldine Work, James Kennedy, Ronald F. Lang, Mrs. Lucretia Michael, Mrs. Franklin Mieuli, David McFadden, Arthur M. Alexander, Alan Ware, Neil Whitty, Ken Wenzel, and Chuck Allen.