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# Charter Day fete at UCSC Saturday

## Tuition issue seeps through speeches

Clark Kerr, president of the University of California, recalled the difficulties faced by the university when he assumed its presidency eight and a half years ago. Difficulties that were overcome "mainly, through the efforts and dedication of a few," he said, citing the contributions of several individuals.

Kerr said he was proud to have been a part of the effort, which has seen the statewide university "double in size, student and intellectual qualities." Kerr credited the university's success in the world of education, in great part, to its being able to offer free higher education to Californians.

In his Charter Day address Saturday at UCSC, first of nine to be held statewide, Kerr made reference to voter approval of a \$238-million higher-education bond issue for construction. He cited this as evidence that "the people of California want the university to continue growing."

Kerr is in the vanguard of educator-oriented resistance to Governor Ronald Reagan's planned cutting of state expenses -- a 10 percent cut-back order, reducing money

requested for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

A stop order on student enrollment has been issued by Kerr and Chancellor Glenn S. Dumke of the state colleges. UC regents asked for \$278-million for fiscal 1967-68, a 15 per cent increase over the present budget of \$240-million. The proposed budget included an increase of \$19-million to cover the cost of anticipated enrollment increases of 15 per cent.

Dumke said the Reagan order would mean a state college budget of \$170-million compared to the present \$174-million budget.

The ban of student enrollment will probably be discussed at a meeting of UC and college administrators meeting in Berkeley today. Kerr said it was difficult to estimate what effect the 10 per cent budget cut order would have on the UC system but did note it would be impossible for the university to "handle the same number of students next year."

Keynote speaker at Charter Day ceremonies was Sir Robert Gordon Menzies, prime minister of Australia (1939-41, 1949-66), who said he considered his role in

helping Australia's "universities to grow" one of his most "noteworthy achievements." The good-natured Australian dispensed with the traditional wearing of the ceremonial cap, noting that it was one of the "covenants of custom" he consistently broke.

Menzies observed that when he first assumed office in 1939 there were six universities in Australia with a total enrollment of 36,500 and by last year, when he left office as prime minister, there were 13 with an enrollment of 95,000. He good-naturedly noted that the key to success was in keeping "a good, firm hand on the treasury."

In introducing Sir Robert, UC President Clark Kerr portrayed him as a "... brilliant barrister, tough-minded statesman, formidable practitioner of the arts of parliamentary debate and repartee, most durable prime minister in his nation's history."

Following Sir Robert's address, Kerr conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon the eminent Australian statesman. UCSC Chancellor Dean E. McHenry, who officiated at the Charter day ceremonies, credited

Sir Robert with "infusing the university system of Australia with an intellectual vigor" that has elevated it to first class status.

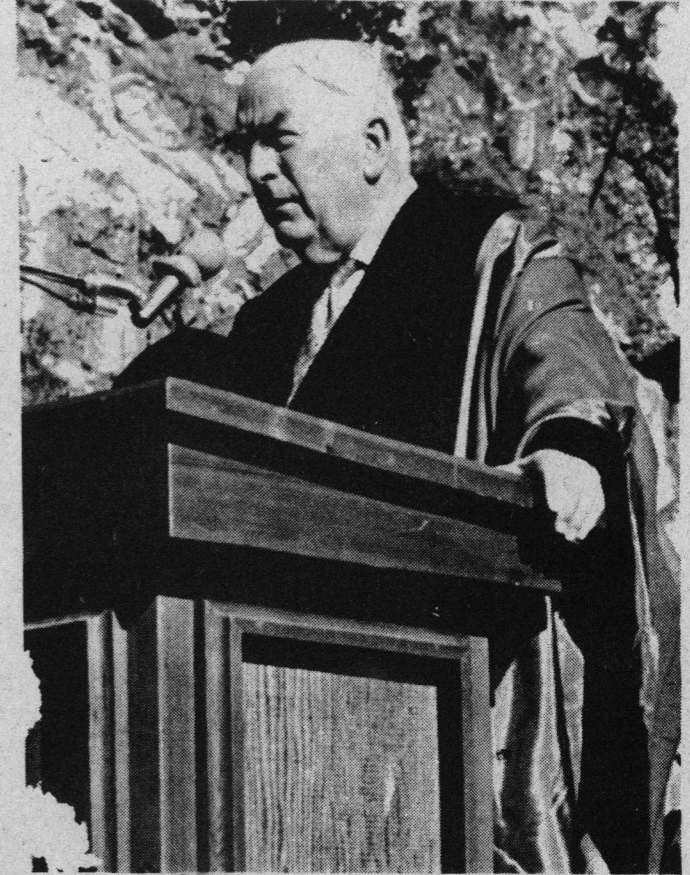
The traditional processional march preceded the ceremony, led by University Marshal F. G. Glenn Willson. Among the 50 participants in the gowned and colorful academic dress were Theodore R. Meyer, chairman of the UC board of regents, Regent Einar Mohn, Harry R. Wellman, UC vice-president; Charles J. Hitch, UC vice president - administration; Angus Taylor, UC vice-president-academic affairs and Francis H. Clauser, UC vice chancellor-academic affairs.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor William MacLoughlin, pastor of the Holy Cross church, Santa Cruz, pronounced the Invocation and gave the Benediction. Music for the ceremonies was provided by organist Dean Keesler and by the Cowell Madrigal Singers, under the direction of student Paul Rabwin.

The annual UC event was followed by a luncheon, sponsored by The Affiliates of UCSC, which took place in the Dining Hall of Cowell college.



CHARTER DAY SPEECH -- UC President Clark Kerr traced the historical background of higher education in America to a blending of the English system and the German system with America's "inherent interest in social service." He noted that today's youth is less "apathetic" and more concerned with today's social problems and are demanding more of a voice in the procedures (school involvement) that go into shaping their futures -- News Photo.



CHARTER DAY ADDRESS -- Keynote speaker at Saturday's UC Charter Day ceremonies at UCSC was the honorable Sir Robert Gordon Menzies, former Prime Minister of Australia, who subtly added his endorsement to opposition of the establishment of tuition for state colleges and the University of California, observing its 99th anniversary. The 72-year old statesman drew a rousing hand of applause when he said: "There is a new doctrine in higher education -- a boy or girl qualified to go to a university is not to be denied that opportunity by a shortage of funds in the family -- News Photo.