

Department Chiefs Cry Crowded Office Woes

A sad tale of woe over cramped county offices was spun by department chiefs before the board of supervisors at a meeting last week.

Gerald S. Anderson, sealer of weights and measures, told how with lack of facilities and not enough office space at 2313 Mission street he has to hold business discussions in automobiles to obtain any privacy.

When officials from the Lockheed missile test base near Bonny Doon came to his office, Assessor Harold L. Kane went upstairs to the law library so they could find talking room.

Some of the planning department staff will have to work out in the hall if more workers are employed, Mrs. Elizabeth Gawain, county planning director, stated. She said that when the contract with the Wilsey and Ham consulting firm ends in July the department will definitely need more help.

A bleak picture of accountants carrying tax assessment records back and forth across the street from one office to the other was painted by Auditor-Controller George S. Kriz. He did not think much of the idea of shifting his office force to the Cal-Pac title company.

Kriz said that if his department takes on more duties — as the board of supervisors has indicated might happen — then he will really be hurting for space.

Shifting workers across the street to the Cal-Pac office will result in "increased costs of operating my department," he stressed.

The auditor emphasized the need for his staff having almost "hourly contact" with the treasurer-tax collector's office now located across the hall.

Norman S. Lien, county superintendent of schools, said he was working under a hardship since there was not enough privacy. The schools office is located next to the personnel office in the Trust building on Soquel avenue.

"I need privacy," Lien said. "I have parents come in and must talk intimately with them."

Lien has requested to use the personnel office since Administrative Officer Richard O'Reilly is serving as director.

Assistant Purchasing Agent Har-

ry Burdick told how one salesman must stand while he is talking to another salesman in his cubbyhole of an office — when two appear at the same time.

Supervisor Vincent Locatelli said Friday afternoon that he is thinking about moving Burdick, now in the first floor of the annex, to the basement. The shift will give the purchasing assistant more space and allow the district attorney's office to expand into Burdick's vacated spot, the supervisor said.

He hopes to have the reshuffling worked out for presentation to the board tomorrow for approval.

Compounding the widespread problems is the notice from the Santa Cruz urban redevelopment agency that the county must vacate the Front street service cen-

ter in July when the lease expires.

Gerald Harn, manager of the service center, said there are only a few possibilities for getting an adequate building nearby to house the county cars.

What does Administrative Officer Richard O'Reilly, who proposed the now dead Casa del Rey hotel plan, think of the reshuffling?

At the meeting Thursday morning on space, he told the board of supervisors that insurance costs will rise as the county takes more risk by spreading out offices.

"I do not think this (spreading out) is a service to the public," the CAO stated. "You (supervisors) are thinking too much about the problem internally — not about the hardship for citizens in finding their way around."

Red Cross Will Open Drive For \$30,845 Quota Tuesday

An opportunity for Santa Cruzans to help one of the city's benefactors will be given all through March.

The benefactor is the American Red Cross, which during the disastrous floods of 1955-56 sent \$650,000 to this area to relieve the physical suffering of victims and to assist others in re-establishing homes and businesses.

Beginning Tuesday the local chapter will be seeking to raise \$30,845, the 1960 fund drive goal. Of this amount, \$19,283 remains in Santa Cruz for local programs, with \$11,563 going to finance the chapter's share in national and international programs.

The area served by the Santa Cruz chapter ranges from the west side of Aptos to the northernmost limits of the county.

Of all the national voluntary organizations, the American Red Cross is the single one which can act in behalf of the government of the United States of America. Through a congressional charter of 1905, the Red Cross became the government's official volunteer disaster relief agency.

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ions in the congressional charter is the responsibility of the Red Cross to serve the needs of servicemen and their families. Locally and under the home service program 317 military personnel and their families have received direct assistance.

A well-known but supplemental service of the Red Cross is its blood program. For a cost in 1959 of \$3726—or \$4.13 per blood pint unit. Santa Cruzans in four local hospitals received 901 pints of blood. If the Red Cross blood program were not in existence, the cost to the community for 901 pints of blood would range from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Santa Cruz chapter's fund drive chairman for 1960 is Robert Warne. Assisting him are Col. Charles E. Ward, both vice chairman for the fund drive and chairman of outlying areas; Warren Thal, Santa Cruz residential chairman; Norman Shockley, downtown business chairman; Mrs. George Cardiff, East Side chairman; Harry McElroy, industrial gifts chairman; Stephen Wyckoff, professional gifts chairman; Mrs. Lela Swasey, advance gifts chairman; Lee H. Craig, office con-