

Unthinking Humans Endanger Flood Levees

Flood Control

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Humans have been—expected to continue to be—more hazardous for the \$6.5 million Santa Cruz flood control system than natural forces.

This was the verdict of city officials this week as they checked over the system in anticipation of the winter rainy season.

They agreed that the system is functionally sound. But human thoughtlessness or carelessness has put many chinks

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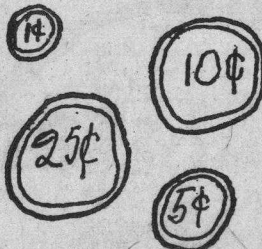
In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Santa Cruz.

In the Matter of the Estate of ANGELINO CERRI, Deceased.

Notice is Hereby Given by the Undersigned, CHARLES H. JOHNSON, Administrator of the estate of ANGELINO CERRI, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, or said estate, to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the above named Court (which said office is situate in the Court House in the City of Santa Cruz in said County and State), within six months after the first publication of this notice made on the 25th day of September, 1960, or present and exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within said period, to the said Administrator at the office of J. FRANK MURPHY and EUGENE J. ADAMS, Attorneys at Law, in the City of Santa Cruz, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, which said last named office, the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

CHARLES H. JOHNSON
Administrator of the Estate
of said deceased.

Dated September 23, 1960.
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EUGENE J. ADAMS
Attorneys for said Administrator
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in the armor, which city crews are scrambling to mend.

Humans have eroded paths which could weaken the levee walls. In spite of signs, they have removed the limestone rip-rap lining for dike-side barbecues. They have hurled the big rocks into the river and, incidentally, jammed storm water outlet flapgates. They have broken down toe ditches on the outer side of the levees by parking in violation of warning signs.

More than \$35,000 has been budgeted for maintenance of the flood control system during 1960-61, according to Donald Bruce, director of field services.

"The biggest percentage (\$21,000) of this is for labor. And their primary headaches are caused by human thoughtlessness," Bruce said. "Every Monday, the crew spends the day picking rip-rap out of the river or carrying it back to the face of the levee," he added.

He said 200 tons of rock will be brought into the area this week for replacement.

Bruce is in direct charge of the system, including rip-rap lined San Lorenzo river levees, the concrete-lined Branciforte creek, 23 slide gate storm water outlets and seven pumps.

Designed by the army corps of engineers, it was turned over to the city last year following completion by Granite Construction company, general contractor.

It stood the tests of a relatively light 1959-60 winter. The rip-rap did get a good working over by incoming tides on several occasions, Bruce noted.

Sand bars and shoals have caused "unexpected" problems between the Riverside avenue bridge and the river mouth, covering some of the storm drainage outlets into the river by four feet.

Bruce said this might be the result of a weakness in design, but noted that the army engineers feel this sand will be scoured out by heavy flows from upstream. Portable pumps could handle any problems which might develop on the landward side of the dikes, he said.

"We have no other mechanical problems. The system is working and will continue to work," Bruce said. "Flood protection is there."

This view was seconded by City Manager Peter Tedesco.

"Esthetically, it still is somewhat short of perfect. But as far as function goes, the system

is in sound shape," Tedesco said.

He pointed out that economy moves by the city council during budget hearing cut one employee who would have permitted a full-scale onslaught on unsightly weeds and willows on the levee banks.

Bruce said that hand pulling of weeds during the past year has proven too expensive and imprudent. Spraying for both weeds and willows has been tried and will be resumed next week.

A five-man force has just completed clearing of the fish channel up the center of Branciforte creek. About 100 truck loads of sand were hauled out of the concrete sluice.

Requirement to keep the "V" shaped fish channel clear for spawning runs from October through May is one of the many

strict criteria outlined in documents transferring the system from the federal to local government.

Quarterly and annual inspections must be made.

Machinery is checked and lubricated monthly.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR SOVIET UNION

London (AP) — The Soviet magazine Soviet Union claims that Antarctica was discovered by the Russians and not by the British. The magazine published an old document it said proves that the Russian explorer Fabian von Bellingshausen first set eye on the ice continent 14 days before Lt. Edward Bransfield of the British navy saw it in January 1820.

Making Way for Spawning Runs



Sigrist Captures Fair Dairy Awards

A Santa Cruz dairyman took the grand award in the Santa Cruz County fair milk judging contest, it was announced yesterday.

He is Joe Sigrist, 3443 Branciforte drive, whose samples were judged tops over fifty-four other milk producers in the Monterey bay area.

Santa Cruz and Monterey county health departments, with representatives of milk processors, scored the milk on flavor, sediment, solids, butterfat, and count.

Another Santa Cruz area dairyman took a third place blue ribbon. He was Carl Dettling, 200 Mount Hermon road.

City crews this week cleared the fish channel up Branciforte creek portions of the \$6.5 million flood control system. The city is required to keep the channel clear for spawning runs from October through May under terms prescribed in the agreement accepting control from the army corps of engineers. Tidal action causes silting in the creek channel. Almost daily attention is required by city crews to keep abreast of the human-caused damage to other portions of the flood control system, control weeds and willows, and keep the machinery in operating order.

NEWSPAPER WOMAN DIES

Toledo, Ohio (AP) — Marge Block, 43, newspaper woman and wife of Paul Block Jr., publisher of the Toledo Blade, died Friday in a Toledo hospital.