

Convention Center Caught In Midst Of Struggle For Federal Funds

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A tug-of-war, with the Santa Cruz convention center being pulled apart at the middle, appears to be developing over how federal economic development funds are spent in Santa Cruz County.

The struggle involves a private, non-profit organization, the Central Coast Counties Development Corporation, (CCCDC) and a semi-governmental agency, the Overall Economic Development Committee.

Supervisor John R. McCallie, a member of the Santa Cruz Joint Powers Authority that is responsible for development of the convention center, has demanded to know if the CCCDC had tried to interfere with the chances of getting a \$900,000 federal grant for the convention center.

The CCCDC flatly denies it, and so does a federal official.

At a meeting of the County Industrial Commission this morning, there were implications that the county would have to join other counties in forming an "economic development district" if it expects to get federal monies for projects such as the convention center.

The question — if such districts must be formed for federal control over the district.

The row has come to light since the Seattle, Wash., regional office of the Economic Development Administration recently notified the Joint Powers Authority that a \$900,000 grant for the convention center probably won't be made.

McCallie and other convention center backers angrily want to know why, since the EDA urged them to submit an application and implied chances were good the convention center would get the money.

McCallie, in a letter Tuesday to Mark Smith, EDA regional director, asked 12 questions on whether a September trip to Seattle by CCCDC representatives had any effect on the grant

not being released with completion of the OEDP report.

Al Ames, regional EDA representative, said Wednesday night he is "still hopeful" money for the convention center will be granted.

Ames said the CCCDC never tried to block the center; just the reverse. "They used all the moral suasion on their power to get it approved," he said.

Ames claimed the center was dropped from the current grant

list because Congress gave only \$18 million to the Western States region, instead of an expected \$25 million. If Congress appropriates more money, the convention center stands a good

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Congressmen Warned Of Kidnaping Dangers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House and the Justice Department have alerted top government officials and members of Congress that they may become targets for abduction by revolutionaries.

Sen. William B. Saxbe, R-

Ohio, in telling of the warnings to members of Congress said he believes the only way to halt "political blackmail" before it starts is to make it a federal crime for officials to give in to it.

Saxbe commented in an inter-

view with newsmen on the Metromedia Radio news program, "Profile."

His disclosures came shortly after a Justice Department's official told newsmen the FBI has received reports some U.S. terrorist groups may try to kidnap foreign diplomats or campaigning politicians in the style of recent political kidnappings in Canada and Latin America.

"The only way to prevent this kind of blackmail," Saxbe said, "is to make it a federal offense for anyone (in government) to accede to this kind of thing."

"For example," he said, "if I am picked up—and I certainly haven't been threatened—and they write in and tell some government official, 'If you don't release so and so and so we're going to kill Saxbe,' I think if that official turns that criminal loose he ought to be prosecuted."

Last Thursday, tackling the problem from another direction, the Senate passed a bill making the assassination, kidnaping or assault of a member of Congress a federal offense punishable by life imprisonment and death.

"There has been some discussion and concern among my colleagues," Saxbe said. "It was brought up at a recent White House conference and there is an alert at present. . . The Justice Department has advised

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Nobel Prize In Medicine Goes To Three Scientists

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — The 1970 Nobel Prize in Medicine-Physiology was awarded jointly today to Bernard Katz of London, Ulf von Euler of Stockholm and Julius Axelrod of Bethesda, Md., for "their discoveries concerning the humoral transmitters in the nerve terminals and the mechanisms for their storage, release and inactivation."

The three scientists share the \$80,000-prize for work that has given answers to questions of fundamental importance for the understanding of the mechanism behind the transmission between the nerve cells.

Sir Bernard Katz, born in Leipzig, Germany in 1911, is professor of biophysics at University College in London, England.

The American recipient, Julius Axelrod, is chief of the pharmacology section of the National Institute of Mental Health at Bethesda.

Von Euler is of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm that awards the Nobel Medicine-Physiology prize.

Axelrod was born in New York in 1912. He gained his Ph.D. from George Washington University in 1915. He is a specialist in the field of biochemical mechanism of drug and hormone actions and glandular research.

Katz became an M.D. in Leipzig in 1934, went to England before World War II, received a Ph.D. in London in 1938 and became a doctor of science in 1943. He was a Carnegie research fellow in Sydney, Australia, 1939-42, served with the Australian air force 1942-45 and returned to London after the war, settling at University College in London. He has been professor of biophysics there since 1952. Since 1968 he also has been secretary of the Royal Society.