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# Supervisors Discuss Plans For Remodeling Of Court House

Discussion of courthouse remodeling occupied the supervisors yesterday for some time following the special meeting called to canvass the results of the Capitola incorporation election held January 4.

Questioned by Supervisor Lloyd Foster, new to the board, the other four supervisors admitted yesterday that they had never had an opportunity to go over the proposed plans for remodeling the current courthouse buildings, with Charles E. Butner, Salinas architect, who has served Santa Cruz county for a number of years.

Foster pointed out that the plans, which he has given a good deal of study recently, call for new courthouse entrance doors in the old building, which he did not deem necessary at this time; a corridor dividing the two new rooms in the justice court, which he pointed out was wasted space; two doors in the interior of the current supervisors' room, which will be given over to the auditor if the plans are adopted; and a number of other proposed changes which, he said, in his opinion, were not necessary.

On the other hand, he said, the plans do not eliminate the bad situation caused by the narrow entrance into the taxpayer's office, as well as other problems.

Foster said that he would like to make a study of the history of the courthouse.

"I think we ought to go over the proposed plans quite thoroughly before we take any action," Foster warned.

Supervisor Philip Rowe agreed, stating that he'd like to get a look at the roof on the old building, to see exactly what it required. Mrs. Emma Rodhouse, clerk of the board, reminded the supervisors that the floor in the clerk's office, both the wood and covering above, were rotted through, with no provisions made for their repair in the new plans.

The supervisors all agreed that such repairs were necessary.

Facilities for a rest room on the second floor of the old courthouse building were also pointed out as a "must."

With this in mind, the supervisors decided to meet again next Tuesday at 9 a. m. to thoroughly discuss the matter of courthouse remodeling or its alternatives, and attempt to come to some constructive conclusions.

Earlier, the board recessed at 2:45 p. m. to carry on the discussion, and then adjourned formally at 5 p. m.

In other business, a request for a sign indicating sharp turns ahead on the Green Valley road was referred to Fred R. Pracht, county road commissioner, with instructions for him to complete arrangements with the automobile association to install the sign and also to report back to the board regarding the matter.

Action concerning the grand jury's report was again postponed.

## Israel Wants Special Session Of U. N. Council

Tel Aviv, Jan. 11 (U.P.) — Israel asked the United Nations security council tonight to meet in emergency session to hear an Israeli complaint against Britain in connection with the shooting down of five British planes last Friday.

Premier David Ben Gurion cabled the request to Lake Success after a cabinet meeting which lasted several hours. The action was announced by Lt. Col. Moshe Perlman, foreign office and military spokesman.

The Israeli complaint, Perlman said, was against what he called the alleged intervention in the Palestine dispute by Great Britain. The alleged intervention was in the form of aerial incursions over Palestine, as charged by Israel.