

SC Nurses To Join Pay Proposal Meet

Registered nurses from County General hospital will be represented this evening at a mass California Nurses association meeting in Oakland, according to a member of the newly organized nurses economic development committee at the hospital.

Mrs. Grace Hopson, one of nine members elected to the committee over the weekend, said some nurses are planning to attend and noted it was requested that two or three representatives from County General be on hand.

The meeting, for representatives of registered nurses from Santa Cruz to Santa Rosa, will be at the Leamington hotel at 7:30 p.m., "to formulate joint proposals to present to employer representatives Thursday," according to Ralph Hartley, research director for the CNA.

According to Dr. William Cress, medical director at County general, Mrs. Faith Brewer was elected chairman of the local economic development committee.

Mrs. Hopson said today there have been no new local developments in the CNA attempt to raise salaries at County General, for both registered nurses and some other nursing specialties. She stated local meetings will continue.

In a telegram received by the Sentinel from Hartley today, he

said "registered nurse chairmen from approximately 60 hospitals, representing between three and four thousand nurses are expected to attend" tonight's session.

He also said two more meetings are planned next week, in San Jose Tuesday for registered nurses in that area and in San Francisco next Wednesday for all Bay Area Kaiser hospital and clinic nurses as well as all other San Francisco nurses.

In other developments, Hartley said Eden hospital nurses in Castro Valley rejected an arbitration offer yesterday "as no solution to the longstanding problem of salary discrimination."

Hartley said 89 resignations there will be effective at 7 a.m. Sunday "unless a proper settlement is reached." He said some Eden Township physicians have published a half page advertisement in the Hayward Review supporting the stand taken by the nurses in that dispute.

Employer representatives from 30 Bay Area hospitals with contracts with the CNA have been asked by the CNA to meet tomorrow evening "to receive Bay-Area-wide proposals," according to Hartley. He said the California State Conciliation service is arranging a meeting place and time and will also participate in the session.