

*Civil Service*

# That Santa Cruz Holiday's Off

SANTA CRUZ — City of Santa Cruz's conventioning officials returned home from San Francisco Wednesday to call off the "peoples holiday" scheduled for Tuesday.

The holiday was declared Tuesday by City Councilwoman Anne Garni, the only council member who didn't leave town. Mayor Richard Werner Wednesday said Mrs. Garni wasn't empowered to call an official holiday.

Said he in a prepared statement:

"The holidays observed by the City of Santa Cruz are clearly designated in the Municipal Code and any additional holidays must be designated by a majority of the council. . . . Prior to attendance at the conference, adequate provisions were made to assure the continuity of legislative authority through a message center at conference headquarters and per-

sonal telephone centers at the hotel where the majority of Santa Cruz officials stayed."

Mrs. Garni contends that as the only council member in town, she automatically became acting mayor. Mayor Werner, however, said that the mayor or acting mayor doesn't have the power to call a holiday. He said this can only be done by a majority vote of the council.

Mrs. Garni contends the matter had a unanimous vote. Hers.

Mrs. Garni said she called the holiday to allow citizens to attend the state freeway hearing here Tuesday. She has been attempting to get the State Highway Commission to hold a night meeting, but the commission has refused.

Mrs. Garni contends that the matter is of such importance to the city that its citizens should be allowed to be present at the meeting.

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Kidnaping

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