

# CAB Takes First Step In Reorganization Program

The "new" Community Action Board struggled through the first phases of its reorganization Wednesday night, committing some errors of procedure and possibly even legality, but nevertheless set up its basic outline.

Forming the core of the new CAB are 14 representatives of the poor, elected a week ago Monday by a meager turnout of just over 300 votes by low-income persons throughout the county.

Old CAB members welcomed the new members to their seats, and then the 14 began the task of selecting other members to round out the 36 members supposed to sit on the anti-poverty agency.

It turned out that the 14 already had selected the 12 public officials they wanted to

sit on the board at an unannounced meeting last Friday. At another meeting just before Wednesday's regular session, they had picked 13 community organizations as the ones they would choose between for the remaining 10 seats.

But current CAB Chairman Bill Zachmeier explained to the new 14 that such meetings cannot be held without public notice, since that would be a violation of the state's Brown Act requiring open meetings.

They must vote again, he said. The 14 did, choosing to seat officials from Cabrillo College, the Commission on Senior Affairs, the state office of Human Resources Development, UCSC, the county Pre-School Committee, and County Health and Planning Departments. The County Office of Education and

the Housing Authority. County supervisors also sit as CAB members.

The 14 left out of their pick former CAB representatives from the county's Welfare Department, the Santa Cruz and Watsonville City Councils, and the county's Youth Commission.

Both groups, the poor and the officials, were then to pick the 10 community organizations to fill out the board. But there were 44 organizations asking for seats, and three more were added during discussion. No agreement could be reached.

Finally, it was decided to hold a decision until June 9. Any other interested organizations will be asked to submit a petition to the CAB listing the number of members in the group and its purpose.

A large contingent of elderly

people showed up for the session, and were allowed to speak at the start of the meeting. These older persons complained bitterly they have been left out of anti-poverty programs by the vigorous young groups, and demanded more of a part in future anti-poverty efforts.

Among other significant decisions taken by the new CAB:

**PAY** — The parent Board of Supervisors will be asked to double the pay that each low-income person gets for attending CAB meetings to \$10 per meeting, plus baby-sitting fees and mileage allowances. They asked that a limit of five meetings a month or \$50 total be allowed.

**MEETINGS** — The CAB decided to meet every two weeks, rather than once monthly

to take care of a "backlog" of business.

**EXEC COMMITTEE** — Blasa Leon, Kathy O'Connell, Paul Mixon, Henry Mello and Zachmeier were chosen to act as an executive committee for the CAB.

**CHAIRMAN** — A new chairman will be chosen June 9.

**WELFARE** — Kathy O'Connell was selected as the CAB's choice of a representative to sit on the county's Welfare Advisory Commission.

**PROJECT SCOUT** — The CAB organization for senior citizens asked for an extra \$12,000 in addition to its regular \$33,000 budget for special projects such as a food program for the elderly and a senior crafts co-op. No decision was made.

**LEGAL AID** — An \$88,000 budget for the Legal Aid arm of

the CAB was approved. The budget year starts Nov. 1.

## HHH Predicts Concorde To Get Rights To Land

**LONDON (AP)** — Former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey forecasts that the Concorde, the British-French supersonic jetliner, will be permitted to land in the United States despite a New York antinoise bill, a British member of Parliament said Thursday.

Sally Oppenheim, now in New York, issued a statement in London saying Humphrey told her "that if the landing and takeoff does not surpass reasonable established noise limits, he saw no reason for there to be any difficulty for Concorde."