

Closing Of Mid-County Beaches Said Inevitable

By Ron Reeves

There is little chance for mid-county beaches to avoid posting this summer because of sewage pollution, Dr. Gilbert Dunnahoo, county health officer, said today.

"There is a possibility that they will not be posted, but it is remote. I don't believe they are going to be able to kill the contamination sufficiently to make the beaches safe," Dr. Dunnahoo said.

He said poorly treated or raw sewage from the East Cliff and Capitol treatment plants is causing a health hazard from Pleasant Point to New Brighton State Park beaches.

Dr. Dunnahoo's remarks were made after a district meeting last night (see page 5).

Posting — which warns people of germs — or quarantine — which prohibits beach use — is nearly inevitable even if Capitola

Sanitation district voters approve a \$200,000 bond issue in the February 26 election, he said.

The money would be used for the new East Cliff plant and facilities to pump Capitola sewage to the new plant for treatment. Estimates are that the new plant could not be in operation until spring or early summer of 1964.

"It (bond passage) would have no relation because they won't have anything done anyway," the doctor said concerning the coming beach season.

"If they will put in heavy chlorination equipment and our water sampling indicates beaches are safe, we will not post," Dr. Dunnahoo said.

"The state sanitary inspectors were down here and they were pretty outraged at what they saw."

"We got a real strong letter telling us to get on the ball and check these plants regularly to see that they chlorinate the sewage heavily," the doctor said.

Bacteria checks in the bay, regularly done once or twice a week, will probably be stepped up to once a day or more, the doctor said.

"There is nothing new about the thing at all," Dr. Dunnahoo said, indicating that the state has been watching the East Cliff and Capitola area beaches for at least two years.

"The state sanitary engineers are watching this situation with alarm," he said.

ICBM LAUNCHED

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. (AP)—An Atlas intercontinental missile roared aloft from this Southern California missile base early today. The air force described it as a routine launching, but gave no additional details.

Schools in Trigg county, Ky., closed indefinitely because 20 per cent of 2000 pupils were ill. At nearby Hopkinsville, Ky., the hospital said it is tending the greatest number of patients in its 49-year history.

More than 7200 pupils and teachers were absent from Louisville, Ky., schools Monday.

Kentucky's state health commissioner, Dr. Russell Teague, said the state may be in for an epidemic of Asian flu but it appears mild and is no cause for alarm.

School absenteeism also was running high in Maryland's coastal area (about twice as much as normal), in Cincinnati (thousands out), in St. Louis (about 10 per cent of the school population) and in Norwich, Conn. (more than 15 per cent—with 1351 of 8577 pupils out).

In Bridgeport, Conn., schools were closed Monday to give teachers suffering from "flu-like" symptoms time to recuperate.

In Western Maryland, schools had great difficulty finding enough substitute teachers for those who were ill.

The Sharon Springs Central school in Schoharie county, N.Y., closed its doors for the week after 135 of the 425 students and eight faculty members developed a flu-like ailment.

Bertsch, Dr. Nittler Announce City Council Candidacy

Insurance Larry Bertsch and Dr. Allan H. Nittler today indicated they will run for Santa Cruz City council when they picked up nomination papers from the city clerk's office.

Four seats at the council table will be in contention in the April 9 election. Terms of Mayor Bert Snyder, Councilmen Norman Lezin, John Daly, and Robert Warne are expiring. Of the four, only Lezin has joined the seven-man group seeking election.

Bertsch and Nittler, will have to file their nomination papers before noon tomorrow to qualify for listing on the ballot.

First Life Years Head

A past life that "ended" with a prison escape 14 years ago is caught up with Nicholas C. Pappas of Pacifica. His arrest on drunk driving charge here may use him to resume the identity of Raymond Miramontes.

Miramontes was convicted of a burglary charge and serving time at a minimum security camp at Chino state prison when he escaped. He became Pappa. His wife and two daughters had no knowledge of his previous life.

Pappas, 42, was booked by Santa Cruz police January 26 on a drunk driving charge. A pistol was found in his automobile and he also was booked on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. A bondsman posted \$801 bail bond and Pappas failed to show up in court January 28 as ordered.

He made his way to Portland, Oregon, before deciding he could run no longer. He notified Santa Cruz police of his location and notified Portland authorities.

Monday in Watsonville municipal court, Pappas told of his present life as a San Francisco waiter and family man. He pleaded guilty to a felony charge of being an ex-convict in possession of a weapon and admitted the prior burglary conviction which sent him to prison.

Court officials said he will appear February 21 in superior court for sentencing. The drunk driving count was dismissed.

Jail officials this morning said San Diego county has placed an escape hold against the man.

District Attorney Richard Pease said he was uncertain about the legality of the escape hold because of the 14 years involved. It is possible the legal time for prosecution has elapsed, Pease said.

There could also be indictment facing Pappas or he could be returned to serve the remainder of his original burglary sentence, Pease said.

Wreckage Of Airline



Miami, Fla.—The crumpled wreckage of the Northwest Orient Airline jet plane that crashed yesterday in the Everglades taking 43 lives is checked by rescue workers who arrived

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