

Coolidge Has Hopes For Federal Funds For San Lorenzo River Survey

Assemblyman Glen Coolidge said this afternoon he is still optimistic about getting federal funds for surveys of the San Lorenzo river tributaries and construction of catch basins for flood control, water conservation and recreation.

The board of supervisors was informed yesterday by the state office of the federal civil defense authority that a county application for \$50,000 for these surveys has been turned down under Public Law 875.

Coolidge learned of the denial last week and immediately con-

tacted Francis Lindsay, legislator in charge of the committee on flood control measures.

Lindsay and Coolidge toured the San Lorenzo area recently and according to Coolidge, felt that funds could be secured from a federal source other than FCDA.

Board members will appoint a special committee to canvass over 600 absentee ballots on Friday.

Supervisor C. B. (Ked) Harts, in a letter to the board, said he was not present at a meeting called last week between the sheriff and board members to discuss car-purchase procedure.

He also said the meeting was not secret and that the press was not kept from attending the gathering.

Harts did not say how he knew the meeting was not closed or whether or not a reporter from a Watsonville paper was allowed to cover the session.

The reporter told several people, right after the meeting was called, that he had been barred from attending even though he made an effort.

The Soquel district supervisor also said in his letter that he was available for comment although several unsuccessful attempts to reach him by phone were made by a Sentinel reporter.

It had been previously reported that all supervisors with the exception of Francis Silliman, had attended the meeting called after a regular board session, by the sheriff.

Work on the new county office building at the county hospital grounds has ground to a halt because of delay in steel shipment orders.

K. J. McGranahan, contractor for the job, said in a letter to the board that he had been forced to shut down because of the tremendous back orders at the steel factory in Indiana.

Pineau Calls For 'Easing' Russ Policy

Washington (AP). — Secretary of State Dulles and French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau agreed today that world security can be assured only by an atomic disarmament program "safeguarding the world against surprise attack."

The two Western foreign policy chiefs, winding up three days of talks, also declared in a communique that "concurrent solution of major problems such as reunification of Germany" should go hand in hand with any big reduction in armed forces.

The statement pledged the two countries' "strong interest" in economic aid to the world's underdeveloped areas.

In a luncheon speech after his conference with Dulles ended, Pineau called on the United States to lead the West in a new, friendlier policy toward Russia. He suggested basing it on far bigger economic and human contacts with Communist countries.

Such a foreign policy "experiment" is urgently needed, he said.

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