

He also pledged to protect the agency's confidentiality. "I will not turn my back

"If CIA assessments should collide with a favored course of

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many businesses will reopen Friday. Schools will reopen Monday.

enough money to pay back anything on the original debt.

He also praised the golf course for being the only such facility in the county that al-

# SC Long-Toed Salamander Gets Zoning Protection

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*Endangered Species*

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One county supervisor wanted to build a wall around the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander's breeding ponds and keep them there.

There were several suggestions to collect all the specialized amphibians and take them somewhere else.

Finally, Mike Bastien, a Gault school student said in exasperation, "Animals always get the bad end of the deal. Give the salamander a chance — he has as much right as any human to live."

Thankfully for the salamander, the board of supervisors agreed, and voted 4-0 (with Chairman Gary Patton absent) to apply the salamander protection (SP) district to areas in Rio Del Mar and La Selva Beach.

Had the rare lizard been present, he might have shrunk even further from his three-inch length upon hearing some of the derogatory comments made about him.

Brad MacDonald, executive director of the Santa Cruz Board of Realtors, claimed to represent 18 property owners upset with the proposed SP district. Saying that the Ellicott Pond preserve would include Southern Pacific railroad tracks, MacDonald asked the board, "If the salamander can climb over railroad tracks, what's the use of rounded curbs?" referring to a provision in the ordinance.

Both Supervisor Ed Borovatz and County Planner John Gilchrist explained that "Santa Cruz Sally", who has chosen this area as its sole domicile in the world, uses culverts and other devious means to avoid the tracks.

Supervisors Dan Forbus and Cecil Smith were not as concerned about the railroad tracks as the potential implications on agricultural production, especially in the San Andreas Road area in La Selva Beach

"I just want to make sure that this (SP designation) will work," said Forbus. "My experience is that this is just like closing the door" on future development in that area, he added.

Smith was equally concerned that agriculture not be further

restricted in the area. "Farmers are about to be an endangered species," he remarked.

Speaking on behalf of the salamander was Supervisor Dale Dawson, calling the preservation issue "one of great magnitude."

As man expands his activities, Dawson continued, "Man loses something of himself and the significance of life." Supervisor Ed Borovatz was more mundane, dwelling on the speeded-up permit process. "To leave it like it is now is

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## Arabs Can't Agree On Oil Increase

KUWAIT (AP) — Ten Arab oil ministers meeting here have been unable so far to agree on what increase in the price of crude oil the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries should set when it meets Dec. 15.

Iraq's oil minister said his government demands a 25 per cent boost in the present base price of \$11.51 per barrel. Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter, has not made its position public but is thought to want the increase held to about eight per cent for fear of further damaging the world economy.

The oil minister of Qatar, Abdulaziz bin Khalifa al-Thani, said his country would support an increase of 10-15 per cent. Many observers expect the hike to be in this range.

Iran, the second largest oil exporter, is not attending the meeting because it is not an Arab nation.

The last increase in the oil price was in October 1975.

The Iraqi oil minister, Tayih Abdul-Karim, told reporters: "Oil prices should be adjusted to inflation. The OPEC must increase oil prices by at least 25 per cent."

But Mana Saeed Oteiba, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, recommended a "judicious attitude ... so that we don't push the U.S. into supporting our enemy (Israel).

## U.N. Votes To Establish Palestine State

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The U. N. General Assembly voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to approve a plan establishing a Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The plan calls for Israeli withdrawal from the two areas by June 1977. The evacuated areas would be placed under U.N. administration and would eventually be turned over to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The resolution was approved 90-16 with 30 abstentions. The United States, Israel and most Western European nations voted against.

Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog declared "we have no intention of committing national suicide."

"We will not agree to an attempt to impose solutions," he said. He called the assembly action "terrifying and sinister" and a "calculated formula for the destruction of Israel." He said the plan is primarily the work of the PLO.

## Minister Jails Hungry Man For Stealing Food

DUNDEE, Fla. (AP) — A man caught making a bologna sandwich in a church was sent to jail because the minister felt it was his Christian duty "to apprehend those involved in criminal acts."

Virgil Hughes, 52, a migrant farmworker employed on a local farm, said he was outside

the Dundee Baptist Church on Sunday, penniless and unable to remember the last time he had eaten. A passerby suggested he try the church kitchen, he told police.

Hughes said he walked through an open door and was fixing a sandwich when t-

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a greater hardship on the property owner," he said.

The real fireworks began with the public hearing, though.

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MacDonald claimed that the SP designation put a "stigma" on the area, reducing the chances for property owners to sell their homes.

Hilda Lans warned that the salamanders were a "traveling element" that could be transferred as early as "voters at election time."

That sentiment was echoed by Poley Milsap, who didn't want the squiggly amphibians "messing up my pond. Put a bell on them," he suggested to supervisors.

MacDonald then returned to suggest that all the long-toed creatures be gathered up and put in a county park. "Instead of crowding out property owners, they should go somewhere else," he reasoned.

At that point, Supervisor Cecil Smith got into the act, asking about the salamander's breeding season, and wondering why the state can't build a wall and keep them in their ponds. "Then there are no problems," Smith said.

"Are you serious," asked Dawson.

"Why not?" shot back Smith.