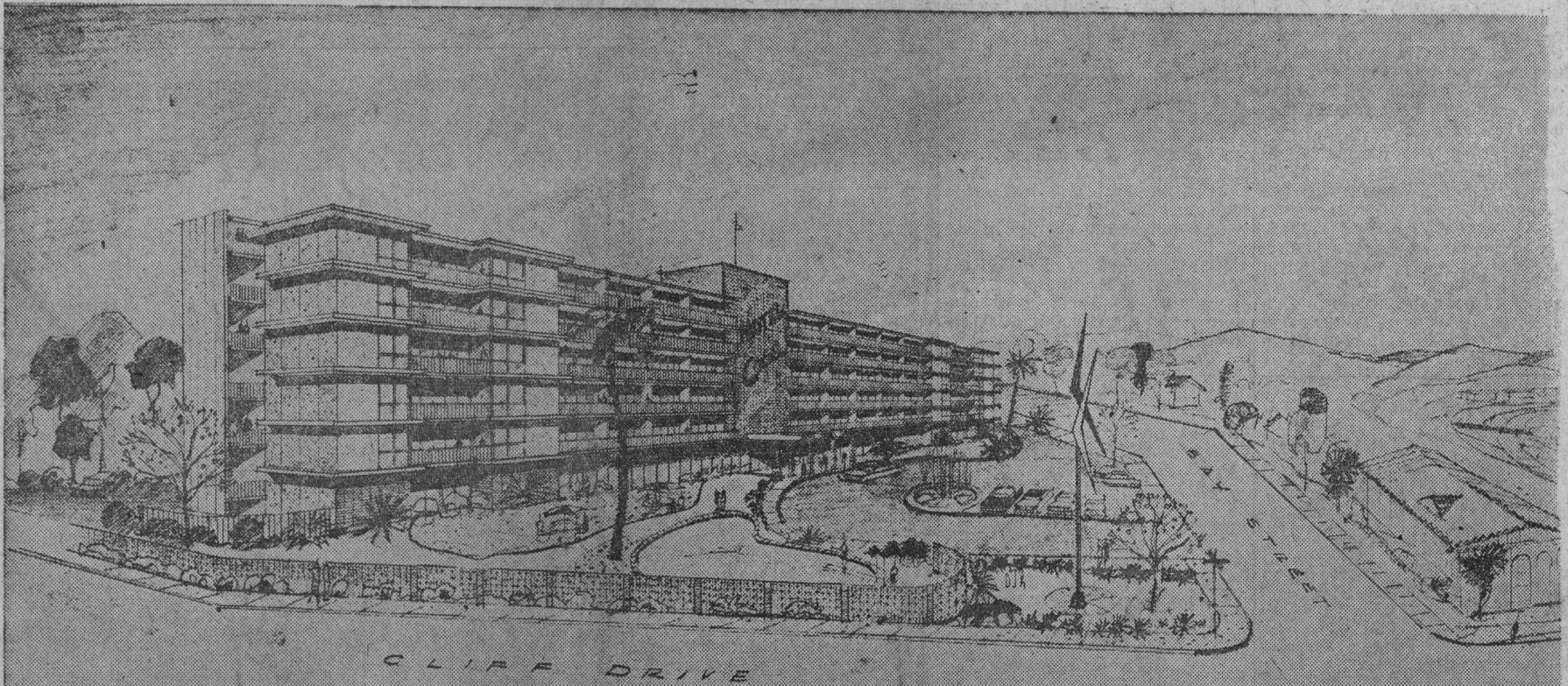


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## Tourist-Convention Center On Cowell Warehouse Site



This is an artist's conception of the \$850,000 six-story Motel Capri proposed for the former

Cowell warehouse site at West Cliff drive and Bay street. The Robert H. Taylor Construction company and a group of Santa

Cruz business and professional men hope to rush the 80-unit tourist-convention center to

completion for the 1961 summer season. One, two and three-bedroom units will be included. The building will be serviced

by two lobby elevators. Restaurant and banquet facilities also are included.

## \$850,000 Beach Motel Planned For West Cliff Drive, Bay Street

Plans are being finalized for an \$850,000 80-unit West Cliff motel development on the former Cowell warehouse site.

It will be named Motel Capri. The striking, six-story structure will be set back from West Cliff drive and Bay street on the 1.3-acre triangular parcel. It will be of lift-slab construction, glass walls affording magnificent views of Monterey bay from each of the studio, two- and three-bedroom units.

The high-rise structure will be serviced by two central elevators and will include a restaurant and banquet facilities.

Lavish landscaping and swimming and wading pools will provide a buffer between the motel and the two arterials.

Opening is planned for June 1. Robert H. Taylor Construction company of Palo Alto will develop the tourist-oriented facility in conjunction with DHA Investors, a group of Santa Cruz business and professional men.

Dennis Kobza, associate with Burnos Schroder, AIA, of Palo Alto, designed the Motel Capri development.

It will take advantage of a pending revision of zoning ordinances to permit six-story structures on large parcels in the beach apartment (R-5) zone.

Offices, the restaurant and a 300-capacity banquet room will be on the ground floor, each tier above that will include flanking three-bedroom units, four two-bedroom units, and 10 studio apartments. Each will have a porch on the bay side of the structure.

The West Cliff-Bay site has local historical significance.

Henry Cowell and Isaac Davis in 1870 constructed a storage barn there for lime products extracted from the Cowell ranch. Ox-drawn carts carried the materials to the warehouse. Small carts shot the lime out along a railroad track to ships waiting beside the erstwhile Cowell wharf, which extended out from Bay street.

The barn was used for general storage in recent years and was razed during the summer of 1959 as a prelude to the motel development.

## Vets' Day Schedule Announced

Veterans and friends are invited to rehash the battles of the wars tomorrow during an all-day open house reunion at Veteran's Memorial building.

The open house is being organized by the United Veterans council of Santa Cruz county in observance of national Veterans' day. Refreshments will be available during the open house.

The annual grand ball will begin at the Veterans' building at 9 p. m. Donations will be used to finance annual Memorial Day festivities. Music will be provided by the local musician's union. General chairman for the day is Tom Phelps.

At 11 a. m. whistles and sirens are to blow to observe the end of all previous wars. The signal, which takes the 11 a. m. time from the end of World War I, will be used throughout the nation.

In connection with Veterans' day, schools will be closed, city, county, state and federal employees will have a holiday, and mail will not be delivered. Banks and most businesses will be open as usual. Parking meters will be only in the beach area.

## Board May Put Civil Service Issue Before Voters Again

The soundly-defeated measure to remove certain appointed county department chiefs from civil service may go before the voters again.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Lewis Nelson reported this morning that in discussing the matter with fellow supervisors the general feeling has been for another referendum.

Last Tuesday, voters turned down the amendment to the civil service ordinance. The vote was 11,429, Yes, and 18,509, No.

As a result, the position of planning director reverts back to civil service. There was an understanding between the board, which promoted the amendment, and the civil service commission that the planning director post returns to civil service if the measure failed.

Civil service commissioners would not go along with the board plan to amend the ordinance and take appointed heads out of civil service. The electorate voted in civil service and the people should decide if a change should be made, according to the commission.

The board claimed it wanted to strip officers of their civil service rights to insure better administration of county government. Chiefs had too much protection

in the civil service ordinance, supervisors generally believed.

"We (the board) did not get the message to the people," Nelson declared. "Most people did not understand the situation."

Supervisor Francis Silliman, who spearheaded the board movement, said he was "not surprised" at the outcome. One reason for the downfall of the amendment was that "it was no burning issue," he stated.

"The principal reasons (for the amendment) have been corrected," Silliman said. "There is no reason to bring it to another vote. We now have stronger department heads."

Silliman pointed out that he did not care to go into more detail behind his reasons for pushing the amendment.

Supervisor Walter G. Merrill, who was strongly in favor of stripping department chiefs of civil service rights long before he took office four years ago, mentioned that the measure should go before the people again.

The best solution to the problem would be for the board and civil service commission to come to an agreement on taking department heads out, he said. Then the amendment change could be made without a referendum.

Also favoring another vote on the measure is Supervisor Vincent Locatelli.

## How Popular Vote Stands

Associated Press nationwide returns at 1:15 p.m. EST from 163,688 of 166,072 voting units: Kennedy 33,520,701 (50.2 per cent).

Nixon 33,197,233 (49.8 per cent).

Kennedy led in 23 states with 332 electoral votes; Nixon in 26 states with 191; needed to win 269.

## MAN DROWNS IN SACRAMENTO RIVER

Sacramento (P).—Louis Pastrano apparently fell into the Sacramento river and drowned last night while working on a tugboat near Courtland, south of here.

## Remote Mountain

## State's Absentee Ballots