'Save Our Valley' Officials Quizzed at Airport Hearing

Group Given Opportunity to State Case Against Jet Service During PUC Probe

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Public Utilities Commission hearing examiner Martin J. Porter gave protesting Valley residents another opportunity yesterday to state why they objected to regularly scheduled jet service at Van Nuys Airport. Hearings on Air Metropolitan's application to establish a second Valley airline between Van Nuys and San Francisco resumed in the San Fernando City Council chambers.

The hearings were returned to the Valley at the request of the Save Our Valley Association, represented by Jack Tumlinson of the Beverly Hills law firm of Hunt, Hart and Brown.

The sessions will resume today at 9:30 a.m. in the Council chambers.

Quizzed by Attorney

Former Gov. Edmund G. Brown, a member of the law firm, attended the session and conferred frequently with Tumlinson.

Several members of the Valley association were placed on the stand and questioned by Tumlinson and the attorney for Air Metropolitan, Robert Schureman.

Among them was Ronald White of Encino, one of the founders of the Save Our Valley Association.

White stated that the group objected to Air Metropolitan's request because they feel the Valley does not need a second airline — that the Hollywood-Burbank Airport is adequate, that Valley residential areas will suffer from noise as would schools, that Van Nuys Airport should be maintained as a general aviation facility and that establishing regular airline service there is poor planning.

Introduced Circulars

Earlier, Tumlinson had introduced as a witness Mrs. Delvene Malotsis of Sepulveda who presented petitions the association claimed were signed by 30,480 residents who oppose jet service at Van Nuys.

Schureman introduced into evidence two circulars which White admitted were printed by Save Our Valley Association in January.

White said the 20,000 leaflets were distributed from door to door and at meetings of the group in which support for the association's stand was solicited.

Schureman questioned White extensively as to whether signers of the petitions had seen the leaflets before they had signed. Both White and Mrs. Malousis said they themselves had secured signers but had not seed the leaflets in obtaining signatures.

Contact With Attorney

They testified that some of the signatures were obtained prior to the printing of the leaflets and some of them after.

Schureman also asked White if he had any contact with the attorney for Pacific Southwest Airlines, Robert Pillsbury. Pacific Southwest Airlines, which operates San Francisco flights out of Hollywood-Burbank, is protesting Air Metropolitan's application.

They maintain similar service at Van Nuys would cut their passenger business by 25 or 30%.

White said that he had met Pillsbury at a PUC hearing in January and has "had lunch with him once and conferred with him maybe a half dozen times."

Pillsbury asked White if his were not true that White had asked him if the protesting group should hire an attorney and that he (Pillsbury) had advised them to do so.

To this White answered, "Yes."

Maintaining that many contentions in the leaflets were untrue, Schureman asked White if the group had made any scientific studies on which to base their assertion that there would be increased noise, smog, or that present air service is adequate and unneeded at Van Nuys.

White said no, that the group had not made such studies.

Discredit Claims

Schureman referred to the airline's studies into the potential passenger market, traffic patterns for airline users, noise factor studies conducted with the Los Angeles city schools and other expert projections in support of their application.

It seemed to be his intention to discredit the claims of the protesters as not based on fact, but rather emotion.

Opponents also put another economist on the stand in an effort to break down an attempt to break down an Air Metropolitan market survey prepared by Dr. R. Bruce Ricks of UCLA.

Dr. Kenneth Clare of Westwood Research in Los Angeles disputed Dr. Ricks' projections as to the number of passengers that would be using Air Metropolitan services in Van Nuys.

Dr. Ricks had estimated the passenger rate would be 40,000 per month by the end of 1968. Dr. Clare ventured it would be half that many.

Dr. Clare also said that he would not place the Beverly Hills area, West Los Angeles and the major portion of Ventura County in the southern market area of Air Metropolitan as Dr. Ricks had done.

Used Later Survey

Dr. Clare said he felt the Beverly Hills and West Los Angeles area customers would prefer Los Angeles International and that coastal areas of Ventura County would likely use facilities near Santa Barbara.

Dr. Clare formerly was with the Stanford Research Institute, which has prepared a number of surveys on air travel markets and on which Dr. Ricks had based some of his findings.

However, Dr. Ricks based later surveys than Dr. Clare had been involved with while at the Stanford Institute.

Both Dr. Ricks and Dr. Clare are expected to be witnesses again today.

Two More from Valley Die in War

nical College in 1963. As an apprentice painter, he worked his way to journeyman and passed his examination in the top five to become a California painting contractor. He was engaged in that industry at his recolument.

He is survived by his wife Frances, a daughter Luci 15; his father and stepmother Mr. and Mrs. John W. Border Sr. of Van Nuys; three brothers, Robert of San Jose, James of Toledo, Ohio and Steven of Van Nuys; a sister, Sherry Wilde of Toledo, and his mother-in-law, Helen Renshaw of Sherman Oaks.

Funeral services are pending. Pierce Brothers Valhalla Mortuary, North Hollywood, will be in charge of arrangements.

Fun Club Signup

BURBANK — It's Easter Fun Club sign-up time at the Burbank YMCA for boys and girls between 6 and 12 years of age.

Signups are being taken at the Burbank YMCA, 321 E. Magnolia Blvd., telephone 845-8601.

Police Count 18 Additional Dope Arrests

ha feet and spoke with slurred speech, the officers said. He was treated at Valley Receiving Hospital on Wednesday night.

● Five juveniles were booked on narcotic charges after police were called to an apartment house in Canoga Park on Wednesday night because of a loud party. The officers said they found 16 persons in the apartment.

They were admitted by a 12-year-old boy. Inside they found a marijuana cigaret papers and a water pipe on a coffee table. They also found a sealed brown bottle hidden in the plumbing, hyodermic needle, eyedropper, and a spoon and plastic bags used for storing and measuring methedrene.

Officers took into custody three girls, 12, 13 and 16, two of whom had needlemarks on their arms. All three were runaways, police said. They also arrested two boys, one 14 and the other 17.

● A 28-year-old Sun Valley man and another 19, from Granada Hills, were arrested for being drunk on drugs after their car, driven without lights, was stopped Wednesday night at 7507 Woodman Ave.

Police said the men were stuporous, spoke with slurred speech and had trouble standing.

● Two young men were arrested on a possession of marijuana charge, one of whom was caught after he ran from the scene at Wyandotte St. and Ventura Canyon Ave. on Wednesday night.

Police said they stopped the car in which the men were riding because it had no headlights or taillight. The driver grabbed a cigaret package the officer had taken from the suspect's shirt pocket and ran.

Other officers arriving at the scene found the driver in a vacant lot. Police said they also recovered the cigaret package which contained marijuana seeds. The narcotic seeds also were found in the vehicle, police said.

The suspects are a 19-year-old Arleta man and an 18-year-old youth from Pacoima.

● A National City, Cal., musician was booked on a possession of dangerous drug charge after he handed an officer a wax paper bag containing nine white and green capsules.

Police said they stopped the 18-year-old man walking at the street at Roscoe Blvd. and Burnet Ave. on Wednesday night.

● Three men and a woman were arrested on a heroin possession charge when Van Nuys officers accompanied an agent of the Dept. of Corrections hunting a parole violator.

The violator and the officers were found at a Van Nuys address. Several hypodermic outfits and balloons used for storing narcotics, and two marijuana pipes were found on the premises, officers said.

All four had needlemarks on their arms and appeared to be under the influence of a narcotic, officers said.

● A 19-year-old coed who attends Pierce College was arrested Wednesday on a charge of furnishing marijuana after a 14-year-old boy signed a report that he had received two ounces of the narcotic from her, police said. She resides in Granada Park.

● A 16-year-old Panorama City boy who said he attends James Monroe High School was booked Wednesday on a marijuana possession charge and sent to Sylmar Juvenile Hall.

His mother had previously turned over a packet of the narcotic she found in his shirt pocket, according to police who cited him to appear at the juvenile narcotics bureau.

● A 15-year-old Granada Hills boy who was observed walking in circles in a store where earlier he had purchased some glue was charged with inhaling glue fumes, police said.

The boy, reportedly a student at Granada Hills High School, was taken into custody Wednesday night after adding with a gun in his hand came to the bar and demanded, "Give me the bills in the cash register."

The gunman was handed $100 then he took Rahming's wallet with $45, the bartender said. Rahming then was told to get down behind the bar and the bandit walked out.

Control Insects

To control certain injurious insects cranberry bogs are periodically flooded.

Rafferty Raps Soft Handling of Pupils in School Strikes

students and faculty should have "confronted the Board of Education with grievances, demanded a hearing, and this denied, then let themselves a new Board."

The state Superintendent noted he was "not sure you should assign people (to school administrative posts) according to their race," referring to the appointment of three Negroes, one a principal, to Jefferson High School.

Appointment of the Negro principal had been sought by students and faculty members of the high school, which is predominantly Negro.

States Alternatives

However, Rafferty was in agreement that people of minority races certainly should be assigned where they are needed the most.

He claimed the local board had two alternatives: (1) Meet the demands of students and faculty who were "confronted with this sort of situation;" (2) When people are "actually walking out of schools and being truant they should be disciplined in accordance with the law."

"As an administrator of

long standing, I can tell you this — that any attempt should be made to invade my campus by stray passersby and onlookers would be met with the fullest rigor of the law. I would file against each one and attempt to send them to jail for disrupting education," he said.

Raps Local Board

Eugene Gonzales, associate superintendent of public instruction and chief of the division of instruction, told newsmen he also "does not concur with walkouts."

Gonzales, a Mexican-American who previously headed the Los Angeles office of the state Dept. of Education, criticized the local Board of Education for allowing the "deplorable situation" to occur.

He accused the Board of not heeding "rumbles and complaints of parents, community and many advisers."

He asserted that the Board had, in the past, called the people in to discuss some of the problems but then had gone ahead and acted as if they had not heard the people.

Gonzales also stated that he was "sympathetic" with the cause of the students and faculty.

Board President Criticizes Remarks Made by Rafferty

Dr. Max Rafferty's attack on the City Board of Education over its alleged failure to take disciplinary action against students involved in recent school boycotts was criticized yesterday by the Los Angeles Board's president.

Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, made the comment in Los Angeles yesterday morning during a State Board of Education meeting.

Underestimates Board

Mrs. Georgiana Hardy, City School Board president, took exception to Rafferty's remarks, however.

"I think he underestimates the activities of our School Board and our superintendent in trying to solve these problems," Mrs. Hardy told Board members.

She said she believed Rafferty's suggestions were not of "a positive nature, but designed to make headlines."

"If he would come down and talk to these parents and students to see their mood, he might understand it better," she commented.

Rafferty said he thought the School Board was wrong in its decision not to punish the boycotters, adding the students involved were "truant" under existing law.

Mrs. Hardy replied it was not an easy problem — not one of "arresting the students and parents" involved, but one of trying "to solve the problems they presented to us."

Have Been Political

"I don't think the City Board," said if he thought Rafferty's comments were politically oriented, Mrs. Hardy said:

"I think that ever since he's been state superintendent a great many of his statements have been political.

"I don't think Dr. Rafferty has changed anything since he's been in office: Most of his statements were already in the making before he made them."

Mrs. Hardy added she did not believe Rafferty "has effected state education as much as the State Board of Education itself."

Laud Board for Handling of Boycotts

Praise of the Los Angeles City Board of Education was given to the Board yesterday by the Citizen's Compensatory Education Advisory Committee.

The committee's action was supported by a resolution adopted yesterday by the committee which in reality is three committees comprised of 34 members each.

The committee's action was presented to the Board by Jess Scott, a member of the committee and of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"It is to your credit that you are not penalizing students who participated in the walkouts," said the resolution, "and we trust that you will not unnecessarily press charges against those who were arrested."

The reference here was to students arrested at Belmont High School as a result of disorders there.

"There is evidence to suggest that there is a direct correlation between the presence of helmeted policemen and unacceptable behavior on the part of a minority of the students," the resolution continued, "We urge you to use extreme care and caution in requesting police officers on any school campus."

AMONG early victims of Vietnam war was William H. Amspacher, aviation electronics technician USN, of Canoga Park.

W. H. Amspacher Reported as Early Combat Casualty

tion electronics technician, was killed while participating in radar surveillance flights over North Vietnam June 2, 1965, his family learned.

The 1962 graduate of Canoga Park High School was posthumously awarded two flying medals, a Purple Heart and a Navy Commendation Medal. He also was recommended for a Distinguished Flying Cross. Amspacher, who was 23, was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Midway as part of the Early Warning Radar Squadron 11.

He attended Pierce College for a semester before enlisting in the Navy in 1962. He was born in Hollywood.

Bar, Bartender Lose Cash When Gunman Strikes

A total of $145 was taken in the holdup of Mr. B Bar, 14642 Ventura Blvd., police reported.

Bill Rahming, bartender, said he was alone late Wednesday night when a bandit...

Rap Release of Reading Test Results

questioned how the data should be used.

"We constantly need to examine a new method of teaching for the mastery of reading ... but we do not need to have test results presented in such a manner that they lead to inflammatory statements damaging the cause that they are in theory supporting," Marmon said.

The association asked the Board to consider requiring elementary teaching credentials to include at least six semester hours in teaching of reading. It also suggested a class-size of 25 pupils and conditional materials of instruction.

Board member Mrs. Seymour Mathiesen of Fresno agreed with the recommendation for more hours in the teaching of reading.

Don't Need Course

Mrs. Mathiesen said the Board should exercise its right and make it mandatory to require such instruction.

Holder of an elementary credential herself, Mrs. Mathiesen noted that elementary school teachers do not have a course in reading or even grammar.

She criticized universities and state colleges for not being interested in teaching degrees, adding, "there is not much status in being a teacher nowadays."

She said the reason, "Johnny can't read" is because nobody knows how to teach him.

Julian B. Roth, associate dean of academic planning of the California state colleges, noted that under present law elementary teachers are required to have 12 units of professional educational courses and 180 clock hours of student teaching, which is equivalent to from 8 to 10 units.

Roth Insists

Roth explained that in the division about 27 units of professional educational units are required.

Roth said, "The Board has insisted that the units include courses in health science, mathematics, social studies among its 23 mandated subjects.

"If we are going to try to do all this in a 20-united package we'll have to cut down, we simply can't do it all."

"You can't expect us to do everything," he said.

The California state college official reminded the Board that the Fisher Act of 1961 requires an academic major for teachers rather than an education major. He explained the academic department in many cases controls the teachers' training.

Dr. Rafferty disagreed with Roth, saying he believed the schools could make better use of the 20 to 27 units chopping some of the courses such as social sciences, which are outmoded.

Roth explained he would have two reports for the Board of Education next month, one dealing with the elementary programs in the state and the second dealing with reading.

Spring-Like Day Seen Here Today

given by Air Pollution Control District, adding another good aspect to the weather picture.

Weather Station 15-B in Van Nuys yesterday recorded a high temperature of 70 and low of 42.

Sunny at Beaches

A pretty day is promised at most Southern California recreation areas as well. Beaches will be mostly sunny with highs of 63 to 70 and water at 58.

Mountains can expect lots of sunshine, but local gusty northerly winds will prevail in some areas. High temperatures of 45 to 50 are predicted at resort levels.

75 in Desert

Although sunshine is forecast for desert regions, it will be shadowed by anticipated northerly winds blowing near 20 miles per hour at times in the afternoon.

Upper valleys will have highs near 65 and lower desert temperatures will reach 75.

Census Estimate

Total population of the western hemisphere is estimated at 530,000,000.

Hear More Charges About Valley's New Golf Complex

loft without a city business permit.

Witnesses testified the contract was awarded on recommendation of Pierson, acting as sole member of the Commission's golf committee.

Makes Charge

It was later clarified that Pierson's recommendation was based on advice of fellow Commissioner Ludlow Flower Jr. and the commission's three-man building committee.

Pierson charged yesterday the continuing probe of the Recreation and Parks Dept. by Braude's committee was a "concerted effort to have the Recreation and Parks Dept. put under council control."

The last Council member who tried that, said Pierson, "was a gal by the name of Mrs. (Rosalind) Wyman."

Pierson said a ballot measure sure in 1965 designed to place the Dept. under council control "went down to resounding defeat."

"Subsequently," he went on to say, "Mrs. Wyman who had the worst defeat ever suffered by an incumbent councilman."

Mrs. Wyman was defeated in her bid for reelection to the Fifth Council seat by Edmund D. Edelman.

"It's time," said Pierson, "that the people of Los Angeles know attempts are being made to have recreational facilities and recreational personnel placed according to political expediency rather than needs."

Labored in Loft

Architectural plans for the San Fernando Valley golf complex, which has been described as the "greatest in the history of the world," are being drafted by the firm of Kazuo Umemoto and William Perkinson.

Umemoto is a former employe of the Recreation and Parks Dr. pt. and had worked in engineering in the Dept.'s Griffith Park facilities.

John Ward, department golf supervisor, told Braude's committee that Umemoto and Perkinson until recently were working on plans for the complex in a garage loft at Umemoto's home at 3903 Robles Vista Drive, Los Angeles.

Records Sought

He said the firm had not applied for a city business permit license until Tuesday.

Ward testified under oath that the firm recently moved into new quarters at 2301 Hyperion Blvd., Los Angeles.

It was reported the district attorney's office has requested a tape recording of Wednesday's committee meeting. Recreation and Parks commissioners also requested a copy of the tape.

Commission president Mrs. Harold Morton last week indicated the architectural contract with Umemoto and Perkinson might be cancelled if the firm did not submit acceptable preliminary plans by next Thursday.

Kept Uninformed

That deadline was moved up to 8:30 a.m. next Tuesday, which is a day ahead of the scheduled resumption of the hearing by Braude's committee.

Mrs. Morton and Commissioner Flower expressed particular anger at departmental staff members for not keeping the Commission apprised of progress of the golf complex.

"I'm most concerned," said Mrs. Morton, "that some of these reports (relating to the Umemoto-Parkinson contract) were not sent to this board as the staff, but went to the superiors.

"Had the board been notified, action on this contract would have been taken long before this, I cannot condone the staff's failure to inform the board," she declared.

Blast Staff

Flower's request that Mrs. Morton call an "executive session," obviously aimed at blasting staff members involved in the project, saw Mrs. Morton at first rejected Flower's request, but later changed her mind and called an executive session after the board had adjourned its regular meeting.

Flower later said he had indeed "pursued with a vengeance" his complaint that the staff had not reported fully to the board on the golf complex.

He and Pierson said the issues would be probed again when the commission meets next Tuesday.

Lag on Plans

Mrs. Morton declared she think Councilman Braude could have served the Recreation but Recreation but had he waited until a decision had been made" on the Umemoto-Parkinson contract.

She said she had made the position clear two weeks ago when she noted Umemoto and Perkinson were 72 days behind in submitting plans, and she felt the contract should be canceled.

She said she questioned the capability of the firm to fulfill the contract, but that she was concerned because staff reports had not been sent to the board.

Validity Questioned

Mrs. Morton accused Braude of trying to "embarrass" the board by his committee disclosures.

Mrs. Morton said the city attorney's office would have to determine whether the lack of a city business license would invalidate the contract. She said she would ask for a written opinion on the question.

Flower said he initially recommended the firm because "I frankly have ... always been a champion of the little fellow ..."

Total Aides Jump by 31 In 6 Years

237. In that connection, consideration must be given to the councilman's salary increase from $12,000 a year to $17,000 that became effective on July 1, 1965, under a Charter amendment approved by voters.

Total funds budgeted for this year to cover all expenses is $1,753,731 which represents a 100% increase over the $868,587 budgeted for the 1962-63 fiscal year.

Get Along With 2

The 40 field deputies now employed, as compared with nine employed six years ago, represent an annual expenditure of $463,680 in salaries which is $209,050 more than is paid in councilmen salaries.

The City Council, without inquiry or debate, approved a recent request by Councilman John Gibson to employ former Valley councilman John Cassidy as a field deputy, thereby bringing Gibson's field deputy force to three for the first time.

Councilmen getting along with two field deputies each are John Ferraro in the Fourth District, Edmund Edelman in the Fifth District, L. E. Timberlake in the Sixth District, Ernani Bernardi in the Valley's Seventh District, and Marvin Braude in the 11th District.

Field deputies are included in these figures showing the number of people employed by the 15 councilmen:

Louis Nowell, First District, eight; James Potter, Second District, six and one-half (one half time); Tom Shepard Third District, 10; John Ferraro, Fourth District, seven; Edmund Edelman, Fifth District, 10½; L. E. Timberlake, Sixth District, six; Ernani Bernardi, Seventh District, six; Billy Mills, Eighth District, 12.

Employ Only 9

Also, Gilbert Lindsay, Ninth District, eight and one-half; Thomas Bradley, 10th District, nine; Marvin Braude, 11th District, seven and one-quarter; Robert Wilkinson, 12th District, eight; Paul Lamport, 13th District, seven; Arthur Snyder, 14th District, 11, and John Gibson, 15th District, seven and a half.

Six years ago, councilmen employed only nine field deputies and they worked for Councilman Everett Burkhalter in the First District, Bernardi in the Seventh District, Edward Roybal in the Ninth District, Joe Hollingsworth in the 10th District, Karl Rundberg in the 11th District, Ransom Callicott in the 12th District, James Brown in the 13th District and John Holland in the 14th District.

Arthur Snyder, who served as Holland's only field deputy, immediately employed three field deputies when he took office as elected successor to Holland.

Increased employment in the Eighth, Ninth and 10th District offices quickly followed election of Councilmen Billy Mills, Gilbert Lindsay and Thomas Bradley, respectively, to serve those Central City areas.

Some of the Council field deputies find time to carry on lucrative activities on the side.

Councilmen employing only two field deputies have concluded that is sufficient for efficient and economical service.

They'll Vote for Ugliest

er, Engineering Society; Larry Rubin, Phi Sigma Sigma; Jack Gillespie, Phi Delta Theta; Gene Blankenship, Recreation Club, and Arnoldo Capote, Zeta Zeta Tau.

However, the candidates hopefully are unrecognizable.

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Voted Support

The committee cited lack of need and noise as their main objections.

George Wengler, vice president of the San Fernando Valley Associated Chambers of Commerce, said that organization vote support for jet service in Van Nuys at a general membership meeting on Monday.

The associated chambers represent 12 community chambers, mostly in the West Valley.

Under "Two More from Valley Die in War" / preceding:

Frank J. Brew, Northridge Civic Association director and a past president of the association, said that a committee appointed to study Air Metropolitan's application was in opposition and its report was adopted by the board of directors of the Northridge association.