

San Diego Police Get Pay Raise

An agreement with the city providing wage increases of up to 10% for 1,100 police officers has been signed by the San Diego Police Officers Assn. The settlement calls for a raise of 7.5% for officers through the rank of sergeant and a 10% increase for lieutenants and higher-ranking officers. A spokesman for the policemen said the agreement increases the maximum monthly salary of patrolmen to \$1,218. Last week, the Municipal Employees Assn., which represents nearly half of the city's 6,000 workers, negotiated a settlement which also provided for salary increases of up to 10%.

A four-week program of subsidies to reduce fares of the Southern California Rapid Transit District lines in Riverside County was approved by county supervisors and the Riverside City Council. The council agreed to subsidize RTD losses to a maximum of \$11,985 for the four-week period; the county agreed to pay the remainder of the loss, estimated by RTD at \$19,000. Fares will be reduced to 25 cents—to match those now in effect throughout Los Angeles County. Exact starting date of the rate-reduction experiment will be announced in the future, an RTD spokesman said.

Attorney Thomas F. Coleman, a self-acknowledged member of the gay community, charged that Los Angeles Police Chief Edward M. Davis was using 150 to 200 officers to "incite and harass" homosexual men and women. Coleman, testifying at a City Council public hearing on Mayor Tom Bradley's proposed \$739.3 million 1974-75 budget, cited the figure as an argument against any increase in the Police Department's

budget until "priorities" are changed. The hearings will be concluded today.

Banning of bottomless and topless waiters and waitresses and similar entertainment in all restaurants and bars of the unincorporated areas of Riverside County is included in an ordinance adopted by county supervisors. The ordinance specifically exempted concert halls and theaters, but banned public nudity in any establishment where food and drink are served.

The president of the Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners served notice Tuesday that it would fight increased City Council control over Department of Water and Power operations. Board President Henry G. Bodkin Jr., in a letter to the Los Angeles section of the National Council of Jewish Women, referred to a Charter amendment proposed for the November ballot which would give the council general fiscal supervision over the utility. Bodkin said there was no evidence such action would improve efficiency, and that, in fact, deterioration would result.

Fire did an estimated \$250,000 damage to a former bowling alley and film studio in Thousand Oaks. The blaze in the 100-by-150-foot cinder block building, at Hampshire Road and Thousand Oaks Blvd., was controlled in 70 minutes. Authorities said the establishment, originally a bowling alley and more recently a sound stage and offices of Makin Studios, was being renovated. Fire officials said an arson investigation had been ordered. One fireman suffered a minor injury.