

CMA Wins Statewide Support In Battle To Keep Operating

Support was snowballing over the state today to keep the California Maritime Academy in operation next year despite the decision of an Assembly Ways and Means Subcommittee last week to abandon the school. Commo. Russell M. Ihrig, USN (Ret.), superintendent of the academy, said resolutions backing the institution had been received from many cities and organizations throughout the state.

Blaze Razes Famed Club

CULVER CITY—(AP)—One of the biggest and oldest night clubs in Southern California, Sebastian's Cotton Club but lately known as Zucca's opera house, was destroyed by fire today.

It was a two-story wooden structure, built in 1924, at the intersection of Washington and National boulevards.

Flames shot high into the air and were visible for miles. Fire equipment came from Los Angeles and Palms as well as Culver City.

EXCHANGES TO CLOSE

NEW YORK—(AP)—All financial and commodity exchanges throughout the United States will be closed Wednesday, Feb. 22, in observance of Washington's birthday. The Department of Agriculture will issue the various livestock reports as usual.

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A joint resolution which asked the State Legislature to approve the \$224,145 proposed budget for 1950-51 was adopted by the San Francisco city and county board of supervisors.

Los Angeles city and county also has gone on record as being opposed to use of a legislative economy ax on the state maritime school.

Another backer is the Harbor Commission of Long Beach which passed a resolution asking the legislature to pass the proposed budget.

Earlier last week the city council at San Diego strongly recommended passage of the funds as did the Vallejo City Council and other local organizations.

Propellor Clubs over the state have added their support in the fight, Commodore Ihrig said. These clubs are civic organizations formed mainly by members of the shipping industry.

A committee headed by Ellis R. Randall, local attorney and past president of the Chambers of Commerce, was named last week by the chambers and voted funds to intensify the fight.