

Governor's Talk Highlights Fine Farewell Program

Vallejo will give a practical demonstration of its good wishes to the hungry children of Europe today when state and local civic leaders join with thousands of community-minded citizens to bid "God speed" to the Friend Ship Golden Bear. Tons of food and clothing destined for desti-

IT'S RICH

THAT BUMPY Southern Pacific crossing on Fourth street is on its way out, now that the highway-street through South Vallejo has been widened to four lanes. SP workmen are raising the tracks to the street level, and when new safety signals have been installed and new pavement laid on the crossing the widening job will be completed. Motorists, now being detoured over the Fifth street crossing pending completion of the task, are promised smoother sailing over the Fourth street tracks, says City Manager Sam Vickers.

SOUTH VALLEJO business men, taking a tip from Tennessee street merchants, are forming an organization along the lines of the Tennessee Street Association. Businessmen from Tennessee street and vicinity and the South Vallejoans have something in common in that the main thoroughfares of their respective districts have taken on a new look via street widening.

AN OPPONENT of the city annexation plan, according to reports drifting in from the suburbs, is making the rounds with a senseless warning to property owners that they will be obliged, as taxpayers, to pay for the improvements on Tennessee and Fourth streets. The citizen should apprise himself of the facts before resorting to such an anti-annexation argument. Any person who keeps up with current events in Vallejo knows that all the financing for both widening projects came from state gasoline tax funds earmarked for improvements of major streets and state highways within cities. If a city passes up a chance to use its share of the gas tax money set aside for municipalities, it loses out until the next allocation.

IF HITCHHIKERS deserving of a lift find it harder to catch (Continued on Page 2 Col. 4)

tute families in Europe will leave today aboard the California Maritime Academy training ship after elaborate farewell ceremonies headed by Governor Earl Warren.

The "bon voyage" event is scheduled to open at the CMA Morrow Cove pier at 11:15 a.m.

with a 15-minute overture of appropriate marches by the combined Vallejo high school and college bands, under the direction of Verl Sevan. Every resident of Vallejo has been invited to attend.

The program will include farewell messages to Commo. Russell M. Ihrig, USN (Ret.), superintendent of the academy, and his crew of midshipmen and officers from Governor Warren and prominent local sponsors of "Operation Friend Ship."

GIVES HIS CHECK

The state's chief executive, who yesterday contributed his personal check for \$220 to purchase a ton of milk for the Golden Bear's cargo, will be introduced by Luther Gibson, Vallejo publisher and a member of the academy's board of directors.

Other guest speakers will be Ernest Wichels and Hollis Gray, co-chairmen of the Golden Bear relief drive, Dr. D. B. Park, Rotary Club president; Commodore Ihrig, Frank O. Bell, chairman of the board of supervisors; Mayor George C. Demmon and The Very Reverend Thomas F. Byrne, who will bless the ship.

Vallejo, which initiated the statewide campaign to fill the hold of the Golden Bear with food and clothing for war-stricken families in Europe, will send off its Friend Ship decorated with banners and streamers proclaiming the good wishes of Solano County.

A group of young dancers from the Lodena Edgcumbe school will add color to the ceremonies by appearing in the costumes of the (Continued on Page 2 Col. 1)

Vallejo Prepares Of 1948 March of

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Tomorrow will mark the opening of the 1948 nationwide march to help others walk again. An impressive program of benefit events and coin collection appeals has been arranged throughout Solano County to put the March

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countries to be visited—France, Italy and Greece.

Starting at 8 a.m. today, more than 22 tons of food and clothing will be loaded aboard the Golden Bear. Gifts from the entire country which have poured into collection depots during the week-long drive "greatly exceeded expectations," according to campaign directors.

CONSIDERABLE CLOTHES

Eighteen crates of clothing, containing more than four tons of wearable garments, will be among Vallejo's gifts to Europe. The huge consignment of foods includes four tons of oils and shortening which are virtually unobtainable.

It was pointed out yesterday that this is the only area to contribute needed essentials in such quantities, as other drives have been confined to donations of milk.

An especially active campaign was conducted in upper Solano County which contributed five tons of food and clothing to the cargo.

Almost 100 Vallejoans took the opportunity to send gifts to individual friends and relatives in the three countries to be visited. These specially addressed bundles make up one and a quarter tons of the cargo.

Governor Warren, whose son Earl, Jr., will make the complete 21,000 mile cruise as an honorary midshipman, said yesterday that he will personally supervise load-

ing of contributions on the first leg of the Friend Ship's journey. In addition to his appearance here today, the governor will meet the ship at Stockton Thursday and will board the vessel Sunday in San Francisco for a trip to Los Angeles.

Last night Governor Warren made public the letter accompanying his favorite donation to the Golden Bear's cargo. The message read:

"Dear Governor Warren:

"My name is Robin Pitt. I took up a collection in my home and here is what I got for the little children in Europe who do not have milk. My grandma 1.00, my daddy 1.00, my mommy 1.00, my brother Dick 1.00 and 1.00 from me.

"With Love

"Robin Pitt,
"8 years old,
"2580 San Jose avenue,
"San Francisco."

Committeemen who last night received credit for making Vallejo's send-off for the Friend Ship one of the most successful community projects in recent years included:

Co-chairmen Wichels of the Rotary Club, and Gray, president of the Vallejo Junior Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Park, president of the Vallejo Rotary Club which sponsored the drive; finance committee co-chairmen Charles B. Dunham, Sr., of the Vallejo Lions Club, and E. H. Case of the Rotary Club.

PROMINENT NAMES

Transportation Chairman Ed Miranda of the Union Ice Company, Storage Chairman James D. Richardson of the Vallejo Housing Authority, Packing Chairman Stanley Pearce of the Exchange Club, Program Chairman Robert Horne of the Chamber of Commerce, Loading Chairman George Hoxmeier.

Laddie Jacobson, municipal chairman for Vallejo; Larry Zuur of the Rotary Club, purchasing chairman; John L. Cleek, Kiwanis Club member and editorial writer for the Times-Herald, publicity chairman; Claude Jones, Chabot Terrace drive chairman; Francis Merriman, Federal Terrace chairman.

Upper Solano County chairmen included A. T. MacAlistaire, Fairfield area; John Rico, Vacaville; Rev. Floyd Brown, Rio

Vista, and Robert Mann of Benicia. Other dignitaries from up-county communities who will appear on the speakers' platform at today's ceremonies are Hans Rohwer, Mayor of Dixon; Suisun Mayor Harry E. Gamble, Mayor W. W. Woodard of Fairfield; David A. Weir, Fairfield publisher, and Styles Williams, Suisun city councilman.

Business firms and other organizations who received special thanks from the Friend Ship committee included: The Vallejo and East Vallejo Fire Departments, The Times Herald, Vallejo High School and Junior College and the College Redskins, Boy Scout Troop 12, Edgcumbe Dancing School, Vallejo Housing Authority, Sonoma Valley Grocery, Exchangettes, Fox West Coast Theaters, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, all Vallejo banks and the Vallejo Builders Association.

SPECIAL MESSAGE

A special message of thanks, which will be repeated at the farewell ceremonies today, was sent by the committee to "residents of Vallejo and Solano County who gave so generously to support this very worthy drive."

Rotary President Dr. Park last night gave his assurance to contributors that a report on the reception of the Friend Ship in each of the ports it visits will be sent to Vallejo.

Rotary Clubs in Marseilles, Genoa, Naples and Athens have been requested to meet the Golden Bear as it arrives in their communities and to accord the crew every courtesy. Presidents of those Rotary groups will also write to the Vallejo sponsors to report on distribution of the relief goods.

Generous County People Continue With Donations

Donations continued to pour in yesterday to the Golden Bear Relief Fund as Vallejoans prepared to give the Friend Ship the biggest sendoff in its history.

Cash gifts for food supplies rose to nearly \$2500, and hundreds of bundles of clothing were deposited at fire stations.

Friend Ship committeemen disclosed last night that pupils at Olympic and Everest schools in Chabot Terrace had contribut-

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