

FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WASHINGTON SQUARE

On September 26, 1966, the Board of Supervisors by a vote of 6 to 5 approved a large garage under Washington Square. We deplore this decision to sacrifice this park to the automobile. The roof garden designed to replace one of our oldest parks does not meet the conditions of the Planning Commission. The 535-car garage amounts to de facto rezoning, endangering the whole development of the residential Russian Hill-North Beach-Telegraph Hill area. Financially the garage is one of the most irresponsible ventures ever contracted by our city. Its 35-year deficit of well over \$3,500,000 would add to the heavy tax burden on property owners throughout San Francisco. Severe parking restrictions throughout North Beach and Telegraph Hill, designed to drive shoppers and residents into the oversized garage, would plague proponents and opponents of the garage alike.

The lack of consideration of the undesirable impact this garage would have on the area is to be particularly deplored. One obvious effect would be to drive many small businesses out of the area, bringing others in of questionable desirability.

The Telegraph Hill Dwellers is only one of the many organizations throughout San Francisco who opposed this reckless venture. We congratulate Mayor Shelley for his opposition to the scheme and his leadership in making a more than adequate garage on Vallejo Street possible, and his statesmanlike action in vetoing this proposal on October 6, 1966.

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We congratulate Supervisors Boas, McCarthy, Morrison, Tamara, and von Beroldingen for their integrity in resisting the enormous pressures exercised by the promoters. We deeply regret the majority vote which professed concern with North Beach parking needs, yet deliberately barred the Vallejo Street solution which would have satisfied North Beach parking for years to come in the very center of the need.

Washington Square belongs to the entire Russian Hill-North Beach-Telegraph Hill area. When the North Beach Merchants and Boosters, together with all other North Beach organizations under the chairmanship of Leo Bianco, spearheaded the drive to remodel Washington Square, we supported their efforts, helped raise funds for a landscape architect and donated six benches and the children's sandbox. We are ready to work for further park improvements.

Although we opposed a garage under Washington Square, we recognize North Beach parking needs and pledge our cooperation in finding a speedy and efficient solution to this problem just as we are working on a solution to our own parking needs. Instead of opposing each other we can now work together for the improvement of our common needs and objectives.

P A R K I N G

Your parking committee has had joint meetings with the police department and representatives of Julius Castle and the Shadows. The committee felt that a reevaluation of restricted parking spaces (red, yellow, and white) might be in order. Police suggested that all people on the hill who feel that restricted parking spaces should be reviewed should notify the Department of Engineering. Anyone having any suggestions for parking control, one way streets, stop signs or any other suggestions that might be an aid in solving our traffic problems, please write to Mort Rader, 17 Alta Street, and he will see that your suggestions get to the proper authorities.

Police verify that the common practice of parking attendants using the public streets for parking the cars of restaurant patrons is in violation of the police code.

Future meetings are planned, so if you have any suggestions that will aid in controlling our traffic and parking situation get them to Mort.

PLANNING COMMISSION LOSES MCCARTHY

We regret that Mr. James McCarthy has resigned as planning director of San Francisco. The Planning Commission is seeking a new director. Let us hope they will find a man of vision for this all important post, and that he will be provided with an adequate staff to study the numerous problems that present themselves in our city.

I-N M-E-M-O-R-I-U-M

On July 17, 1966 Mrs. Henry Potter Russell passed away. Mrs. Russell was always alert to the problems of Telegraph Hill. She took time from her busy schedule to aid and often provided her legal counsel to represent our cause. We extend our sympathies to her relatives and friends.

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TIME FOR THINKING

Freeways, Bay Toll Crossings, Rapid Transit are only a few of the many problems that affect Telegraph Hill and overall planning for the future of San Francisco. These problems must be thought about and studied if we are going to keep Telegraph Hill, and indeed all of San Francisco, a better place in which to live. Below are two items which were given recent press coverage.

FREEWAY IMPROVEMENTS ???

An article in the S. F. Examiner dated Tues. July 19, 1966 entitled "The State Chamber's Freeway Program" contained the following specific proposals for San Francisco.

The Chamber wants to revive the plan to embellish or "beautify" the "Elevated road" in the vicinity of the Ferry Building and coordinate it with Ferry Park plans.

Improve it to coordinate with plans for a second deck on the Golden Gate Bridge.

BAY TOLL CROSSINGS

On October 6, 1966 E. R. Foley, chief engineer of the State Division of Bay Toll Crossings, presented a preliminary report to the Bay Area Transportation Study Commission on possible Marin-San Francisco crossings. (See map next page for routes under study.) The main concern seems to be for commuter convenience, and the impact on the City, both esthetic and otherwise, is of secondary importance. One suggested approach would start at Telegraph Hill. Other solutions proposed would make the resurrection of the Golden Gate Freeway inevitable as connections to the bridge approaches. Most of these proposals would have disastrous effect on Telegraph Hill.

The established position of the Hill Dwellers is:

- 1- We are opposed to another bridge to Marin County, as we can see no satisfactory urban design solution to this.
- 2- We are also of the opinion that introducing more cars into San Francisco from Marin is undesirable.
- 3- We feel that one aspect of a satisfactory solution can best be accomplished by an underwater tube from Marin County for Rapid Transit only.

The Board of Supervisors of San Francisco's policy on this is, that first priority be given to a tube for rapid transit only.

The policy of the Board of Supervisors in regard to a second deck on the Golden Gate Bridge has not been established. Hearings are scheduled for October 25, 1966.

The Telegraph Hill Dwellers' position is against the addition of a second deck at this time, as it is in conflict with the above and would seriously jeopardize the Golden Gate Bridge as a scenic route. Such an addition should only be considered in the context of an overall plan.

This is the time for all of us to be heard from. Write to your representative in Sacramento.

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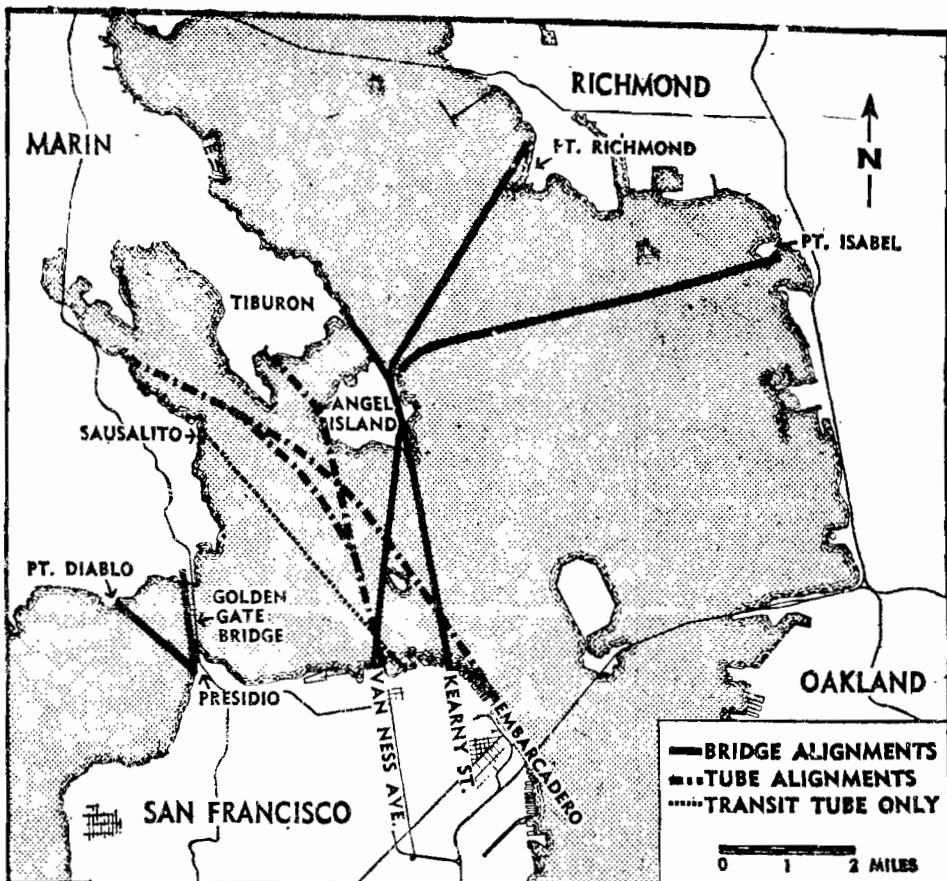
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The final recommendations are only a half year off. It is high time for all civic organizations to get together and speak up now in order to avoid a situation in which they can no longer effectively be heard.

OUR MEMORIALS

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the T.H.D.'s on September 27th it was resolved:

that a tree be planted at Union and Montgomery streets in memory of Silvio Catelli and that a suitable plaque be placed at the site. Other funds will be used to plant trees in memory of Fred Meyer and Charles Ince.

RETURN OF A NATIVE

The familiar face that has returned to various T.H.D. committee meetings lately belongs to Bernie Bour, who returned a month ago from a year of scholarly seclusion on the Stanford campus. Bernie was President of the Dwellers from April, 1962, to April, 1964, and says he is fascinated to see how many of the old problems and preoccupations are still with us. The more change, the more they remain the same.....

Bernie says much of his T.H.D. experience (small-groups dynamics, leadership patterns, etc.,) was helpful in his studies at Stanford in anthropology, political science, and communication theory. His main purpose was to study international communication and research methods, especially as they help national development of the new countries in Asia, and he picked up a master's degree in communication. Welcome back, Bernie! Now, if we can just communicate a little better with City Hall.....

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Z O N I N G

Robert Passmore, acting Zoning Administrator, has assigned Frederick Bamber and Andy Bergman to make a study of the needs of Telegraph Hill, with a view of possibly changing our zoning classification from R-4 to R-3 or R-3.5. They have been loaned to the planning department by the Coro Foundation on a temporary basis.

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A V E R Y I M P O R T A N T
M E E T I N G

On November 3, 1966, under Acting Director of Planning, Mr. Ed. Murphy, consultants will present a report on the North Waterfront Study. This is a subject of great interest to us. The future of the North Waterfront greatly effects the future of Telegraph Hill. Consultants are Barnwell, Eyle and Michael.
For time and place call Kl 8 4541 or Kl 8 4656, on or after November 1.

W H A T ' S I N A N A M E ? ? ?

Our Bulletin has come of age. This is our 25th issue. We would like to have a new name for our publication one that would express the aims and purposes of the organization; to perpetuate the historic traditions of San Francisco's Telegraph Hill and to represent the community interest of its residents and property owners.

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Time - - - - 6:30 No Host Cocktails - - - - 7:30 Dinner

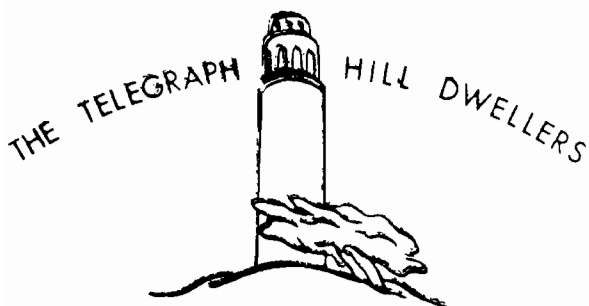
Price - - - - \$4.50 Including tip and Tax.

Feature of the evening will be a panel discussion of the various proposed bridges and tubes to Marin.
Panel members (so far) Richard M. Zetal Study Director of Bay Area Transportation Commission, E.R. Foley chief engineer of State Division of Bay Toll Crossings, and Supervisor Leo T. Mc Carthy. The subject is of vital concern to the Hill Dwellers.
Special guests will be there from Russian Hill Improvement Club and Marina Home Owners Association .

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