

Cast selected for CLOTA production, 'Dark of the Moon'

A cast of 30 persons has been selected by director Joyce Maltby for "Dark of the Moon," the Community Light Opera and Theater Association's first production of the year, which is scheduled for March 25-26 and April 1-2 at the Burroughs High School lecture center.

This play, a characterization based on the folk song entitled "The Ballad of Barbara Allen," stars Tom Lehman as the witch boy who wants to be human, and Melissa Russell in the title role of Barbara.

The witch boy takes his plea to a "Conjur Man" (Ed Romero), who refuses to change him into a human being. Upon overhearing their conversation, though, the Conjur Woman (Sally Erickson) accepts the challenge and grants him his wish, on the condition that he and Barbara marry and remain true to each other for a year.

Shortly after the witch boy's appearance in town, he visits the Allen farm to ask for Barbara's hand. Mr. Allen (Fred Stahlman) and his wife (Natalie Stone) agree to Barbara's acceptance of the unusual boy, and the couple are married by Preacher Haggler (William Altieri) in the general store.

The witch boy, although trying hard to be human, can never really forget his past because of two witches (Elena Vitale and Deanne Lotee), who constantly torment him. The destiny of the couple, however, ultimately rests with meddling townspeople who make up the remainder of the cast.

They are Karen Altieri, Diderot Ausseresses, Curtis Barker, Jeneal Cobb, Pam Condos, Brian Dettling, Scott Efinger, Stephanie Halen, Russell Higgins, Anne, Becky and Melinda Maltby, Jon and Steve McArtor, Greg O'Guin, Mike Ripley, Kathy Schimpf, Rus Stedman, Galen and Pat White, and Denise Wehle.

Season tickets and patronages for CLOTA productions are on sale at the Importium in Ridgecrest.

Silent movies to be shown

A collection of silent movies will be shown at the Mindshaft Coffeehouse of Cerro Coso Community College tonight, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The movies will include such classics as "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari," "Phantom of the Opera," and Charlie Chaplin in "The Tramp."

Price of admission will be \$1.50 for the general public and \$1.25 for holders of student body cards.



MATURANGO MUSEUM BOOSTERS HONORED — At Monday night's annual meeting of Maturango Museum members and friends, mementos in the form of bighorn sheep plaques were presented to two of the directors whose terms of office have expired. They are Janet Westbrook (on left) and Dottie Freeman. Others who received Bicentennial medals in appreciation for their contribution to the museum's 1976 building fund drive are (back row, l.-r.) Carroll Evans, Mary Kay and Jay Bornfleth, Roberta Payne, Pat Leopard, who served as fund drive chairman, and Billie Hise. Other business which came up during the annual meeting included an election to fill three vacancies on the museum's board of directors. Those chosen were Mrs. Westbrook, Elizabeth Babcock and Dr. Robert Berry. —Photo by Ron Allen

Advance tickets on sale for Feb. 24 concerts by U.S. Navy Band

The advance sale of tickets is now in full swing for matinee and evening concerts that will be presented by the United States Navy Band on Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Naval Weapons Center theater.

On tour, the band must be self-supporting and all proceeds beyond expenses will go to the Burros Band Boosters, sponsors of this

During the U. S. Navy Band's concert here on Feb. 24, ten Burroughs High School band students will be joining the visiting musicians for the playing of one number. They are Suzie Backman, Glenda Davis, Steve Faith, Brian Gravelle, Paul Hugo, Shane Kruk, Jennifer Lyons, Kathy Malone, Mary Porter and Hugh Washburn.

first local appearance by the U.S. Navy Band.

The sponsors hope to fill the Center theater to capacity and thereby bring in enough money to purchase a concert grand piano for use at the Burroughs High School lecture center and possibly replace some

worn out Burroughs band instruments as well.

Purchasers of patron and sponsor tickets for the concert, priced at \$25 and \$15, respectively, will receive two reserved seat tickets to the program on the evening of Feb. 24, and their names will be printed on the program. General admission tickets are priced at \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for enlisted military personnel.

The matinee performance, which is scheduled at 1 p.m., is intended for local area music students, who will be admitted for \$1. In the event that not enough student tickets are sold to fill the theater, other tickets will be honored at this time also.

General admission tickets are being sold at the Station Pharmacy and in Ridgecrest at the Music Man, Senn's Coiffures, and Loewen's. In addition, they also can be obtained from the parents of music students, as well as from members of the Kiwanis Club and the Optimist Club.

Official recognition of the Washington Navy Yard Band as the permanent representative band of the U. S. Navy dates back to the inauguration of Calvin Coolidge as this country's 30th President on March 4, 1925.

Band Heard Nationwide

That same year, after numerous requests, the U. S. Navy Band made its first concert tour outside the Washington area. Since that time, the annual concert tour authorized by Congress and approved by the President, has made it possible for vast audiences around the country to enjoy the musical programs that are provided by their U. S. Navy Band.

In 1940, the American Bandmasters Association recognized the U. S. Navy Band as the outstanding band in America and bestowed upon it the now famed motto, "The World's Finest." No other military band has since been so honored.

Since then, the Navy Band has lived up to its elite reputation by pioneering the way in many aspects of military music. It was the first of the major service bands to establish a rock-soul band, enlisted the first woman as a performing musician, and produced the first country/bluegrass band as a major performing unit.

Over the years, the band has kept pace with the meteoric rise in popularity and variety of music. Today, the band's repertoire encompasses every type of music from that played for official state ceremonies to "down-home" country music.

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MOVIE RATINGS
The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.

- (G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Audiences
 - (PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
Parental Guidance Suggested
 - (R) - RESTRICTED
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian
 - CS - Cinemascope
 - STD - Standard Movie Screen
 - Regular starting time—7:30 p.m.
- Program subject to change without notice — please check marquee.

FRI. 4 FEBRUARY

"SHOOT FIRST, DIE LATER" (97 Min.)
Richard Conte, Luc Merenda
(Police Drama) Nick Mala (Conte) is a cop who bends the rules according to his own standards. If he feels there has been an injustice, he will fight to right the wrong. But on the other hand, he will cooperate with people working outside the law if he can benefit from it monetarily. His living between two worlds soon catches up with him. Asked to interfere in an investigation being led against the syndicate, Nick aids the mob and is responsible for the death of a witness — his father.

SAT. 5 FEBRUARY
TEX WILLIAMS
Country Western musical entertainment
7:30 p.m.

MON. 7 FEBRUARY

"DIXIE DYNAMITE" (89 Min.)
Jany Anne Johnstone, Kathy McHaley
(Action Drama, Comedy) This is a comedy action spoof about two orphaned girls whose moonshiner father is killed as a result of a conspiracy between a crooked sheriff and the town's leading moonshiner, who is trying to corner the illegal liquor business. Joining up with their father's friend (Warren Oates), a motorcycle racer, they take their revenge by engaging in a robbery spree in a Robin Hood-like fashion. They turn over some of their loot to people who were victimized by the town's crooked bosses and complete their revenge by destroying the crooked moonshiner's stills and robbing his bank. (PG)

WED. 9 FEBRUARY

"FUTUREWORLD" (107 Min.)
Blythe Danner, Peter Fonda
(Fantasy Drama) This year's sequel to 1973's "Westworld" stars Fonda, a newspaper reporter, and Danner, a video reporter and former girl friend of Fonda. This pair of investigative reporters stumble on a plan to turn world leaders into brainwashed robots. The story cleverly recaps the earlier film by having a group of reporters attend a lecture at a newly furnished Wonderland resort, amid promises from project head Arthur Hill that the collapse at Westworld could never happen again. A combination of clever science-fiction storylines with special effects, including the use of the facilities of NASA Space Center in Houston, combines to form an entertaining movie which should appeal to all. (PG)

FRI. 11 FEBRUARY

"BLOOD, SWEAT AND FEAR" (90 Min.)
Lee J. Cobb, Franco Gasparrri
(Action Drama) In the never ending cat and mouse game between law and disorder this film tells of a young narcotics cop (Gasparrri) trying to break up a large drug ring in Milan. His hatred for pushers is intensified when several of his contacts are brutally murdered. A young girl trying to kick the drug habit befriends Gasparrri and while he is trying to help her, she is caught by the mob and becomes a pawn for them. Out of desperation, Gasparrri begins a relentless attack knowing in advance that he could be next. (PG)

SAT. 12 FEBRUARY

"JACKSON COUNTY JAIL" (84 Min.)
Yvette Mimieux, Tommy Lee Jones
(Action Drama) Mimieux, driving across country, befriends a young couple who steal her car and leave her stranded. When she asks for help at a near-by bar, the owner tries to attack her. Then police arrive and escort her to jail when she can't produce identification. In jail she meets Tommy Jones, accused of murder. When she ignores the night guard, he later rapes her. Mimieux, crazed by the attack, beats the guard with a stool. She and Jones flee, making their way to a deserted farmhouse where he urges her to go underground. (R)

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All-out effort under way to conserve energy

In view of the current extensive winter weather affecting a large portion of the United States, together with the limited availability of natural gas throughout much of the country, and in support of President Jimmy Carter's energy conservation policy, the Department of Defense has asked that all DoD installations assist in the conservation of heating energy wherever possible.

Federal guidelines for heating energy conservation are: office and laboratory space — 65 degrees F. during the working period with reduction to no more than 55 degrees F. at night and on weekends; warehouses and similar spaces — heating should not exceed 55 degrees F. at any time.

Here at the Naval Weapons Center, there are two major factors that make it impractical or counter-productive to follow these recommendations fully. They are:

(a) With only a few exceptions, the thermostats now in use to control heating equipment cannot be set below 60 degrees F. (many have 63 degrees F. as their lowest set point).

(b) Most larger buildings have a combined heating and cooling distribution system. Even during the winter months, enough internal heat is created (by lights, people and equipment such as computers) to require cooling during the day, while heating is needed at night. These systems can usually be identified by the fact that only one thermostat is used to maintain comfortable conditions year round. To set these thermostats at 65 degrees F. would cause an increase in electrical energy consumption, as the cooling equipment will

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Local observance of Black History Week to begin Mon.

Black History Week will be observed locally this year from Feb. 6 to 12 — dates that were chosen to include Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Planning for the week's events was coordinated by the Naval Weapons Center Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

A variety of activities is being planned in order to include as many local area residents as possible in this week-long reminder of the black contribution to this nation's history.

Preparations for this week of education and entertainment have been made by a committee under the chairmanship of R. H. Booth. Among the purposes of Black History Week is to call increased attention to efforts being made, both in the government and in the private sector, to insure equal opportunities for black people in all facets of American life.

Service Slated Sunday Afternoon

A program at 3 p.m. Sunday at the NWC All Faith Chapel will begin the week's activities. Three local pastors will be involved. They are the Rev. Ezra Turner, of the Union Baptist Church, who will deliver a sermon entitled "The Church as a Source of Leadership in the Black Community," while the Rev. Murray Boyd, of the Immanuel Baptist Church, and the Rev. Robert Johnson, of the Grace Lutheran Church, will present the epilogue and benediction, respectively.



SOME LIKE IT HOT — Shown extinguishing a blaze of JP-4 from aboard the P-4A truck are (on turret) Lt. F. D. Holley, NWC firefighter, and, backing him up, Bob Hemmis, an engineer from Edwards Air Force Base. The driver is another NWC firefighter,

Lt. J. W. Jackson. These tests of the non-aspirating delivery system were conducted at NWC's G-2 range, using from 1,000 to 2,000 gallons of the jet aircraft fuel ignited in pits from 4,000 to 8,000 sq. ft. in area. —Photos by Ron Allen

Major test programs in 3 areas of fire safety research conducted here

Fire tests conducted recently at China Lake illustrate both the versatility and capability of the Naval Weapons Center in the area of fire research.

Three separate, major test programs are currently under way here which should further fire safety in diverse ways. They are: a foam nozzle improvement study designed to enhance aircraft rescue and fire fighting capabilities; a shipboard interior bulkhead fire resistance study to aid in the protection of American ships; and an investigation into explosion hazards associated with tankers carrying liquefied natural gas (LNG).

The first-mentioned test is sponsored by the U.S. Air Force, while the latter two are funded by the U.S. Coast Guard.

According to Robert L. Darwin of the

Naval Material Command, Washington, D.C., and Fire Protection Administrator of the Navy, "During the past six to seven years, the Naval Weapons Center has established a worldwide reputation for furthering fire safety through the practical application of research and development efforts.

NWC Expertise Recognized
"The sponsorship of the programs by the Air Force and the Coast Guard," he continued, "is evidence of the recognition of the Center's ability in this field — a recognition derived from previous large-scale fire tests related to Navy aircraft carrier and aviation fire protection."

Darwin, who managed the development of carrier fire protection a number of years ago with the help of a "mini-deck" testing facility constructed in the NWC range area, and who also has participated in numerous other fire fighting tests at the Center, recently spent two weeks at China Lake observing fire tests of interest to the Navy. Darwin added, "NWC is uniquely capable to perform large-scale fire tests because of

its abundance of in-house technical and scientific talent, excellent test facilities and ranges, and favorable geographical location relative to ecological aspects of fire testing."

While here, Darwin, along with Naval Research Laboratory fire suppression research personnel E. J. "Jake" Jablonski and H. B. "Pete" Peterson, and the NWC Fire Division, under the direction of Fire Chief W. R. Knight, conducted jet aircraft fuel fire fighting tests at G range to compare the Navy concept of using non-air aspirating Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) nozzles with the traditional practice of using air aspirating foam nozzles.

New Fire Truck Used
These tests, which represent a joint effort by the Navy and the Air Force, were conducted with the Naval Weapons Center's new aircraft fire fighting and rescue truck called the "P-4A," whose non-aspirating delivery system makes it possible for the

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EXPERTS CONFER — NWC Fire Chief W. R. Knight stands on the P-4A fire fighting and rescue truck to explain the use of its non-aspirating nozzle to (l.-r.) H. B. "Pete" Peterson of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL); Bill Pahl, NWC deputy fire chief; E. J. "Jake" Jablonski, also of NRL; and Don Huber, fire chief at NAS North Island.



CERTIFICATES PRESENTED — As a way of saying "thank you" to various organizations that were especially helpful this past year in support of the Maturango Museum's building fund drive, certificates of appreciation were presented by Pat Leopard (at left), fund drive chairman. Recipients in attendance at the museum's annual meeting were (l.-r.) Lita Reid, of the Daily Independent newspaper; John Murray, of Radio Station KZIQ; and Robert Downing and Lyl Viers, who represented the Optimist and Kiwanis Clubs, respectively. Similar recognition also was given to Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the Exchange Club, and to The ROCKETEER. —Photo by Ron Allen

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Club will be the principal activity on Wednesday, Feb. 9. Highlight of the luncheon will be the presentation of an award from the NWC EEO Office to Mrs. Bettye Rivera Sembach. Williams, the Center's Deputy EEO Officer, will represent RAdm. R. G. Freeman III, who serves as EEO Officer in his capacity as Center Commander, by presenting the award to Mrs. Sembach in recognition of her many contributions over the years to the celebration of this special week.

A menu of rock Cornish game hen or chef's salad will be served and persons planning to attend are asked to call the EEO Office, 939-2348, by noon on Monday. Featured speaker during the luncheon will be Dr. T. O. Bartley, director of the volunteer tutorial program and Deputy EEO Officer at the Naval Electronics Laboratory Center in San Diego. There also will be brief remarks by Mayor Ted Edwards of Ridgecrest and Dr. Richard Meyers, president of Cerro Coso Community College.

Two different EEO courses will be offered by Lt. John Zanelli and Sgt. Callie Edwards, race relations specialists at Fort Dix, N.J. The first course, containing information on



PROCLAMATION SIGNED — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, and Ted Edwards, Mayor of Ridgecrest, earlier this week signed a joint proclamation designating the period of Feb. 6-12 as Black History Week throughout the local community. Present for the proclamation signing were (l.-r.) Bettye Rivera Sembach, Dr. G. W. Leonard and R. H. Booth. Mrs. Sembach, who represented the Sierra Sands Unified School District, serves on the Education Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and is chairman of the Desert Area Teachers Association Human Relations Committee. Dr. Leonard, head of the Propulsion Development Department, is chairman of the Equal Employment Committee, and Booth, an EEO Committee member, is chairman of the Black History Week program.

have not yet been made regarding Miss Younger's itinerary, but she is expected to speak in the Community Center and to a group of school children. Her message is that the will to succeed can conquer seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Miss Younger, who is presently a straight-A student at San Jose State College and a student teacher in the San Jose school system, has a special tie to the Indian Wells Valley. Her guide-dog, Clissy, was trained locally as a puppy by Karen Fowler, who is a 4-H Club member here.

The last special event during Black History Week will take place at 8 p.m. on Feb. 11 at the Covenant United Presbyterian Church in Ridgecrest. A group of readings about the black experience will be presented by talented people under the direction of Florence Green. Entitled "I Am the Darker Brother," the program will illuminate the feelings of black poets, playwrights, and writers who confronted the human condition and the unique problems and joys of the human being who is black.

Center library arranges special display for Black History Week

In conjunction with the local observance of Black History Week, Feb. 6-12, employees at the Center library have arranged a special display of reading material and long playing record albums.

According to Don Cook, librarian, lists will be available to assist library patrons in finding books of particular interest on the subject of the contribution of black Americans to this nation's culture and heritage.

Such books have been gathered together in a "Mosaic of America" special collection, Cook noted.

Recently completed and now available for loan by the library is a collection of 600 long playing record albums. Included in it is a

section devoted to musical expression unique to those of Afro-American heritage.

This is a record collection superior to that which can be found in nine out of ten public libraries of similar or larger size, Cook stated. He gave credit for assembling it to Jane McKenzie, a former employee, and to Elizabeth Wilkie, who is now the associate branch librarian at China Lake.

Of special interest during Black History Week are record albums such as John Lee Hooker's "Real Blues," the Harlem Christian Tabernacle Church choir's "Anthology of Black Gospel Music," Negro spirituals by The Goldenaires Choir, in addition to records by Duke Ellington, Nat "King" Cole, Billy Holiday and Pearl Bailey.



SPECIAL DISPLAY AT LIBRARY — Books, periodicals and long playing record albums have been assembled as part of a "Mosaic of America" collection at the Center library in preparation for the local observance of Black History Week. Don Cook, librarian, and Margery Claunch, library technician, are shown checking over some of the record albums that are a part of this special display.



INSPIRATION FOR ALL — Vivian Younger (at right), who has been blind from birth, will speak about "Overcoming Obstacles" next Friday during the local observance of Black History Week. Miss Younger is shown with Karen Fowler, a local 4-H Club member, who helped to train the blind girl's guide dog, Clissy.

cross-cultural communication and minority women, will occur at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, in the Community Center. A four-hour course the next morning, called "Star Power," will be offered to EEO personnel and is structured to enhance interpersonal communication skills, particularly with members of minority or disadvantaged groups. The same course will be offered again in the afternoon, this time to NWC supervisors and managers.

Two special events will wind up the week on a positive note. Vivian Younger, a vivacious and positive-thinking black woman who has been blind from birth, will visit the community. Final arrangements

Talk slated about local area's ancient inhabitants

Joseph Gamper, instructor of anthropology at Cerro Coso Community College, will address a brown bag seminar on the topic, "Ancient People of the Indian Wells Valley" at the college next Thursday, Feb. 10.

The seminar will begin at 11:30 a.m. in this free event.

Gamper, a native of Hermagor, Austria, received his B.A. degree in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1972, and his M.A. degree in the same field two years later at California State College, Hayward.

He is well known locally for his direction of archeological surveys of early man in the Indian Wells Valley.

Happenings around NWC

General admission tickets have gone on sale for the upcoming concert by the Utah Symphony Orchestra that will be presented on the evening of Thursday, March 3, at the Center theater.

Tickets can be ordered by calling the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association, 375-5600, or purchased at the Station Pharmacy or in Ridgecrest at the Gift Mart and Music Man shop.

Prices are \$6 for general admission and \$3 for youths under 21 years of age, enlisted military personnel and senior citizens 65 or over.

Enlisted Club Dances Set

Pegasus, a popular rock band from Los Angeles, is scheduled to entertain at Enlisted Club dances tonight and tomorrow night, from 9 until 2 a.m.

Dinner special for tonight is shrimp and fried rice, while that for Saturday night will be prime rib — both served from 6 until 8:30.

The EM club has scheduled Disco night next Thursday, Feb. 10, from 9 to 12 p.m. Ted Mason will be the host.

Navy Recruiter Promoted

Ed Moss, local Navy recruiter whose office is located in the Coso Center at 130-C S. China Lake Blvd., Ridgecrest, was promoted on Jan. 16 from yeoman 1st class to chief petty officer in the Navy.

Chief John Sharzer, who is in charge of the Navy recruiting station in Lancaster, directed the initiation of Chief Yeoman Moss and five other new chief petty officers during a ceremony held at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station.

Brown Bag Seminar

"Men's Consciousness Raising — What's In It For Me?" is the title of a talk to be presented at the Feb. 16 Brown Bag Seminar at 11:30 a.m. in the Sidewinder Room of the Community Center.

Featured speaker will be Jack Bradshaw of the Desert Counseling Center. All interested men and women are invited to attend.

CPO Club Slates Dance

Horsefeathers, a contemporary rock group from Pomona, will play for a dance tonight from 9 until 1 a.m. at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

The evening's dinner special will be prime rib, served from 6 until 9.

Inspection to be made of housing units on center

Throughout this month and next, the Public Works Department will be conducting an inspection of Naval Weapons Center housing.

This inspection has been requested by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in order to support present and future requests for funding, to correct deficiencies in maintenance, and to justify recommended improvement programs.

China Lake residents should be aware that while the inspectors are in their neighborhoods, they will be entering yards and also may climb up onto roofs to check existing conditions.

It also is desirable that the inspector be allowed to enter individual quarters (if someone is at home) to check for any maintenance deficiencies.

Since this inspection could result in additional funding that would enable the Center to improve the livability of homes at China Lake, the NWC Housing Office is hopeful that all residents will extend their cooperation to the inspectors.

Persons having any questions about this matter are asked to contact Bart Parker, housing manager, by calling NWC ext. 3122 or 2082.

Fund drive launched to raise money for TV booster system

A communitywide membership drive, which is being held for the purpose of raising money needed for the maintenance, operation and improvement of the local television and FM radio booster system is off to a slow start, Bob Fletcher, chairman of the fund drive, reported earlier this week.

In the first week of the campaign, about \$300 was collected and the officers responsible for conducting the affairs of the Indian Wells Valley TV Booster, Inc., are hopeful that the pace for making contributions will pick up.

All local residents can do their part to support the community-owned and operated TV and FM radio booster system by sending donations of \$10 per household or \$5 per individual to P. O. Box 562, Ridgecrest. Such contributions are tax deductible, and checks should be made payable to "TV Booster."

The most immediate need is for \$5,000 to meet the system's maintenance needs during 1977. Next in order of priority for use of the money that is contributed will be the expenditure of \$8,000 to replace the Channel 28 translator that was damaged this past fall by lightning.

Taking into consideration funds collected but not spent in 1976, a goal of \$26,000 has been set for the current TV and FM radio booster system fund drive. However, whether or not other improvements that are proposed are made will depend upon the amount of money that is contributed by local residents.

Half of this total is earmarked as indicated above, while another \$8,000 is needed to provide a Channel 28 (educational TV) signal from B Mt. (not Laurel Mt. as at present) in order to serve local area residents who, because of their location, cannot pick up the Channel 28 signal. In addition, officers of Indian Wells Valley TV Booster, Inc., would also like to have another \$8,000 for the purchase of a spare translator that could be put into use immediately in the event of a major failure of one or another of the translators currently in use.

Sunday evening food service now being offered at CPO Club

A new Sunday evening food service will begin at the Naval Weapons Center this weekend, when, on Feb. 6, the CPO Club will inaugurate dining hours of 6 to 8:30 p.m.

In the past, the Commissioned Officers' Mess and the Chief Petty Officers' and Enlisted Clubs each provided this service, but due to a reduction in patronage it eventually had to be discontinued. An informal survey, however, has indicated that there is now a need for a Sunday evening dining spot.

A proposal was recently made to the NWC Command, and approved, for resumption of full Sunday evening food service at the CPO Club. Authorized patrons will include not only CPO Club members, but also members of the Commissioned Officers' Mess and official NWC visitors.

For planning purposes, reservations should be made with the CPO Club office by calling NWC ext. 3633 or 3634. A special buffet is planned for the initial Sunday dinner. Further information may be obtained at either of the above numbers.

Burroughs Adult School enrollment still open

Enrollment in Burroughs High Adult School's spring semester classes has been extended until Feb. 25, it was announced this week.

A complete schedule of classes is available at the Center library and at the Kern County library in Ridgecrest, or can be obtained at the Adult School Office on the local high school campus.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Donna Kinkennon, the school secretary, at 375-4511, after 6 p.m.



AT PRAYER BREAKFAST — Eleanor Hartwig (back to camera) directed the Sweet Adelines chorus in the singing of three selections during the local observance of the 1977 National Prayer Breakfast. The numbers chosen for this occasion were

"Battle Hymn of the Republic," "I Believe," and "This Is My Country." Arrangements for the breakfast, one of a multitude of similar events held across the nation, were handled by a committee under the direction of David Wirtz.

National Prayer Breakfast attended by 200

A good start for that day, or any day, was enjoyed by 200 people from the community who attended this year's local observance of the National Prayer Breakfast, which was held on Jan. 27 at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

Top officials of the Naval Weapons Center and members of various religious groups assembled for this event, which was one of hundreds like it held at federal government activities and military installations from coast-to-coast.

This now traditional program was founded by prayer groups in the U.S. Congress, and has been held here each year since 1971. Joseph S. Dinsmore, Jr., master of ceremonies, noted in his introductory statements. Locally, the Prayer Breakfast was sponsored by the All Faith Chapel.

Opening remarks were delivered by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, and the inspirational talk was presented by Capt. Frederic H. M. Kinley, Vice Commander. Other participants in the National Prayer Breakfast program were



Capt. Frederic H. M. Kinley YNC Frank Cruz, who gave the invocation; PR3 Nannette Outhier, who led the pledge of allegiance, and Robert Rafal, who, for the scriptural reading, read a selection from the Torah — the Hebrew book of faith.

Music for the occasion included three vocal music selections that were sung by the Sweet Adelines' chorus, directed by Mrs. Eleanor Hartwig, and the entire assemblage joined in singing "God Bless America."

The closing benediction was delivered by Grant Williams, Jr., the Center's Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.

During his opening remarks, RAdm. Freeman mentioned the origin of the National Prayer Breakfast, which provides an opportunity for this nation's leaders to gather together for fellowship and join in prayer for divine guidance. "This nation was founded on religion and we draw strength from it in time of stress," the Center Commander stated prior to reading a "Prayer for Our Country."

Central theme of the inspirational message presented by Capt. Kinley was the duty of adults as parents and teachers of today's children who are destined to become the next generation of American leaders.

"I would like to propose this morning, while each of us in his or her own way is asking for the help of God for our nation's officials, that we also reflect on our responsibilities to those who will follow us. Perhaps," the NWC Vice Commander said, "we can benefit our national leadership most by examining how and what we teach our children about those in whom we vest such great power each time we vote."

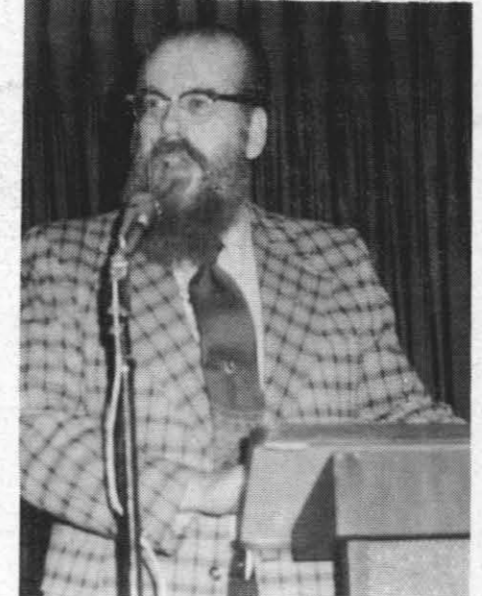
Target for Criticism

It has become fashionable these days, Capt. Kinley observed, to find little, if anything, worthy of praise about this nation's government. "Yet," he continued, "our government is not a thing, 'it' is people just like you and you and me and it will, in time, be people just like our children."

"As we ask our leaders to serve as examples to all of us by demonstrating their respect for the simple virtues of truth, honesty and morality, we should even more humbly ask God's help for ourselves so that we may show to our children our own respect for these great bulwarks against temptation," he added.

This is a matter that has greatly concerned him, Capt. Kinley said, since he has learned that many of the kinds of violations that occur at NWC — ranging from burglary and petty larceny to vandalism and defacing property — are committed by juveniles.

"Is something missing? Have we parents lost control? Are we teaching our children wrong values? Are we unaware of how much they learn from us — good or bad? Are we genuinely concerned with properly discharging our responsibilities as parents so that our children gain the strength of character to be tough-minded and invincible to the temptations to be dishonest and malicious, or are we abdicating this



Joseph S. Dinsmore, Jr. Master of Ceremonies