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Legislative Analyst A. Alan Post told the Senate Finance Committee Tuesday the $70 million deficit predicted by the Administration for this year and $82 million next year really will be $55 million and $58 million, respectively.

Unruh cited Post as his authority at his weekly Capitol press conference.

State Finance Director Caspar W. Weinberger said in an interview that the Administration estimate of a $152 million shortage came from Education Department experts.

He noted that everyone is waiting for the department's next estimate, due in June or July. But he had "no reason to suppose that will be very different" from the present figure.

The potential $152 million deficit was disclosed last month by the former director of finance Gordon P. Smith.

Smith called it a "glaring Unruh blooper," attributable to low estimates of the use that school districts would make of enriched programs contained in an omnibus increased school aid bill authored by the Assembly Speaker.

Reagan subsequently said he hoped the $70 million could be found by economies in other state programs, but he asked the Legislature to place a $1,226,000,000 ceiling on state school aid next year to take care of the $82 million shortage.

Letter Sent to All Districts

Weinberger then sent all districts a letter saying, "This means in effect a 6.7% decrease from the state aid you are receiving this year.

"This, in turn, necessarily means that school districts should recognize this reduction in state aid before incurring any contractual or other firm commitments for the coming year."

Unruh, who is vigorously opposed to the ceiling and or cutback, told newsmen this letter created "pandemonium" among local school officials who are now faced with either drastically cutting services or asking for more local property taxes for support purposes.

"I think we are all agreed we don't want that," Unruh said in regard to higher property taxes.

He then suggested the governor might accept the principle of payroll withholding of state personal incomes taxes as one way to find the money to take care of any school aid shortage.

YORTY CONTENDS MODEL CITY PLAN IS OVERRATED

Mayor Sam Yorty Wednesday called the federal government's Model Cities program "greatly overrated" but said he feels Los Angeles' chances of a successful application this year are very good.

"I am very concerned about holding out bright promises that are not kept," the mayor told his weekly news conference.

The city's first application for Model Cities planning money was not accepted last year but another proposal is being put together. It is due April 15, the deadline set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Yorty repeated his earlier charges that the city's first application was sabotaged when organized labor—"without saying anything to us"—opposed the 1967 proposal in Washington.

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Asbestos Particles in Air Linked to Cancer of Ovaries

BY GEORGE GETZE
Times Science Writer

SAN DIEGO—Motorists may be helping to cause cancer of the ovaries every time they slam on their car brakes.

The reason, delegates to an American Cancer Society seminar learned here Wednesday, is that braking releases asbestos particles in brake lining into the air, and asbestos absorbed into the body may cause ovarian cancer.

The case against asbestos has not been proved, according to Dr. John B. Graham of the State University of New York at Buffalo, but he noted the evidence is strong.

"Asbestos is ubiquitous in our environment," Dr. Graham said, "and it is virtually indestructible."

Other common sources, he said, are air-conditioning system filters, duct and wiring insulation, plastic floor tile and scores of other products.

Use of asbestos has increased a thousand times since the turn of the century while ovarian cancer has dramatically increased during the past 100 years, it was reported.

Dr. Graham said that asbestos particles — which other experts think can be absorbed into the

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Massive Legal Attack on U.S. Draft Process Opens in Court

S.F. Federal Judge Hears Arguments of 105 Lawyers in Bay Area Representing Young Men Who Spurned Induction

BY DARYL E. LEMBKE
Times Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO—A massive legal challenge of the nation's military draft process opened here Wednesday in federal court.

The broad attack on the draft's constitutionality, including charges of racial and age discrimination, was brought by 105 Bay Area lawyers representing young men who face criminal charges for refusing to report for induction.

The attorneys, banded together as the Selective Service Panel, began arguments before U.S. Judge Alfonso Zirpoli on a series of motions for dismissal of charges against four defendants.

Grounds Untested

"If we get one of our motions sustained, the government will practically have to stop the Selective Service process for awhile," said Aubrey Grossman, spokesman for the panel.

He said several of the grounds cited in challenging the draft process have never been tested before in court, or have never been fully developed.

Grossman began with an argument that the standards for determining who is exempt from the draft as a conscientious objector discriminate against those who oppose war on grounds of conscience, rather than religion.

"There tends to be quite a confusion in the minds of everyone between conscience, morality and religion," said Grossman. "Conscience can exist in at least as profound a form without religion."

He maintained that the Constitution protects a man from acting against his conscience before local draft boards or draft appeals boards.

He claimed this placed draft registrants at a distinct disadvantage because they are young, "cowed by authoritarian figures" and cannot adequately express themselves.

"Aren't you just arguing that a better draft law should be written?" inquired the judge.

Weinstein replied that the 6th Amendment of the Constitution requires that defendants in criminal cases be represented by counsel. He maintained that the draft board hearing for a young man who plans to refuse induction is in effect the first stage of a criminal proceeding against him.

"Pretty soon, you'll require a man to have a lawyer to go to the bank to get a loan," said Zirpoli. "Let's not carry this to extremes."

Discrimination Claim

Terry Francois, a Negro member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, argued that the draft process violates equal protection provisions of the Constitution.

Francois maintained that there is racial discrimination nationally in the composition of draft boards. He said that the 1967 Marshall Report on Selective Service showed that although Negroes represent 5.6% of California's population, only 1.6% of the state's draft board members are Negro.

"This is a case of institutionalized discrimination," said Francois.

Grossman said that increasing resistance to the draft is expected to result in 500 indictments for induc-

Wilkinson Playing Politics in Contract Quiz, Yorty Implies

BY PAUL HOUSTON
Times Staff Writer

Mayor Sam Yorty Wednesday strongly implied he feels Councilman Robert M. Wilkinson is "abusing his power" and is trying "to get even with a political adversary" in a council committee's probe of the Sepulveda Basin golf contract.

Yorty said Wilkinson should exercise "reasonable ethics" and remove himself from the investigation by the council's Recreation and Parks Committee.

He noted that Parks Commissioner Mel Pierson, described by Wilkinson as a "key figure" in the disputed contract, worked on behalf of former Councilman John Cassidy when Cassidy opposed Wilkinson in the last election.

"So Mr. Wilkinson is in a position where he can, if he wants, try to punish a political adversary," Yorty said at his weekly press conference.

Wilkinson declined comment.

Ask Subpoena Power

On Monday the councilman and the other two members of the committee voted to ask the full council for power to subpoena

5 Southland Men Killed in Vietnam

Five Southern Californians were listed by the Defense Department

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2 Las Vegas Gamblers Fined for 'Skimming'

LAS VEGAS (UPI)—Two big-time Las Vegas gamblers were fined Wednesday in federal court for skimming money off the top in casino count rooms and failing to report it on tax returns.

Dist. Judge Roger Foley fined Edward Levinson $5,000 and Joseph Rosenberg $3,000. Levinson is the former president of the downtown Fremont Hotel and Rosenberg is an owner of the Riviera Hotel on the Strip.

Both men entered pleas of no contest Wednesday to charges they "wilfully aided and assisted in the preparation of false corporate tax returns for the fiscal year ending in 1963."

The swift court action Wednesday ended a government case which took almost two years to conclude, including a six-month long federal grand jury probe during which more than 100 witnesses were subpoenaed. Singer Frank Sinatra was one of the witnesses.

Occidental Gives Degree to Mehta

Zubin Mehta, music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, was awarded an honorary doctor of music degree Wednesday by Occidental College.

Presentation at the college's 81st celebration of Founders Day, was made by Mrs. Norman Chandler, honorary life trustee of the college. Occidental President Richard C. Gilman lauded the India-born conductor for his achievements in music.

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body's digestive, circulatory and respiratory systems—have been found in tissues surrounding ovarian tumors.

And while these particles have not actually been found in the tumors themselves, he said, crystals of a so far unidentified substance that could be asbestos have been discovered in ovaries examined under polarized light.

Injection Tried

Dr. Graham told delegates that injection of finely ground asbestos into laboratory animals has been followed by malignant changes in the animals' ovaries.

Cancer of the ovaries, he reported, now ranks third in cancer deaths among women. Even more remarkable, he said, is the fact that it has quadrupled in the United States and Western Europe since 1900.

This increase among western women, when compared with the continuing rarity of the disease among the women of Asia and Latin America, suggests a cause peculiar to occidental culture, he said.

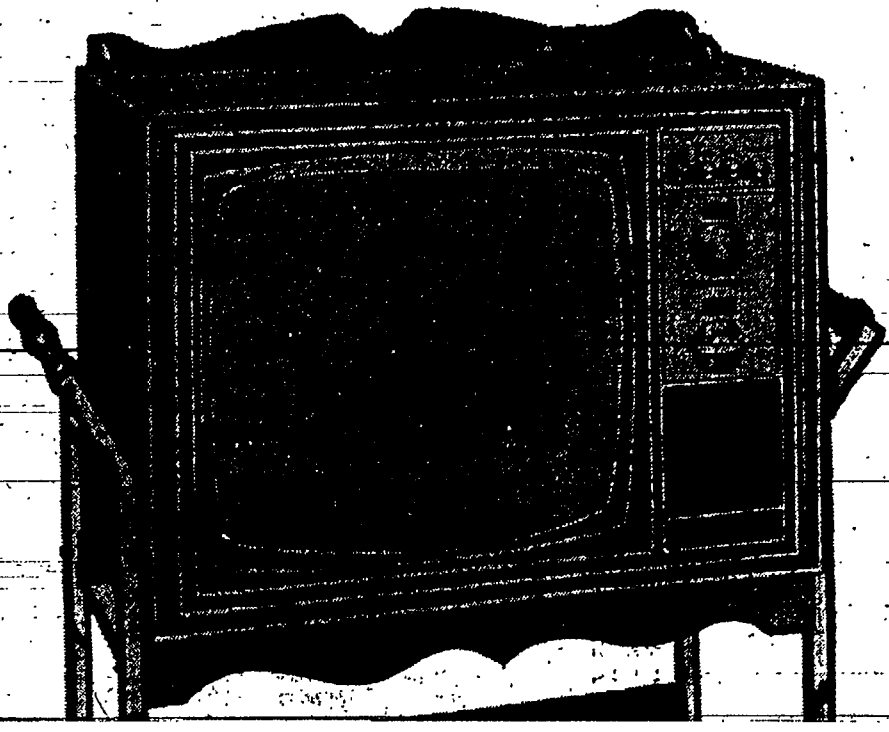
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Asbestos fibers have been found in the lungs of 31% of the men and 20% of the women participating in a Miami study, and in other cities, he noted, the percentages have been higher.

Wildcat Strike Ends

OAKLAND (UPI) — A wildcat strike by members of the Communications Workers of America ended Wednesday at East Bay installations of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. The two-day unauthorized strike by about 1,500 workers was touched off by a grievance over an employee assignment.

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