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of their supreme Atlantic commander, Adm. Jerauld Wright who declared that "one of the reasons the Soviets picked Berlin (for the current showdown) is that naval and marine forces can't get at it."

The four-star American admiral, who heads one of NATO's two international military commands, pointed out that most of the cold war's previous trouble spots have bordered on the sea, where allied sea power — described by NATO Council President Joseph Luns as "second to none" — has given the West decisive advantage.

Called Artificial
Luns, who is foreign minister of the Netherlands, told a press conference that "it is often forgotten that the whole Berlin crisis is an artificial, Russian-provoked crisis" to test the West's unity and resolve.

The tall, English-speaking Dutch statesman, flanked by Adm. Wright and NATO Secretary General Paul-Henri Spaak, said that success in the forthcoming Big Four foreign ministers' conference at Geneva and a possible summit meeting with the Soviet Union later this summer "depends on whether on the Russian side there is a real desire to negotiate."

He said there will be something gained if only to show whether or not the Russians are sincere. If they do reconfirm the western powers' rights in West Berlin, which Khrushchev challenged last November with "not the slightest reason," then there is some chance

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ing shipped to Basra, Iraq's main Persian Gulf port, under a pretext of being repatriated to their country of origin. They would be given Iraqi nationality immediately upon their arrival, possibly for use as soldiers in the armed forces of leftist Premier Abdel Karim Kassem, the sources added.

More Expected

That Egyptian agency without giving a source, added that other ships are expected to carry additional Communist groups to Iraq. Port and police officials of Port Said were reported to have had difficulty going aboard the Gruzia to make a routine check.

Port Said said other Russian ships loaded with arms had passed through the canal last week and headed for Iraq, while their papers gave their destinations as ports of Yemen and Red China.

This report follows accounts in the press of the

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Coast Guard
Races to Aid
Russ Seaman

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Storis was en route to a Russian trawler in the Bering Sea tonight to render aid to a critically injured Soviet seaman.

The emergency aid was being rendered in response to a call to the State Department from the Russian embassy, asking for help in getting the man to a hospital at the earliest possible moment.

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Defeat REPT
Amendments

BY ROBERT BLANCHARD

Times Staff Representative
SACHAMENTO, April 6. Gov. Brown today scored a decisive victory in his fight for fair employment practices legislation that virtually assured its enactment later in the week.

The test of strength came when the Senate, by a vote of 23-14, rejected changes that Brown said would emasculate the administration-backed bill.

The changes, which were supported by the Senate Finance Committee, were proposed by Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh M. Burns (D-Presno).

Effect of Changes

Basically, they were designed to strip the five-member commission — which the bill would set up to investigate cases of discrimination in employment because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry — of its investigative powers and make it a quasi-judicial body, with the investigative work done by its staff members.

They also would have limited the pay of the commission members to \$50 a day for each commission meeting.

Burns told the Senate that unless his amendments were adopted, there would be nothing to prevent the five members of the commission from running all over the state initiating cases.

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Primary Balloting to
Schools and Fill Pub

BY CARLTO

With an opportunity concerning the city tax rate, important municipal offices at approximately a million votes today at the regular election.

Approval of Proposition A, the last item on the ballot, would hike the elementary school tax ceiling 35 cents, from \$1.30 to \$1.65 per \$100 assessed valuation; if proposed City Charter Amendment No. 1, heading the list of eight proposed charter revision measures on the ballot, is rejected, the rate next year will go up 15 cents more. Charter Amendment 1 is designed to put the fire and police pension system on an actuarial basis and spread the cost over a 10-year period.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Clerk Walter Peterson yesterday stuck to a previous prediction that only between 35 and 40% of the voters will show up at the polling booths. If it turns out the Clerk doesn't expect even 35% to vote.

The complete ballot today includes contests for eight City-Council offices, four posts on the Board of Education, eight proposed city charter amendments and Proposition A, the school tax measure.

School Contest

The Board of Education contests, which involve not only a city-wide vote but also include several hundred precincts outside of the city, apparently were viewed with other issues for top interest in the election. A slate of candidates backed by the Committee for Better Schools was opposed by

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Cigarette Smoking Called Major
Cause of Increasing Lung Cancer

BY HARRY NELSON
Times Medical Editor

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., April 6 — A panel of the nation's leading cancer "detectives" today condemned smoking as the No. 1 culprit in the rising incidence of lung cancer. Only two of the eight experts made more than a passing reference to air pollution as a cause.

"The fumes haven't been in the air enough years and not enough people have lived there (Los Angeles) long enough to get any big change in the statistics," said Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond, American Cancer Society and Yale University statistician.

"It is true that the lung cancer rate is higher in cities than in rural areas but much of this difference is due to greater cigarette consumption in cities," said another panelist, Dr. Ernest L. Wynder of the Sloan-Kettering Institute, New York.

The rarity of lung cancer

THE WEATHER

No smog today.
U.S. Weather Bureau forecast: Decreasing cloudiness today, becoming mostly sunny this afternoon and tomorrow. High today near 72. Yesterday's high, 66; low, 55.

in a nonsmoking population such as the Seventh-day Adventists, though living in smog-filled Los Angeles, suggest that air pollution by itself plays a rather minor role in the development of lung cancer.

Smoking contributes to more than 80% of the lung cancer in American males, according to available evidence. The death rate for cancer of the lung in white American males has increased from 3.5 per 100,000 population in 1930 to 28 in 1956. In females the rate has gone from 2.1 to 7 during the same period.

Several of the experts, who addressed medical writers on

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CANCER SEMINAR

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the final day of an American Cancer Society seminar, indicated that smog may have far more influence in causing death in people with heart or asthma conditions.

Occupation a Factor

A new study conducted in California has indicated that several groups of workers, including welders, cooks and commercial painters, have a high incidence of lung cancer. The study was reported by Dr. Lester Breslow, chief of the chronic disease bureau of the California Department of Public Health.

"I agree that cigarette smoking seems to be the major cause of the large increase in lung cancer cases," Dr. Breslow said. "But at least a substantial minority, it appears, must be accounted for by occupation."

"Indeed, the whole subject of industrial exposure and cancer needs urgent attention."

Dr. Breslow examined records of more than 500 lung-cancer patients in 13 California hospitals starting in 1950, and found a higher-than-expected lung-cancer incidence among welders, steamfitters, boilermakers and other workers exposed to asbestos, bridge-crane operators in metal fab-

ricating plants; lead, zinc and copper miners; shipboard engine-room workers exposed to petroleum products; construction painters and commercial and restaurant cooks.

Both industry and labor organizations have social obligations to employees for the development of cancer prevention measures, Dr. Breslow said. Industry fears the costs, unfavorable publicity and increasing governmental regulations which might emerge from more general knowledge of such problems, he said.

Trade unions have sometimes stressed extra pay for hazardous occupation, such

as those involving exposures to certain disease risks, rather than emphasizing preventive measures which might be undertaken, he added.

Among the established chemical and physical cancer-causing agents for man, according to Dr. Michael B. Shimkin of the U.S. Public Health Service, are chemicals like arsenic affecting the skin, chromates for lung, nickel for nasal sinuses and lung and naphthylamine for bladder.

Only Two Smoke

Also, ultra-violet radiation, including sunshine, causing cancer after excessive exposure, and radiation from X rays or radioactive materials affecting the skin or the bone marrow. This may

even affect miners of uranium and other radioactive ores.

All eight of the specialists agreed that it has been definitely established that cigarette smoking is a major cause of lung cancer. Only two of the panelists smoked and they smoked pipes.

Dr. Breslow emphasized the potential danger of dyes, aromatic amines, chromate ores and petroleum products, including wax and paraffin, which have been associated with cancer of the scrotum.

In modern industry, he said, new chemical processes are being developed almost faster than they can be catalogued, to say nothing of their being adequately investigated for possible dangers to workers.