

### ACTION TAKEN TO SPEED UP SLUM REMOVAL

Redevelopment Agency Head Given Broader Powers

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The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency took several more steps yesterday to end confusion and overcome obstacles hindering its slum clearance program in San Francisco.

Developments at an agency meeting were:

1. The agency appointed the Bureau of Director James E. Lash, giving him the same authority and responsibilities as city department heads responsible to commissions.

2. Chairman Morgan Gurnea was authorized to attempt to expedite approval in Washington of the San Francisco Housing Authority's two public housing projects and to permit additional slum clearance areas. The housing authority has no direct connection with the Redevelopment Agency but is needed to house displaced families when slum clearance starts.

3. Lash reported that he is working on a proposed amendment to the California Community Redevelopment Law for the elimination of certain slum clearance. He submitted a preliminary report which generally described the bill.

4. The meeting was fully attended by all five agency members for the first time in weeks. Numerous organizations, whose interests were affected by a recent series of Executive orders on the slum clearance delay, sent observers. Philip R. Fyfe, executive director of the county grand jury, was there.

**Duties Clarified**—The duties of Lash were clarified at the suggestion of agency member James E. Strickland, who said that such clarification was necessary if the agency is to be an efficiently functioning body.

"I feel it is incumbent as an agency member to request immediate action to the end that the administrative procedure of the agency be pursued without procrastination and in a manner which dignifies the office of director," Strickland said in a report.

Agency members expressed the desire to find all possible ways to speed the slum clearance program.

When member Paul T. O'Brien was questioned Lash on requests for more details, Lawrence H. Cline said:

"The pertinent question is what can be done to accelerate the schedule. Our position should be to find what can be done."

"What we want to do is to get the thing rolling and get it functioning as it should function."

**Hearing Scheduled**—The agency designated the High School of Commerce auditorium as the location for the public hearing October 11 on the tentative plan for the Western Addition slum clearance project. The hour was changed to 2 to 5 p. m., with the session continuing at 8 p. m., to accommodate all who want to be heard.

In the belief that a suit will be filed making the legality of the proposed Housing Development contract with the city attorney the employment of special counsel, Diamond Heston is not a slum clearance project but the district has been continued by the agency as a "mildred zone."

Slum clearance itself has been upheld in court tests in several other cities.

**E. Ray Marital Row Arrest**  
Mother-in-Law Jails Auto Case Figure

George E. Ray, whose wife allegedly tried to run him down with the family car last year, was arrested outside his residence in Berkeley yesterday morning and charged with disturbing the peace.

Mrs. Lillian A. Young of 2305 Duffly Street, who signed the complaint, told police Ray was trying to talk her down as to not be re-arrested.

On November 18, 1951, an Oakland policeman was killed in a collision while responding to a call that Mrs. Ray was trying to run over her husband.



### DOG RESCUES OWNER IN FIRE

A dog saved her crippled mistress as fire swept two ramshackle rooming houses in West Oakland early yesterday. Arson was suspected in both blazes.

Mrs. Edith Johnson, 41, owner of a building at 825 Market Street, was awakened when her dog, Queenie, barked at her. She managed to get in her wheelchair and was out on her feet when firemen arrived to assist her.

The only other tenant in the building, William Curran, 66, was carried down a ladder to safety through the flames.

Damage to the three-story frame structure was estimated at \$200. Five Marshall James J. Sawyer said the blaze started on the second floor.

Another fire broke out in a rooming house four blocks away in 1030 Market Street five minutes before.

Forty-four persons, including five children, fled to safety as the blaze fanned through the two-story structure. Damage was estimated at \$10,000.

### STUFFED ANIMALS TOSSED OUT OF SUTRO BATHS

A lot of stuffed animals, stuffed cats and all the rest of it, were tossed out of Sutro Baths yesterday. The animals, which were found in the trash, were tossed out of the baths. The animals were found in the trash, which was tossed out of the baths.

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### FATAL CRASH—Shown above is wreckage of the auto and truck which collided yesterday near Livermore. A Stockton couple 2 Die as Car Hits Truck

A Stockton couple met instant death near Livermore late yesterday when their speeding automobile struck a truck on a rain-slicked highway and struck an oncoming truck head-on. The impact of the crash was so great that the car was crushed into a ball.

The crash victims were identified by highway patrolmen as Daniel Robert Barnes, 2018 Elmer Street, Stockton, and his wife, Mary Alice.

The driver of the truck, Paul W. Mason, was on route from Sacramento to San Jose with a load of lumber when he was struck by the car. He escaped injury.

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### BRIDGE SUICIDE BLOCKED

Despondent Bar Patron Crashed in Trip

What might have been the last ride from the Golden Gate Bridge was three days ago for a man who jumped from the bridge. The man was identified as a despondent bar patron.

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