

Teddy Has New Draft Bill

SEN EDWARD M. KENNEDY (D-Mass.) has introduced a bill into the Senate that proposes to revamp the entire Selective Service Act—which includes a lottery type system to replace the present draft. He advocates that 19-year-olds be inducted first with a random selection plan to be set up by the president. Most of the issues contained in Kennedy's bill were rejected by Congress last year.

FIFTH-FOUR ACRES of beach property owned by California Gov. Ronald Reagan was reassessed recently at the prompting of a high school teacher and rose from \$1,500 to \$54,000. The county assessor had set the original assessment at 25 per cent of market value. The new assessment was granted, on behalf of the teacher, by the Los Angeles County Assessment Appeals Board. Asses-

State Universities' Money Bill Battle On In Senate

A BILL, PASSED last week by the House and sent to the Senate, would increase the top age limit for hiring policemen in communities which have civil service requirements from 31 to 35 years old.

DR. ROBBEN W. FLEMING, president of the University of Michigan, said the appropriation recommended this week by the Senate Appropriations Committee in Lansing for his institution was so low "it would have most unfortunate consequences on university operations. The Senate committee has recommended \$61.3 million while Fleming had requested \$75.6 million for this year.

DR. J. VINCENT MURPHY, chairman of the Michigan College of Osteopathic Medicine board of trustees, said he thinks it's time a decision was made on a state supported Michigan College of osteopathic medicine without further delay. He told the State Board of Education that the issue is a shortage of physicians in Michigan and "people want some action."

A BILL PERMITTING city and village councils, county supervisors and boards of education to hold closed-door meetings has been introduced in the House by Rep. Richard Young (D-Dearborn Heights). The public could be barred from such meetings if the local leg-

islative body posted the purpose of the meeting on its chamber doors and printed the purpose in its official minutes.

PROMOTION OF John A. Maters to director of publicity for the Michigan Tourist Council was announced last week by William T. McGraw, the council director. In his new position, Maters succeeds Michael Jones, who recently transferred from the tourist council staff to the State Highway Department's public information office.

ROBERT J. BYERS, an administrator and staff member of the State Office of Economic Expansion for nearly 19 years, retired last week. He is a former Michigan department adjutant and state welfare officer for the American Legion and was executive director of the State Office of Civilian Defense in World War II.

GOV. ROMNEY has directed heads of state departments to recognize and adopt 14 official and uniform state planning and development regions. His directive divides the lower peninsula in 10 master planning regions and the upper peninsula into four.

DETROIT MAYOR Jerome P. Cavanaugh took a hand in the city's newspaper strike last week as he invited representa-

tives of the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press and the Teamsters Union to a meeting next Wednesday to seek a solution to the long tieup. The strike is 109 days old this Sunday.

A BILL ALLOWING cities to tear down or repair unsafe, dilapidated and abandoned buildings, has been reported out of the House public safety committee. From other committees came bills providing, among other things, a \$200 burial benefit for servicemen killed in Vietnam, requiring motorists to stop for school buses inside city limits and making it a misdemeanor to knowingly aid a juvenile runaway.

APPROXIMATELY \$480,000 recommended to go to Oakland University by Gov. Romney has been slashed from the university's budget by a State Senate committee.

STATE, LOCAL ROUNDUP

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

or Philip E. Watson angrily called the ruling "outrageous" and demanded that valuations on 100,000 acres of Malibu Mountain property be raised to \$50 million, an increase in taxes of \$1 million. He said that in fairness, comparable hikes should be made on properties owned by Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Marlon Brando, Edie Adams, 20th Century-Fox Studio and others.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Elmer Brown, president of the International Typographical Union for the past 10 years, were held last week in Colorado Springs, Colo. Brown, 66, died in the Union Printers Home Hospital in Colorado Springs. He had been in poor health for the past several years. Brown took over as president in 1958.

DR. BENJAMIN M. Burroughs, a professor in the medical department of the University of Chicago and a specialist in chest diseases, declared last week that a "myxomatous" lung disease, not linked directly to smoking, is the second greatest cause of adult disability. He said the prevalence of the disease is increasing. The disease, which may be connected with cigarette smoking, has a death rate which may exceed that of lung cancer. The disease is an "emphysema bronchitis syndrome."

TEACHERS this week either were on strike or had threatened to go out on strike in a teacher-crisis that is developing across the nation. Florida officials are still seeking ways to break an impasse in a strike by 22,000 teachers. In Pittsburgh, 1,000 city teachers were asked to leave their jobs at any time. And in Albuquerque, N.M., teachers voted to return to classes after shutting 80,000 children out of school for more than a week.

THREE MAJOR drug firms were fined \$150,000 each in federal court last week for conspiring to restrain trade and monopolize the market in broad-spectrum antibiotics. Federal Judge Marvin E. Frankel sentenced Chas. Pfizer & Co., American Cyanamid Co., and Bristol-Myers Co., which were convicted Dec. 29 on the price-fixing charges after a jury trial.

NEWSMEN HAVE been barred from courtrooms in Las Vegas and New York City by judges who have ruled that pre-trial evidence might be detrimental to defendants. The two instances were apparently the first, growing from adoption two weeks ago by the American Bar Association of the controversial Reardon report that recommends prosecutors, law enforcement officers and the courts to restrict information released to news media about witnesses and defendants in criminal cases.

THE ARMY appealed to Congress last week for an increase of nearly 1,400 per cent in funds for development of an anti-ballistic missile system. Department officials urged approval of a requested appropriation of \$212,000,000 for the system, which has been named Sentinel. This year there is \$22.6 million available.

FUNERAL SERVICES for former U.S. Senator and Democratic majority leader Scott W. Lucas were held last week in Havana, Ill. He died in Rocky Mount, N.C. while enroute to Florida. He was 76.



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