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Historic Sites Threatened

The American Association for State and Local History in the July issue of History News has printed for a leading article "Threat to Historic and Archeological Sites", a discussion of the widespread land condemnation and utilization activities inherent in the new Federal-State Highway program. The article reports that the program threatens many important historical and archeological sites in the United States.

The American Association for State and Local History, with the aid of the National Park Service and the officials of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, has carefully explored the best means for protecting the extant historical arid archeological sites.

Dr. Clifford L. Lord, president of the American Assn. for State and Local History, strongly urges state and local societies and other historical agencies to do the following:

1. Undertake a survey of all the historical and archeological sites in their jurisdiction and provide the state highway authorities with these lists. The survey would coincide nicely with the current inventory of historic sites being prepared by the National Park Service.
2. Contact the state highway authorities and urge that all highway planning units be required to review the historical and archeological sites in their region as they relate to projected highway plans.
3. Wherever possible the governor or some other high official might well be enlisted to have the state highway authorities consider historic sites survey in projected highway planning. Historical agencies should organize supplementary committees of interested citizens to promote a climate of public opinion demanding the action outlined to implement the program.
4. Secure a copy of Policy and Procedure Memorandum 20-7 Issued March 30, 1956, by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads which states the U. S. policy and procedures with regard to archeological salvage.

"The threat to historic sites in America presents our state and local agencies with a real challenge," President Lord observes. "We should respond with a vigorous program of preventive action. It is only

through such action that the nation can be protected from a wholesale destruction of historical and archeological sites and buildings."

One hundred and eighty-two years ago tomorrow, August 1, 1875, Juan Manuel de Ayala, commander of the "San Carlos", entered San Francisco Bay in a small boat, accompanied by his pilots, Jose Canizares and Juan Bautista Aguirre. The expedition, the first to sail the waters of the bay, eventually surveyed and mapped it, giving names to many of its landmarks, such as Angel Island, Alcatraz Island, and San Pablo Bay.

The recent issue of the California Herald, Official publication of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, has for a cover picture a photograph of the chapel of Soledad Mission and for leading stories an article "Father Garces Explores California" by Leo J. Friis, and another entitled "California's Queen of Hearts," by Mildred Yorba MacArthur. Both stories have Monterey as their setting. The Queen of Hearts, is Dona Angustias de la Guerra, "who dominated the social life of Monterey, which was California's capital, in the early eighties." She married Don Manuel Jimeno and, after his death, she became the wife of Dr. James L. Ord. Both men were Monterey residents.

Another article in this magazine dedicated to "Preservation, the Past and Future," is by the late Phil Townsend Hanna, who died in Southern California on June 1st. He wrote of "California Under Twelve Flags," listing the twelve as: The Spanish Empire, The Flag of England, Spanish National Ensign, The Flag of Russia, Russian-American Company, Flag of a Privateer (Bouchard), Mexican Empire, Mexican Republic, Fremont Flag, First Bear Flag, American Flag of 1846, and the Official Bear Flag, which is now displayed over every major State building from Mexico to Oregon, with the U. S. Flag.