



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again, time has whooshed by and summer has suddenly pounced from nowhere! We are looking forward to all the fun that goes with summer, but during the summer months we shall miss the companionship and inspiration which Audubon activities have brought.

The success of the past year's activities is due to the hard work of all of you who served as officers, directors, or committee members, and it is with sincere appreciation that I say "THANK YOU" to all of you:

To Elizabeth Baker for our informative and interesting bulletins; to Peg Smith for our fine programs; to Will Harman for his efficient work as treasurer; to Florence Richardson, her Fiesta Committee, and all those who served in the booth for their hard work in producing and maintaining a very successful activity; to Elizabeth Evans for her chairmanship of Audubon Junior activities; to Margaret Bump for her participation on the board of directors and on several committees; to Carol Boyd and her committee for their excellent management of the Screen Tours; to Kathleen Weber and her committee for laying the groundwork for a more active conservation program; to Marian Harman for her fine publicity releases; and a special "thank you" to Jed McClellan for his excellent planning and outstanding leadership of our field trips, and write-ups about them for our bulletin.

For "Gene" Hebbon, I need a special "THANK YOU" paragraph! "Gene" has been of incalculable help to all of us --

in assisting with the bulletins, in leading bird recognition programs and field trips, and in performing a multitude of necessary tasks "of and beyond the call of duty" as secretary.

Last, but not least, a sincere THANKS to all of you who have attended our activities even though you were too busy to participate actively. Your ready smiles and warm friendliness have done much to make this year a happy one. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

--- Ruth Breckenridge.

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(Editor's note - In the wake of Ruth's many "THANKYOUS", it seems fitting to express to her (in behalf of the Society) our deep appreciation for her sustained interest, inspiration, enthusiasm, time and energy which she has so cheerfully given to Sequoia Audubon during the past year. Along with her responsibilities as President, she has continued to write numerous articles for our bulletin and has given a helping hand wherever needed.

Also - I should like to add another comment to her special "THANK YOU" paragraph to "Gene" Hebbon: After the many interesting contributions to the Bulletin have been compiled into an issue, and the stencils cut, "Gene" has taken over; i.e., she has called for the material, picked up the finished sheets, assembled them (sometimes and sometimes not with the help of other members); stapled the sheets, affixed the address labels, and lastly mailed them.

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THE TRIP TO THE FARALLONS

The boat trip to the Farallon Islands was an exciting success. The limit of thirty reservations was reached well in advance of the date (May 1) set for the trip and twenty-seven people showed up at Princeton early in the morning, garbed for cold wind and spray. Three people were unable at the last minute to go; but all were accounted for before we embarked. The boat was large enough to permit us to move around freely; and there was room enough on the benches etc. for all of us to be seated at one time.

The wind was cold and coats, hoods and neck scarves were welcome.

We began to see ocean birds before we were out of sight of the pier; and the birds put on an ever changing show for us throughout the entire trip. The islands lie thirty miles from Princeton; so we had a sixty-mile round trip.

The most exciting birds we saw were a black-footed albatross (wing spread seven feet) which twice within a few seconds came close enough to our boat to give us a rare opportunity to observe the details of bill and marking before he wheeled on the tip of one wing and sped off; tufted puffins both in flight and perched on the face of the island cliff; a single oyster catcher, at the island; and one sure and several probable pink-footed shearwaters. We saw many California murrets, pigeon guillemots, sooty shearwaters, common loons (both swimming and flying), sea brants, white-winged scoters, cormorants (both double crested and Baird's); and we saw murrelets, auklets, forster terns, Caspian terns, eared grebes (in breeding plumage), marbled godwits, and Heerman and Bonaparte gulls.

I believe all who went would like to go again.

J. Ed. (Jed) McClellan

THE BUNKER HILL FIELD TRIP

On May 14, 1960, we walked slowly along Bunker Hill Road (perhaps a mile each way) and in that very short walk observed over eighty species of plants in bloom and six kinds of fern.

We saw cliff swallows and buzzards and heard a black-headed grosbeak singing, while we were gathering at the dam; and along Bunker Hill Road we saw the following birds: Spotted towhee, wren, valley quail, violet green swallow, sparrow hawk, Bewick wren, chialadee, junco, scrub-jay, red-tailed hawk, Hutton's verio, Stellar jay and linnet.

Some of those who went on the field trip asked that the list of plants observed be published in the Bulletin for future reference.

The list follows:

Ferns: Leatherleaf, maidenhair, coffee, gold-back, wood and licorice.

Flowering plants in bloom:

California poppy, ninebark, cow parsnip, hedge nettle, Italian thistle, canyon blue lupin, blue witch, fairy lantern, blue dick, California vetch, American vetch, vervain, snowberry, California honeysuckle, bed straw, blackberry, bee plant, English plantain, common yarrow, tidy tip, narrow-leaf wye-thia, broad-leaf wyethia (mule's ear), pink wild onion, fiddleneck, blue-eyed grass, coffee berry, sweet clover, purple sanicle, blue iris, sticky monkeyflower, agoseris, bellardia, owl clover, blue elderberry, scarlet pimpernel, blow wives, birds-eye gilia, Pacific stonecrop, collinsia bicolor, wind poppy, bindweed, stemless morning-glory, Indian paintbrush, buckeye, blue larkspur, sow thistle, yerba santa, Indian pink, prickly lettuce, corn salad, cream bush (in bud), miners' lettuce, woodland star, wild lilac (ceanothus thyrsoiflora), western wallflower, Indian warrior (lingering blossoms), ramnus crocea,

(The Bunker Hill Field trip (cont) )

pearly everlasting flower, western burning bush, holly-leaf cherry, yerba buena, strawberry, pitcher sage, clematis, star flower, gamble weed, green-stem fillaree, harvest brodiaea, white lupin, blue bush lupin, wild oats, toyon, Madrone (lingering blossoms), buttercup, bull thistle, poison hemlock, curly dock, yellow lotus, mustard, creek dogwood, columbine and geranium.

J. Ed. (Jed) McClellan

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It is only by each member doing his share and by taking his turn in accepting responsibilities of the various offices and committees that Sequoia Audubon can continue to flourish and exert a lasting influence in the efforts to preserve the natural resources of our country.

If you have been on the inactive list, before declining to accept an office or to serve on a committee, ask yourself this question, "isn't it my turn?" You don't know how rewarding you will find the time given in active participation with other members. Try it and see!

--- Elizabeth Baker)

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MAY 12 - MEETING

The Laurel Reynold film, "An Island in Time" was shown, and proved to be even lovelier than was anticipated. The film was devoted to the many natural beauties of Point Reyes, our newly proposed National Park.

There were scenes along the coast showing unspoiled beaches, many water birds and seals basking on the off shore rocks. We saw deer browsing in meadows near stands of virgin forests. Wildflowers grew in profusion and included the yellow grindelia or "gum plant" which brightens the land near the coast.

An historical note was introduced by showing the spot where Sir Francis Drake landed many years ago and placed a marker

claiming the land which he called "New Albion" for Queen Elizabeth of England.

The whole film was a plea for the preservation of all this natural beauty and ended with the hope that man would never use this area for commercial or residential purposes but permit it to remain untouched for all to enjoy.

--- Ida B. Smith  
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CONSERVATION

Now that Senator Kuchel has come out in favor of the Wilderness Bill, letters are needed to Hon. Charles M. Teague, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., reminding him of this fact, and urging him to support the bill.

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"A bill, called the Chemical Pesticides Coordination Act, has been introduced into the House by Hon. Leonard G. Wolf. The principle of this bill would require any Federal department or bureau engaging of planning to engage in a program or operation utilizing insecticides, herbicides or other chemicals for mass biological controls to consult in advance with the Fish and Wildlife Service and the appropriate State Wildlife authorities. This may lead to minimizing losses in wildlife."

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MAY 12 - THURSDAY - 8 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, BURLINGAME RECREATION CENTER

Mrs. Jack Hebron will show her bird slides which we all enjoy so much. By adding a few new ones each time, the list is becoming quite impressive.

It will also be our good fortune to see a new film made by Mrs. Laurel Reynolds called, "An Island in Time." This film was taken on the Point Reyes Peninsula--scene of our proposed National Park. This area covers 52,000 acres of spectacular coastal land, stands of Douglas fir and redwoods, and many forms of wildlife. Those of you who attended Mrs. Reynolds' Screen Tour will certainly want to see her latest film. Everyone come and bring a friend. Be sure to mark this event MAY 12 on your calendar.

-- Peg (Ida B.) Smith

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MAY 14 - SATURDAY - Field Trip along Bunker Hill Road. Meet at San Mateo Creek Dam on Skyline Blvd. near Crystal Springs Road at 8:30 A.M.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4 - Field trip to Butano Fire Trail to see Rhododendrons. Meet at intersection of Skyline Blvd. and Half Moon Bay Road at 8:30 A.M. Bring lunch.

--J. Ed. (Jed) McClellan

Jed McClellan reports complete sell out of reservations for boat trip to Farallon Islands on May 1.

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CONSERVATION OUR MAJOR CONCERN

In recent issues of the bulletin we have frequently emphasized that the principal objective of Audubon Society is the conservation of natural resources. Like the weather, conservation is a subject which people frequently talk about, but all too often they are unable to convert their ideas into positive action.

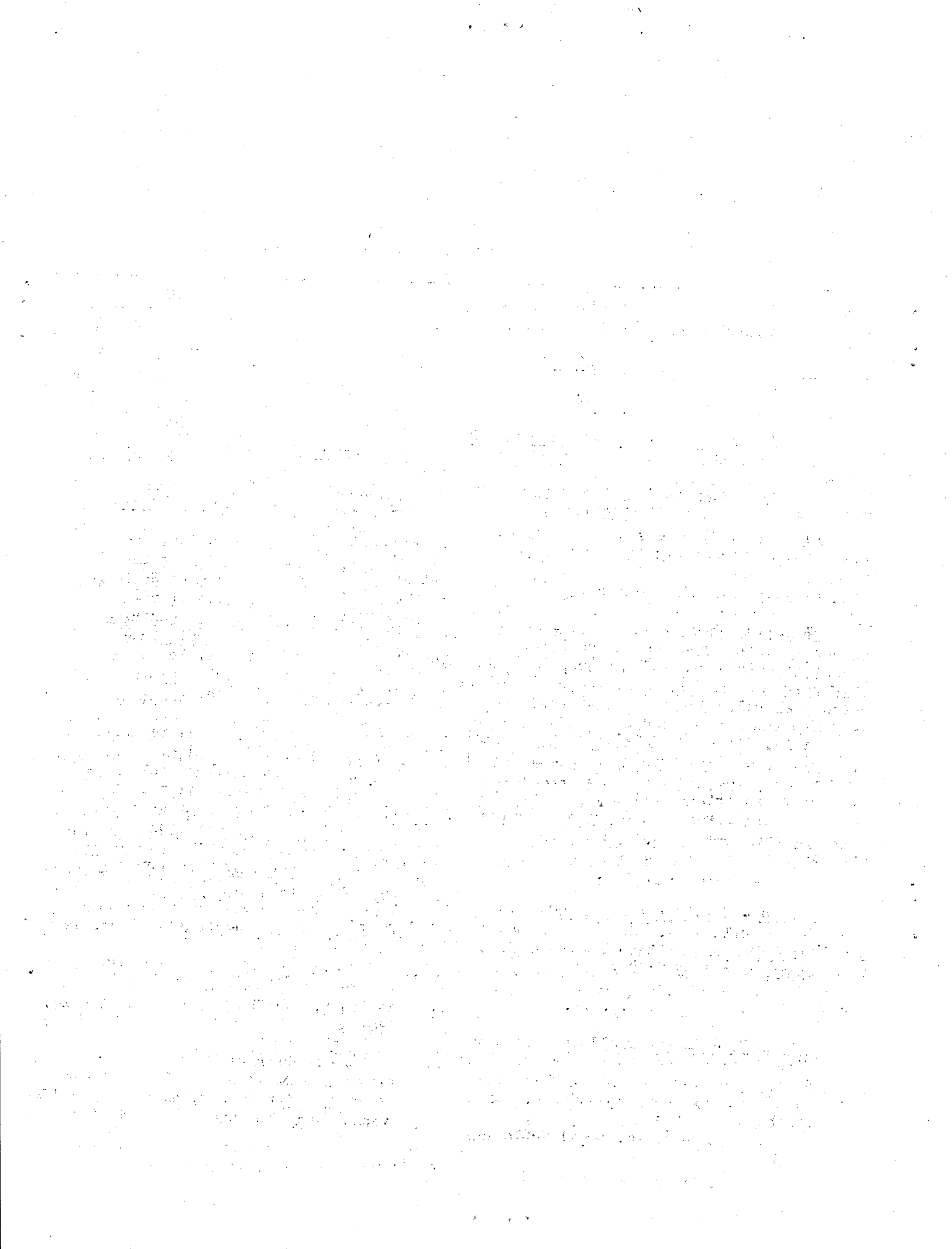
In order to implement a positive conservation program, the Board of Directors of Sequoia Audubon Society early this year passed a motion that our society make the development of a program of conservation of natural resources in San Mateo County one of its major projects. Our able conservation committee, consisting of Miss Kathleen Weber, Mr. J. Ed. McClellan, and Mr. Will Harman, has been working on this program and is planning a report to our membership in the near future. --Ruth Breckenridge, President

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DON'T OVERLOOK THE ATTACHED PINK SHEET - "Save a Space - Audubon Convention, Asilomar, Pacific Grove MARCH 25 - 28, 1961."

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Gene Hebron will not resume her bird walks until next fall as she will be on vacation in May, and others will be vacationing in June, July and August.



BUTANO CREEK FIELD TRIP, MARCH 26, 1960

On March 26, 1960, a group of members and visitors made the annual trek to Butano Creek to see the skunk cabbages in bloom and to enjoy the many other wildflowers and the ferns and trees growing in that delightful area.

We drove down Tunitas Canyon from Skyline Boulevard and there enjoyed an extra dividend of beauty on the way.

We found the skunk cabbage in full bloom and saw the usual display of trillium, checker lillies and other wildflowers. We chalked up a list of 27 species of birds

J. Ed (Jed) McClellan

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"The Whittier Observer," Audubon Bulletin of Whittier, California, for Apr. 1960, states the following under heading "Conservation Notes - Mrs. J. H. Comby":

"Chain-reacting effects of Compound 1080, Sodium Fluoroacetate, continue to mount apprehension among conservationists. Widespread reports on the effects of this dangerous insecticide have disseminated the information to the public.

Now, if you wish to add your voice to the protest against the use of this poison in California, write to:

Hon. Samuel R. Geddes, Chairman Assembly Interim Com. on Agriculture, Sacramento, California, supporting Assembly Bill 1996 to outlaw the use of Compound 1080."

There is an opinion that Governor Brown will veto this bill, so a letter to him, as well as to Assemblymen Carl A. Britschgi and Louis Francis of our 26th Dist. will be most effective.

Audubon Bulletin of Monterey Peninsula Audubon Soc., "The Sanderling," for April 1960 states:

"The Wilderness Bill still needs your help. For some unexplained reason

it is still bottled up in the Senate Interior Committee. Senator Kuchel has finally come out in favor of it. We need letters now to Hon. Charles M. Teague, House of Representatives, urging his support of the bill, when it reaches the House."

A bulletin recently published by the Regional Forester, California Region, U. S. Forest Service states:

"There are 82 wild and wilderness areas set aside in 73 national forests in 13 states across the nation. They include typical areas of the Rockies, the Sierra Nevada, and the Cascades; they are found in the mountains of the southwest and in the Appalachians in North Carolina.

"Areas to qualify ..... shall have no roads or other provision of motorized transportation, no commercial timber cutting, and no occupancy under special permits for hotels, stores, resorts, summer homes, organization camps, hunting and fishing lodges, or similar uses. The area must be larger than 100,000 acres. Wild areas vary from 5,000 to 100,000 acres. .... California has a total of 1,648,664 acres dedicated to wilderness out of the 24,126,175 acres included in the national forest boundaries. There are 1,005,011 acres in the four wilderness areas and 643,653 acres in the 14 wild areas of the State.

"In California, the High Sierra wilderness of 393,945 acres stretches along the crest of the Sierra Nevada with many mountain peaks above 14,000 feet elevation. The Marble Mountains is 214,543 acres; the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel - 111,091 acres; the Salmon Trinity Alps - 285,432 acres. All have breath-taking beauty. The 14 wild areas range from as high as 13,000 feet in the Hoover Wild Area on the Inyo and Toiyable Nat'l. Forests to low elevations with an ocean view as in the Ventana Wild Area on Los Padres Nat'l. Forest."

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Registrations now being taken for Audubon Camp. Five 2-week sessions June 19-August 27. A deposit of \$20 sent to Nat'l. Aud. Soc., 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, will hold a place for you. minimum age 18. Sessions limited to 50 campers.

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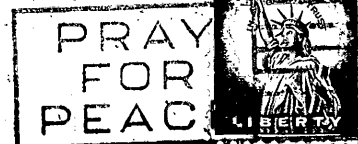
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