

# Moving Of Dana Library Delayed

Armed with petitions of 2,500 names approximating 50 residents from the Division Three district of Los Angeles protested the discontinuation of the Richard Henry Dana library before a meeting of the library commissioners July 16 and secured a reprieve until September 1.

Lack of funds is given as the reason for closing the branch library but Councilman Hampton is making every effort to reduce the city library expenses in a less injurious department. It has been learned that the library department of the city pays \$29,000 yearly for water and power service from the department of water and power of Los Angeles.

Hampton is making every effort to secure this service free as many other city departments receive it. This gain in finances would be enough to keep the Dana library and others affected by this threat open.

Spirited by the thought of losing the Richard Henry Dana library, Mrs. Marvin Graham and Mrs. Gladys Eckenwieler circulated petitions and secured 2,500 names in two days. Merchants in the district helped secured names by accepting petitions to be signed. Churches in the neighborhood also helped in the movement.

It was pointed out to the library officials that the local library serves four schools and that the children in these schools would suffer greatly by the moving of the branch. The nearest library is the Lincoln Heights branch at 2530 Workman street, about a mile away.

A decrease in circulation from 10,000 books a month to 4,000 is given as the main reason for moving the branch. This decrease

caused the cost of distributing books to rise from seven to nine cents each.

Mrs. Marvin Graham says "by increasing the circulation of the library books in this district, the residents can help retain the library." Individuals who wish to see the library remain as it is can be of help by writing their wishes to the city councilman.

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## Dana Library of Closing

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The residents of Cypress Park have emphatically indicated their need and desire for library service. Petitions signed by approximately 3000 residents were presented by a delegation of prominent people from this community at a recent meeting of the Library Board. A group of fifty people, headed by Councilmen Hampton and Thrasher, Rev. Donald Swain of the Cypress Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Harry J. Hill of the Cypress Park Christian church, Mrs. Thompson, president of the Parent-Teacher Association of Aragon Avenue school, Mrs. Rolar, president of the P.T.A. of Florence Nightingale junior high school, Mrs. Edgar Eckenweiler, representing Franklin High School P.T.A., Mrs. Zellah Hinshaw, treasurer of the Ladies' Auxilliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Mrs. David Buck, chairman of the Cypress Park Advisory Council and Mrs. George Satterfield, member of the Council, and Mrs. Marvin Graham, president of the Library Book club, attended this meeting and appealed to the board to keep this library open. Fred Vieth, foreman of the Southern Pacific Railroad shops, made a special plea for library service in behalf of the many children of the community who will find it difficult to visit other libraries because of traffic hazards.

Mrs. Buck, chairman of the Cypress Park Advisory Council, has given the matter her full support and is working in every way to save the library for Cypress Park. Mr. LaBianca, manager of the Gateway Stores, has also expressed a vital interest in keeping the Richard Henry Dana library in this neighborhood.

The residents of Cypress Park are very grateful to Councilman Hampton for presenting this resolution to the Council, and to Councilman Thrasher for giving it his support. They sincerely hope that the request for this service, amounting to the comparatively small sum of \$20,000, will be granted, and that Richard Henry Dana library and other branches may be kept open permanently.

## Cypress Park Citizens Sign Library Petition

Although residents of the Cypress Park area are making heroic efforts to keep it open, the Richard Henry Dana Library, located on Pepper Avenue, may be closed September 1. If Councilman, Roy Hampton's resolution, asking the Department of Water & Power for a refund for water and light to the library, is rejected, further curtailments in library service will have to be made. The present library budget is \$400,000 less than it was 10 years ago, and several of the branches in other parts of the city have already been closed for lack of funds. Bret Harte Branch, located at 508 E. 23rd St., and Henry David Thoreau Branch at 3976 S. Hobart Blvd. were closed July 1. Figueroa Branch, located at 501 W. 80th St., and Alessandro Station at 2641 Partridge Avenue, will be closed August 1.

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