



BUNKER HILLS LANDMARK IN DANGER
... Sons of the Revolution building on Hope St.

L.A. INDEPENDENCE HALL

Historic Building In Peril

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LOS ANGELES — Caught in the jaws of the gigantic Bunker Hill urban renewal project is a beautiful, well-preserved rep-

lica of Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

It is doomed for demolition or removal from its site at 427 S. Hope St., unless its owner, the California State Society of Sons of the Revolution, can successfully rally the support of other patriotic and civic-minded groups.

The Citizen-News Publications learned this today during an exclusive interview with Joseph H. Jenkins, society president.

"No move against us has yet been made by the Community Redevelopment Agency," he said, "but we know it is coming, and we intend to fight to save this building, which is a complete replica except for being slightly smaller than the original Independence Hall and having no tower."

"There would have been a belfry tower, but a city ordinance in 1927, at the time our building was erected, prevented such an addition to a downtown structure."

Will Seek Help

"To help us in our campaign to save this building, we're going to call on other patriotic groups, such as the national Society of Sons of the Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution and perhaps the American Legion."

"Our building is only a half block from the Los Angeles City Library, and many people interested in genealogy come to us from there. Moving our building would work a hardship on them, also. But big government wants to wipe the area clear of all buildings so that it can have things its own way in city planning."

"We're not tax-supported but believe in paying our own way. We're free of debt and our library, with its more than 21,000 volumes of genealogy, some of which were published as far back as 1873, is maintained by our 600 members."

The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., recently singled out the local library as "one of the finest genealogy libraries in the world."

Membership

Incidentally, the Sons of the Revolution was founded in 1876 and is older than the Sons of the American Revolution, with

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WHILE OUR ATTENTION is glued on Southeast Asia, we are missing the usual diversionary tactics used by the Communist world... this time in Africa, Cyprus and Yemen.

The Congo is imminently threatened with anarchy and a resulting take-over by Red-backed leaders... North Rhodesia is in trouble... the Cyprus situation could break any minute into a Graeco-Turkish war... Nasser is accepting our money for his "improvised" people and diverting it to Russia in exchange for armaments to maintain troops in Yemen and subjugate the local citizenry to the tune of \$25,000 a day.

He now has a striking force that could give Israel trouble if our eyes were diverted by a Graeco-Turkish war, an African coup, plus a Red China move in Southeast Asia... and under those circumstances he might believe the calculated risk worth the chance.

A series of bonfire wars coming to a peak at one time could place Russia in a position where she either had to push the button or lose face throughout the world.

The pressure point is high... let's hope neither Russian nor United States leaders will be so foolish as to let local satraps push the world into an atomic holocaust.

Certainly the swift and forthright action of the President backed up by the Congress should let Russia and Red China know in no uncertain terms that we will not be trifled with... and they will call off their troublemakers before we're all in a mess.

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