

## Camp Matthews Transfer Ceremony

**September 1, 1964**

A public ceremony will be held on Tuesday afternoon, October 6, to mark the formal transfer of the Marine Corps rifle range, Camp Matthews, to the University of California as an integral part of its San Diego campus.

Participants will include President Clark Kerr of the University; Major General Bruno A. Hochmuth, Commanding General of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot; Rear Admiral L. C. Coxe, CEC USN, Director, Southwest Division, Bureau of Yards and Docks; and Herbert York, Chancellor of UCSD.

Specially invited guests will include officials of the City of San Diego, Regents of the University, and members of the San Diego legislative delegation.

The ceremony will open at 3:30 p.m. with a concert by the Marine Corps Recruit Depot band. The actual ceremony will start at 4:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the event, University and Marine Corps representatives stressed.

The 577 acres of Camp Matthews will bring the San Diego campus to a total size of 1235 acres. Included in the 577 acres are approximately 25 acres of City-owned land which the University has an option to buy. Approximately 112 acres of the 577 will be necessary for the new U.S. 101 freeway, which will extend through the campus area.

The University's initial plans for the Matthews area include the use of permanent buildings of the camp as temporary administrative offices and the construction on the site of the new School of Medicine. Work on the School's first building is expected to start in 1965. Campus administrative offices., now principally housed in Building B of The First College, will move to the Matthews area in 1965, except for the Office of the Chancellor.

The acquisition of Camp Matthews from the Federal Government was one of the conditions originally set by The Regents in July, 1958, for the establishment of a general campus on Torrey Pines Mesa.

The bill transferring the property to the University was signed by the late President Kennedy in September, 1962. A bill had first been introduced into Congress by Representative Bob Wilson. However, the bill signed by President Kennedy was a Senate measure introduced by Senator Thomas Kuchel and the late Senator Clair Engle. Occupancy of the camp has awaited the completion of a new \$8 million rifle range at Camp Pendleton's Stuart Mesa. The last shots were fired at Camp Matthews, a Marine Corps rifle range since 1918, on Friday, August 21.

Camp Matthews is located at the intersection of present U.S. Highway 101 and Miramar Road. Eventually the present 101 will be closed in that area and Miramar Road moved to the south, linking the two portions of the campus into a single unit.