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allowance for this new growth spurt. Also, we have planned for 5 years rather than 3 years as we did in 1966 so that we have some leeway in case San Diego's rate of growth exceeds our expectations.

30) Q. What will this big building program do to the racial balance in our schools?

A. That's another problem--one that requires a separate solution. What this bond issue will do is to guarantee each child a desk and necessary equipment, in a modern, safe classroom, regardless of race, creed or color. Where it is and how he gets to it is a policy decision for the Board of Education.

31) Q. Don't the minority areas feel they have been shortchanged in past bond issues?

A. Yes. This bond issue, however, provides not only new schools but replacement and modernization of older schools and equipment particularly in Southeast and East San Diego.

32) Q. This may make sense for people with kids. But what about the rest of us?

A. Good schools are the best investment a community can make for its own prosperity. The school system is the first thing a corporation looks at when it examines an area for new plant sites. Schools reflect a community's pride and planning. We are entering San Diego's third century. It is only fitting we plan for those who will live through that century.

33) Q. Have San Diego voters ever failed to approve a school bond issue?

A. Only once. In 1935. But we are not overconfident this year.

34) Q. Who is supporting this bond issue?

A. A broad-based committee, People United for School Bonds, headed by businessman Abe Polinsky and consisting of more than 70 other business and civic leaders and organizations.

35) Q. With that kind of support, why are you worried?

A. Because a bond issue requires two YES votes for every NO vote and that is hard to get.

36) Q. Why did you call a special election rather than put this on the ballot in November when the voter turnout might be higher?

A. Another good question. Last November, we felt, we would have a hard time mustering voter interest during a presidential election. And next fall's municipal election is too far off. We need to get going on new construction now.