

ASHRAMA SEQUEL

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Since publication of the last *Bulletin* there has been further news concerning the fate of the Assembly's Ashrama in Tuttle Creek Canyon near Lone Pine.

Through the efforts of local students to save the building from destruction, some concession by the Forest Service has been made. Although the building, erected by dedicated hands of the members through many years, has now passed from us and is government property, we have their promise that the building will not be destroyed.

It was impossible to abide by the agreement that the building be occupied for at least ninety days out of each year, and partially for this violation the lease was revoked. The building was to be destroyed, presumably by dynamite, in accordance with the Wilderness Area program which stipulates that all roads and buildings must be destroyed within their boundaries. Whether it was the pleadings of the members and consideration for their wishes, or because the officials were made to realize that blowing up the building would present a problem of disposing of 300 tons of rubble, or for some change in plans, the reason for relenting is not now known to us. The news came on Christmas Eve that the building would be spared, and we understand it may be made available to various groups, such as the scouts, who have been clamoring for it. And we are hopeful too of having the use of it from time to time.