

# Brown hosts a whale of a celebration, says impact could spread over globe

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. hosted California's celebration of the whale Saturday and declared that the exhibit could have worldwide impact.

An estimated 5,000 to 10,000 people — about a third of them children — attended the day long series of exhibits, entertainment and lectures hosted by the Democratic governor at the Sacramento Civic Auditorium.

Brown did not discuss in detail the dispute over the commercial fishing by Japanese and others for the diminishing number of whales in the Pacific Ocean, but said:

"As a mammal, their survival is symbolic of our own."

Brown, who raised funds from several industrial firms, including some Japanese firms, for the event, spent about an hour touring exhibits of environmental groups, state agencies and private firms.

He said the fact that so many thousands of people took part in his "Celebration of the Whale" will "have an impact, not only in California, not only in this nation, but across the world ... people are watching."

He called it "an opportunity for people to enjoy themselves, to learn, to celebrate."

Brown refused to either endorse or disclaim the "Boycott Japanese Goods" buttons that many of the Whale Day exhibitors and guests wore, but he said he personally telephoned and invited the Japanese ambassador to the event.

He said in his invitation, which was

declined, he did not discuss Japanese whaling and said his event would be "a positive day," no one criticizing anyone.

Highlight of the event was a concert slated by entertainers Joni Mitchell and Country Joe McDonald.

Later Brown made an unannounced visit to the California Junior Statesmen convention at a nearby hotel and answered questions from an audience of about 600 high school students.

Questioned about affirmative action programs, a hotly debated issue among the student legislators, Brown said he supports opening government to a wider variety of people, but that he doesn't like quotas or formulas about who to hire or not hire.



## Gallup: US would accept compulsory service for all

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DAVIS—Public opinion pulse-taker George H. Gallup Jr. says America is ready for what he calls "national service," a year of compulsory government service for every 18-year-old man and woman in the country.

"A large majority of young people favor the idea and are ready and waiting to give," Gallup told an audience of students and professors in a weekend speech at the University of California, Davis.

Gallup called upon President-elect Carter to initiate such a program after he takes office Jan. 20.

Carter, Gallup said, "assumes office without the benefit of a New Deal, a Fair Deal, Great Crusade, New Frontier or Great Society.

firm, the elderly, and would rid the nation of slums.

"It would bring people with diverse social backgrounds together.

"And providing meaningful work for young people would do away with idleness and build self-confidence and respect. As a result, I think, one could expect crime and lawlessness to decline dramatically," Gallup said.

The time could be served in military or nonmilitary work, Gallup proposed.

The onetime theology student who followed in his father's footsteps as a pollster hinted that his findings on a number of profound social questions prompted his stand.

Crime has become a major concern in America, despite the fact, Gallup said, "that religion continues to play an important role in the lives of

Sex with teens