



KITE CONTEST—BISHOP PLATEAU *ay*



## CHAVEZ RAVINE

This valley is now the most heavily used area in the park with broad sweeping lawn areas, bifurcated by the road, and groves of fine old trees and picnic areas. The recommended improvements for this ravine include a new lodge, re-organized parking to open up the meadow areas, several streams and small lakes.

The new lodge proposed in the uppermost corner (northwest) will be a building designed to accommodate groups slightly larger than now use the existing lodge. It will have a meeting room with a fireplace, a "self-serve" bring your own kitchen-facility, restrooms and a deck which will project over the little stream coming down the canyon. The style of architecture will be rustic and will reflect the general design philosophy of the park plan. The stream which flows past the lodge will be a closed recirculating system which will originate as a small waterfall at the upper end of the bowl and then will drain down past the lodge and the meadow below it, under the road and into a small lake below and will then be recirculated back to the top of the falls.

The road now bisecting Chavez Ravine will be removed to allow the land to flow together and make one large meadow space which will greatly enhance

the beauty and sense of scale in the valley. Parking will be kept on the periphery of the ravine in small parking lots so that the present parking areas can be removed. Moving south, there is an old grove of Rubber trees which will be increased in size as described in the planting section devoted to plant materials, and a small stream allowed to flow through it to achieve an environment approaching that of a tropical rain forest. This stream will go underground at the edge of the forest and recirculate to the headwaters.

The double row of old *Sylvestris* palms will be retained, but no longer used as a parking lot, and the proposed southerly station for the park tramway will be located here.

