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## SET ANNEXATION TRIAL FEB. 17th

### Torrance Population Gains 25 Per Cent to Pass 5000 Mark

#### LAND OWNERS AND CITY SHARE HONORS IN FIRST HEARING

Court Rules Once in Favor of Torrance, Once for Plaintiff, in Monday Argument Before Judge Shaw

ALLOWS CITY TO PASS ANNEXING ORDINANCE

Jurist, However, Decides City Must Show Cause Why Beach Front Election Shall Not Be Annulled

The Board of Trustees Tuesday night introduced at first reading an ordinance annexing to the city of Torrance the 4000 acres which residents of the Meadow Park tract and other territory involved voted into the city at the recent election. By a court ruling the city will be permitted to pass and publish this ordinance but cannot file official annexation papers with the secretary of state until a decision is reached in the suit now pending.

Honors were even between the city of Torrance and the Huntington Redondo Company in the first hearing of the suit brought by the latter in an effort to annul the annexation election, by which 4000 acres, including three-quarters of a mile of beach, were voted for consolidation with the city of Torrance.

Judge Shaw in Department 8 of Superior Court Monday ruled once in favor of the company and once in favor of the city. He granted the request of the company for the issuance of a writ of review and a court hearing on the legality of the election proceedings. But he also annulled the standing injunction restraining the city from taking further steps in the annexation proceedings and ruled that the Torrance trustees may introduce, pass and publish an ordinance admitting the territory to the city. That part of the injunction which enjoins the city from filing the

election results with the secretary of state still stands, however.

**Hewitt Argues**  
Former Superior Judge Leslie R. Hewitt, special associate counsel for the city, argued Monday before Judge Shaw that the Huntington Redondo Company's petition for a writ of review was not the proper method of compelling the city to show cause why the election should not be annulled. On this point Judge Shaw ruled against the city and ordered issuance of a writ of review. Hearing on the writ, which actually will be trial of the case, was set for Thursday, Feb. 17. At this time the city will endeavor to refute the declarations of the plaintiff that land owned by the Huntington Redondo Company was uninhabited at the time of the election proceedings and will seek to establish the contention that the election was legal in all respects.

**Briney Wins Point**  
After the court's ruling on this point City Attorney Briney then requested the court to lift the restraining injunction against the city. He pointed out that owners of land in the annexed territory will save thousands of dollars in taxes next year if their land is part of the city of Torrance, but that election papers must be filed with the secretary of state by the first Monday in March to get the property on Torrance tax rolls for next year. He said that he believed the court should lift the injunction so that in case the suit is decided in favor of the city before March the territory will become an official part of Torrance in time to make the tax roll transfers. The court said he would permit the trustees to take all proceedings necessary prior to filing with the secretary of state, so that in case of a decision favorable to Torrance the transfers may be made in time, but he enjoined the city from making its certification at Sacramento until decision has been reached.

#### Will Pave Link in Hawthorne Road to Complete Highway

Surveyors were busy this week preparing field data for the paving of Hawthorne road, from Redondo boulevard to Camino Real. This road is now paved from Inglewood to Redondo boulevard and from Palos Verdes to Camino Real. Paving of the piece through the Del Amo ranch will complete the pavement from Inglewood to Palos Verdes. Dr. Det Amo has donated the right of way through the ranch, which is under development by the Chanalor-Carfield Midway Oil Company, and will pay a large part of the cost of the improvement. The balance will be paid by the county. The new pavement is all in the city of Torrance.

#### York Co. Picnic Here Saturday

A large number of Torrance residents will take a half-holiday Saturday afternoon in order to be present at the annual York County picnic at the Women's Clubhouse of Torrance. Several hundred excursions are expected. James W. Post is president of the association and Mrs. George W. Neill secretary.

#### New High Record for Torrance Business Property Price Set as Bank Interests Buy \$50,000 Lot

A new high record price for business frontage in Torrance was established when Bank of Italy interests purchased the property at the northeast corner of Sartori and Marcolina avenues for a consideration said to approximate \$50,000. Reports of the sale came from the offices of the West Lake Development Company, which sold the land. Orra Monette, president of the Liberty Bank, could not be reached this week for confirmation of the report. James W. Leech, manager of the institution's Torrance office, had nothing to say regarding the transaction. It is reported that the Liberty Bank contemplates the construction of a new building on the property. The land comprises 60 feet fronting on Sartori avenue. It is reported that the building now occupied by the bank's office and the Chamber of Commerce here was involved in the deal. The steady increase in value of business frontage in Torrance is revealed by the history of the lot just transferred. In 1922 it changed hands for \$6000. In February of 1923 it was sold for \$25,000. In the fall of 1923 it brought \$32,500. And now it is authentically reported as transferred in a deal involving \$50,000.

#### Observations

A Woman From China—Sees 50 Years of Revolution; The Orient Today in the Light of the World's Recorded History  
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

SAYS a woman who has lived in China for ten years: "China will be in revolution for 50 years. There were 400,000,000 people in China at the last census. There are probably 600,000,000 there now. Ninety percent of them cannot read or write. They speak 300 different languages. Those who believe that China is awakening to a new sense of nationalism do not know China. There can be no nationalism where there is universal ignorance. "China has no leader in the true political sense of the word. A real leader is one who guides his people for their own ultimate benefit and advancement. Every military leader in China since 1917, the year of the birth of the republic, has sought only one thing—financial gain. The generals are all selfish. They are not trying to advance China, but seek only to enrich themselves. That is the new nationalism western writers are prating about."

THIS estimable lady seems to know whereof she speaks. And yet in the light of history the very fact that China has been in turmoil for ten years bespeaks a restlessness that is certain to make for ultimate progress. The great pot now is only boiling. In the bubbling progress some real leaders moved by altruism will come to the surface of Chinese affairs—perhaps not today, perhaps not for years—but some time certainly.

AT the risk of criticism for applying western ideas to China, students of history will agree that although the people of China have not yet caught the idea of China for the Chinese, due to their ignorance and illiteracy, some day that idea will simmer down to the common men and women of the great Oriental country. Because of the scores of languages the process will take a long time—but it has taken a long time all over the world for ideas to take hold of the minds of multitudes.

IT seems to us that nothing will eventually arouse the masses of Chinese as surely as the selfishness of the country's present military leaders. Already, according to our informant, signs of hatred for selfish soldiers in the pay of selfish leaders are seen in the great pot cities. Once let this hatred amalgamate and crystallize into action and the masses of Chinese people will take things into their own hands. Given a real leader they will then smash their way toward real Chinese progress.

IT is absurd to declare that China cannot awaken because the Chinese are ignorant and illiterate. It is also absurd to expect sudden advancement under such conditions. But one can count on one hand the centuries back when white men, who pride themselves on their modern civilization, constituted an almost universally illiterate race.

Public education is almost brand new. A few hundred years have completely altered the destiny of the whites. It may take longer to accomplish the same thing in China. But what are a few hundred years to a race of people which today numbers among its members the 72d great-grandson of Confucius, whose living expenses are paid by a pension which was established by the nation long before Christ was born?

THE very hopelessness of the Chinese situation today as viewed by an informant is the truest sign of future progress. All great historic forward steps have been preceded by darkness and hopelessness. As long as a race is restless it is in flux and moving forward, probably blindly, but certainly and surely, toward higher human things.

New ideas are not born in leisure. They emerge from the blood and bones of men. They are the offspring of terror and trouble. Without knowing much about China, but aware of a little of history, anyone must admit that all signs in the light of recorded human experience point to the fact that China today is in the throes of labor pains, the result of which must inevitably be the birth of deep-rooted new Chinese ideas. The labor pains may last for 50 years, even for a century. For big ideas like big babies are not born easily. But when China emerges with the child of race consciousness and national pride in her strong arms, the whole world will vibrate with the significance of the fabulous delivery.

IT is a thrilling spectacle that occupies the strange stage of the east. As the years ahead unfold the developments we will watch one of the greatest dramas ever developed on earth. There are those who believe that the day will come when the Orient will inherit the earth. For the sake of our sons and their sons to come let us hope that the white statesmen of today will be inspired by something divinely far-sighted, so that today's negotiations between the West and the East will not become tomorrow's hatred. (Continued on Last Page)

#### GLASS CO. TO START MONDAY

Largest Plant of Its Kind in the United States All Set to Go  
EQUIPMENT PERFECTED  
Enthusiasm Over Prospects as 250 Men Make Ready for Work

The largest glass plant of its kind in the United States will be in operation in Torrance next week when production starts at the reconstructed factory of the Torrance Flat Glass Company. Fed by the most up-to-date raw material receiving, storing and mixing system in operation anywhere, the big furnaces which have been fired for several weeks already are partially filled with glass and next week the first plates will move upward to the cutters. The furnaces have all been completely rebuilt and the machinery completely perfected. Results of the reconstruction are evident in the chart rooms, where apparatus shows that the uniform temperature to successful glass production has been obtained. The temperature in the five big furnaces has not varied outside the accepted uniformity for production for weeks.

**Use Modern Methods**  
Production at the plant will be of the Heatord variety, with raw material moving through the various processes with a minimum of motion and energy. The capacity of the raw materials receiving units is 50,000 tons an hour. After materials are dried they are lifted to mixing tanks, from which they are fed into furnaces by gravity and in proper proportions. When glass is drawn automatically from the furnaces it is carried away by an overhead conveyancing system to the cutting rooms, where it is prepared for shipment. S. R. Coates said yesterday that glass buyers are enthusiastic over the company's plant and that orders for glass insure steady production. The plant will operate in three shifts, with about 250 men on the payroll.

#### Vermont Avenue Pavement Strip Half Completed

Work on the first half of the county's paving job on Vermont avenue from 120th street to 165th street was completed last week. The pavement started back to 120th street to start pouring concrete on the other half of this contract. The contractors on this job have worked their crews on a strip just half the width of the new pavement, and are now ready to pave the other half. At 164th street the pavement went west a block to Carlisle and then south a block to 165th. The contractors express no opinion as to when this work from 120th street to Gardena will be completed, because the likelihood of rains is such as to make any estimate hazardous. Under normal conditions they would likely complete the work in six weeks. The fill south of 120th street will not be paved at this time, that stretch having had planned for it only a macadam job until the fill has had time to settle.

#### Billboards Will Tell World About Torrance Progress

The big growth due for Torrance on account of the programs of the Columbia Steel Corporation and the General Petroleum Corporation will be heralded to the passing world on large billboards to be erected along Western avenue in Torrance by the Chamber of Commerce. The billboards have been ordered by the Chamber of Commerce.



#### Deputies Will Be in Torrance 3 Days to Help Citizens Make Out Their 1927 Income Returns

Continuing the policy inaugurated several years ago of taking on the government to the people, Collector of Internal Revenue Galen H. Welch yesterday assigned 30 deputy collectors to visit practically every community in Southern California and assist the 200,000 or more taxpayers who will file returns this year in preparing their annual reports of income. Hundreds of requests have been made for this service, which will begin Feb. 14. The deputies will open branch offices and aid taxpayers in arranging their returns, and the returns may be filed with the deputies. Deputies will be at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Feb. 15, 21 and 23. "The duty of these deputies," said Collector Welch, "is not only to see that taxpayers include in their returns all taxable income, but to likewise safeguard the taxpayer's interests by making sure that in filling out his return he receives the benefit of every exemption, credit and deduction that the law allows. In other words, the deputies' instructions are to receive an absolutely fair deal and be thoroughly advised as to his rights." Collector Welch calls attention to the fact that due to the larger territory to be covered in a short time it will be impossible for

#### Supervisors Adopt \$2,000,000 Road Reconstruction Program

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has authorized the expenditure of \$2,000,000 in a program to reconstruct main trunk highways in the county road system during 1927. The resolution was presented by Supervisor Fred T. Beatty, in charge of the county roads. The roads, it was explained, were practically all built under the original bond issue, and will be paid for from the special road improvement fund. This work, Mr. Beatty stated, would be started immediately, and be finished before winter rains set in. The work will include the following roads: Inglewood-Redondo road, from Inglewood to Gould lane, \$200,000. Inglewood-Redondo road, from West Inglewood line to Los Angeles city limits, \$500,000. Harbor boulevard, from 120th street to Wilmington city limits, \$600,000. Downey-Norwalk and Orange County line road, \$160,000. Vernon-Downey road and Crawford street, \$225,000. Monterey Pass road, \$100,000. Pomona boulevard, from Bassett easterly, \$300,000. Norwalk-Puente Mills road, from Whittier boulevard to Telegraph road, \$175,000. Riverside-Redondo road, from Compton to Figueroa street, \$125,000.

#### Large Moonstone Is Brought Up at Local Water Well

Workmen drilling the second water well for the Columbia Steel Corporation picked up a large moonstone which came up from a depth of about 250 feet. The stone was presented to William L. Booth, plant general manager. It is about one and one-half inches in diameter. Mr. Booth plans to have it cut up into small stones.

#### CENSUS IN SCHOOLS IS KEY

Enrollment of Students Increased by 23.8 Percent Since Feb., 1926  
5288 PEOPLE IN THE CITY  
Estimate Obtained by Accepted Method Is Considered Conservative

That the population of Torrance has increased by almost 25 percent is indicated by comparison of Torrance school enrollment of February, 1926, and that at the start of the second semester this year. When the second semester opened last year 1068 students were in attendance at the high and elementary schools. The enrollment at the two schools at the opening of the second semester this year was 1322, an increase of 254, or 23.8 percent.

The high school enrollment last February was 354, as compared to 422 this year—a gain of 68. At the elementary school in February, 1926, there were 714 students. This year at the start of the second semester there were 900 in attendance for an increase of 186. The present enrollment at the schools indicates that the population of Torrance today is about 5288. This estimate is obtained by multiplying the present school enrollment of 1322 by 4, a process which is considered conservative. The population of Torrance last year on the same basis was 4272. It is apparent that the population of the city today is about 1000 greater than it was at this time last year—a conclusion that is supported by the present demand for homes and the few house vacancies in the city.

#### Ten Nominated For Directorate Of Local C. of C.

Only Ninety-five Out of 250 Ballots Are Cast in Primary

With only 95 out of a possible 250 ballots returned, ten nominees for directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were selected Monday afternoon. The five incumbents led the list of ten nominees. The nominees and the number of votes each received are as follows: J. W. Post, banker, 47; W. Harold Kingsley, editor, 41; George Proctor, industrial executive, 36; James W. Leech, banker, 29; Dr. George P. Shilder, physician, 25; J. W. Barnes, merchant, 11; Harry Dolley, druggist, 11; J. C. Smith, realtor, 10; Alfred Gaudier, postmaster, 9; Charles T. Rippey, attorney, 9. Judges of the election were Harold Gutfenfelder, Alfred Gaudier, J. R. Jensen, Harry Dolley, Charles T. Rippey. Members soon will receive ballots bearing the names of the ten nominees and will vote for five in the final election. Everything in billings materials. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

**BILL THE BARBER SAYS**  
About the only time a horse gets scared nowadays is when he sees another horse.