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Lessing Answers Two Queries On Charter Draft

Tells Why City Manager and Ward Plan Was Held Not Feasible

"Why has the proposed City Charter not provided for a city manager?" and "Why does it not provide for a ward or councilmanic district set-up?" were the two commonest questions asked during the past week of City Judge Robert Lessing, secretary of the board of Freeholders who drafted the proposed charter that will be voted on March 16. Judge Lessing's reply follows:

"These two issues were thoroughly considered during the ten months of meetings by the Freeholders. Our original draft of the charter included a division of the city into five wards, each of which was to select its own representative on the council. When the original draft was submitted to the University of California and other municipal authorities, this one point was more strenuously objected to than any other in the entire charter.

"They pointed out that the ward system is of value only in cities covering such a large area that it would be difficult for the councilman in one extreme corner of the city to be acquainted with the problems of the opposite end of the city.

"Tends to Favoritism. "In a municipality of our size, all that a ward system could accomplish would be the encouraging of petty politics. A councilman elected from one particular neighborhood would realize that he was responsible

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Steel Firms Plan Huge Expansion

More than \$200,000,000 will be spent by the steel industry during 1937 for new construction and equipment, according to estimates received by the American Iron and Steel Institute from 85 companies constituting more than 90 percent of the total capacity of the industry.

Unprecedented demands for steel during the year by industries making products bought by ultimate consumers created the need for a major part of the new equipment to be installed by the steel industry.

The amount budgeted for 1937 represents an increase of about 45 percent over the total of \$200,000,000 estimated by the industry a year ago as the sum to be spent for new equipment during 1936.

Tabulation of the actual expenditures by the industry during 1936 for capital improvements shows that the estimates made a year ago proved about \$16,000,000 too low. At the time the estimates for 1936 were made the industry was operating at only about 50 percent of its capacity, whereas in the last six months of the year operations averaged about 75 percent.

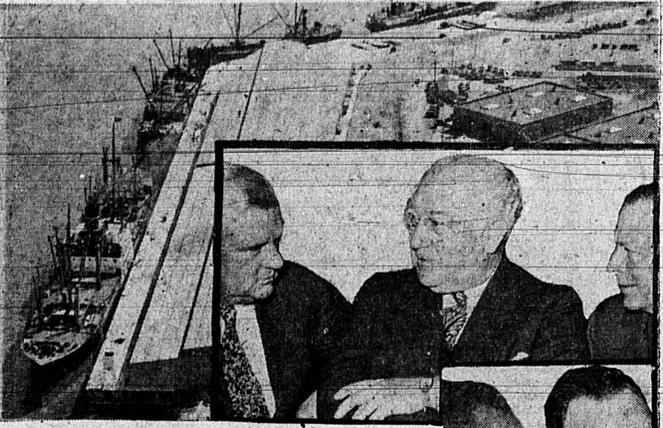
Dear Mr. Eater-Out...



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Ships to Move Again as Leaders Bring Peace



Pictured at the final conference of shipowners and maritime strike leaders to discuss the peace referendum are, upper row: Roger D. Latham, president of the American-Hawaiian Line; E. Stanley Dollar, head of the Dollar Line; William F. Roth, president of the Matson Line; lower right: E. A. Burke, of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union, talking into the ear of Harry Bridges, head of the longshoremen.

THREE-MONTH TIE-UP DUE TO END WITHIN 24 HOURS — PORT IS BUSY

Legion Awards Given Four Students

Outstanding features of the advancement program for the Torrance junior high school class last Thursday afternoon and the advancement program for the elementary school's A-F students Friday afternoon were the presentation of the annual American Legion awards.

Commander Pat Boyle announced the winners—a boy and a girl in each class—who excelled in honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and citizenship. High school seniors receiving the bronze medals, certificates and buttons were Norine Schroeder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schroeder of 803 Sartori avenue, and Darlo Chavez, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Chavez of 708 Amapola avenue. At the elementary school program, the leader of Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, gave the awards to Jacqueline Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook of 2611 Arlington avenue, and Laurence Gandysey, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gandysey of 1610 216th street.

BAN FROZEN FRUIT
Further strengthening of regulations designed to prevent the shipment of frozen citrus fruits has been made by the state department of agriculture.

Man, 80, Skates Across Lake EASTPORT, Me. (U.P.)—F. A. Bibber celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary by skating across Lake Pennakquam.

Charlie Says:
"We could proceed 'ad infinitum' with our own brand of yarn or funny (?) squibs in this space each week, but we'd much rather let our readers do the yarning, and what's more... make a few dollars.
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Truce Marks Fight On L.A. Tax Validation

Next Legislative Move Due After March 1 At Sacramento

The next move in the battle of Los Angeles county officials to have the state legislature validate the county and school district levies of 1933-34, which were ruled illegal in part, will not be determined until after the legislature reconvenes on Monday, March 1, it was learned this week.

Validation of the levy would make it unnecessary to pay approximately 160,000 claims, most of which would go to the wealthy, and necessitate a huge increase in the tax levy to pay it, according to county officials.

Governor Merriam's action in vetoing the bill late last week was not expected by county officials, inasmuch as every school district in the state is concerned over the outcome. Every county has followed the practice of Los Angeles county in levying school taxes, county attorneys state.

Republicans Interested
Several courses are open to the county now that the bill has been vetoed. The county can introduce a new bill, each member of the legislature having the privilege of introducing

the original bill might be adopted over the governor's veto, but county officials believe this will not be attempted.

Politicians representing many and various interests will be busy during the recess arranging to "trade" support for various bills. Some of them will propose trades to the state's chief executive, and the alignment of the school and county tax rate validation bill may be considerably better.

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Orchestra Scores with Classic Program; 'Singing Cop' Soloist

Bursts of applause which saluted the rendition of each movement of three symphonies, applause which resounded from approximately 500 pairs of palms gave ample testimony last Friday night that Torrance residents enjoy good music and wish long life to the Torrance Symphony Orchestra.

Improvisations On the Typewriter

"The splendid turn-out to hear the concert indicates that our people want to hear good music by their own Symphony," Scott R. Ludlow, one of the most ardent members of the Opera and Symphony association, declared during the intermission. "I don't believe there is any doubt about the public's interest and I hope members of the city council are here to see for themselves the way our folks are enjoying the music that the city's \$100 helped provide.

The soloist was the famed "Singing Cop" of Long Beach, Officer George Heller, who won national radio acclaim last August when he appeared on Major Bowes' Amateur hour program. He sang two numbers in his robust baritone, the first being the song with which he scored his radio hit, Del Rigo's "Homing," and the second, the inspiring "Invictus" by Huhn.

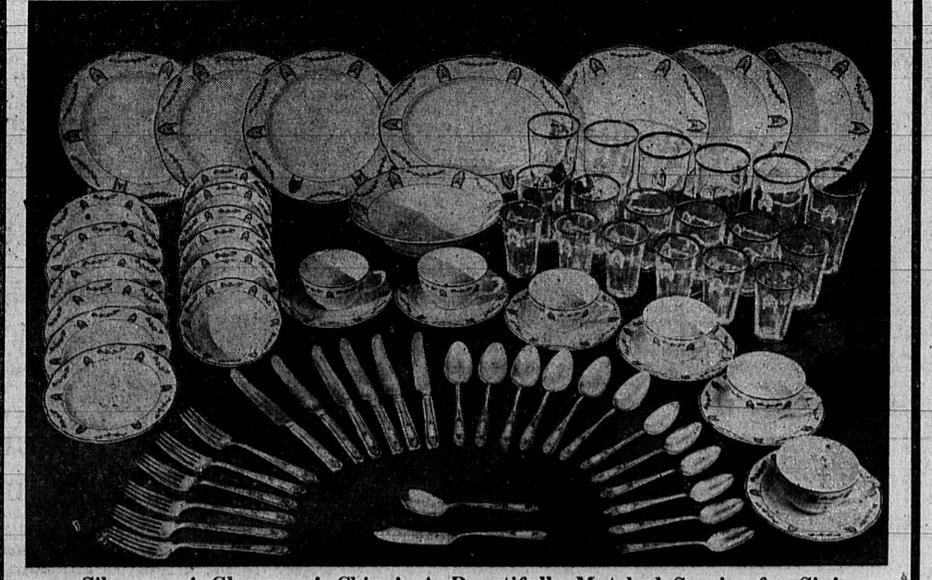
Fine Tone Qualities
Presented as a "test of public reaction to the Symphony," the concert conclusively proved the worth of the orchestra—the well-filled Civic Auditorium showed that. But considering previous concerts, when admission was charged and only a handful of music-lovers turned out, the "test" revealed that continued financial assistance is necessary from the city to make the Symphony available to all.

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Paxman Gaining; Had Heart Attack

C. A. Paxman, veteran hardware dealer here, who has been seriously ill at his home for the past week, is reported on the road to recovery today. He suffered a mild heart attack Tuesday when he got out of bed too soon but after resting is now considerably better.

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