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PROTEST HURLED AT COUNTY BUDGET

'Joan of Arc'



Loh Tsel, 23-year-old leader of China's youth movement, whose militant leadership has caused her to be known in many quarters as China's "Joan of Arc," is shown in San Francisco, where she is attempting to gain backing for China in its present fight with Japan. China's youth, she says, is trying to regenerate the homeland thru efforts at unity and solidarity.

Tax Strike Threat Made at Hearing

County budget experts sharpened their pencils this week and began work on the final draft of the 1937-38 county general government budget, following a protest meeting that packed the Hall of Records meeting chambers and brought forth threats of a tax strike.

The final budget must be ready for adoption not later than August 31, and the proposed total expenditures was \$65,910,297.

While one speaker said it appeared there was little else for Los Angeles city taxpayers to do but secede from the county if county taxes were not kept down, this threat received no support.

Statement Promised

Emphatically denouncing the proposed increases, Assemblyman Frank W. Wright of Whittier said that "the Los Angeles county supervisors should be required to reduce all items to last year's budget except those mandatory by state law."

A reply was being prepared this week to a 14-point program presented to the board by a group from Long Beach, asking among other things that the county cease building memorial halls such as was done for Long Beach. Chairman Roger W. Jessup said the board would issue a statement in reply to the 14-point program advanced.

More Efficiency Demanded
W. A. Pixley, who claimed to represent 200,000 county taxpayers, declared that the "proposed tax amounting to \$1.69 per \$100 on the basis of the preliminary budget, is more than the net income from real estate," and supported the tax strike threat. Willard Thorpe, former Los Angeles police commissioner, also warned the board of the danger and the imminence of a tax strike.

"More efficiency" was one of the themes discussed. Some urged the supervisors to disband the five-day week, and have county employees work five and one-half days, thus saving about \$2,000,000 for extra help. Budgets of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the All Year club also were attacked.

Parkway Trees Available for County Areas

Property owners in unincorporated areas of the county may obtain parkway trees by making application to the county forestry department, according to a statement today by Spence Turner, county forester.

At least three-fourths of the property owners in a block must sign a petition, agreeing to water the trees for the first three years. A forestry expert then inspects the location, recommends the species best suited for it, and gives advice for planting and for maintenance.

Huge Sturgeon Landed
TOLEDO (U.P.)—Largest catch by commercial fishermen so far this season has been a 106-pound sturgeon measuring 6 feet 6 inches in length.

Alondra Park Gets More County Aid

More than \$1,000,000 in bonds issued against various special assessment districts of Los Angeles county has been purchased by the county out of gasoline tax funds, at an average price of 58 cents on the dollar, according to the Special Assessment Relief committee.

The showing made by the survey prompted the committee to recommend to the supervisors that they continue the policy and set up between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 for 1937-38. This would be applied to the interest and sinking funds, as was done with the \$1,500,000 set aside last year and for several previous years.

Two parks are included in the list, one being Alondra Park, north of Torrance, and the other Morgan Park, in San Gabriel Valley. Alondra Park, formed under an old Mattoon Act proceeding, is to receive \$72,000 from the fund, under the recommendation.

Study of the districts requiring aid has been reduced to 95, from 127 at the outset. The study showed that the "sour" districts are "getting pretty well on their feet," as a member of the committee stated it.

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Searching for Lost Russian Flyers



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Coast Line Photos Being Taken for Erosion Survey

Photographs of the coast line are being taken by the United States District Engineer's office in order to study beach erosion, according to Theodore J. Wyman, Jr., district engineer.

Engineers in the office said they expected that a new set of photographs would be taken each three months from the same viewpoints, to show the effect of erosion and accretion.

Health Report Cites Need For Food Care

Food poisoning cases continue to develop throughout the county, according to the county health department's weekly report.

Because a number of these poisoning cases were traced to cream-filled pastries, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, again called attention to the necessity of refrigeration during hot weather. Cream-filled pastries should be kept in refrigeration in order to avoid danger of poisoning if they are not consumed immediately, the warning stated.

Animal rabies continues as a major problem for both the county and the Los Angeles city health departments. Several cases of diptheria have been reported throughout the county, but scarlet fever is at a low level. There also are several new cases of poliomyelitis each week.

Scooter Speeder Piles Into Truck

Unable to stop his scooter while coasting down Mira Lesta drive, Chelsea Hamilton, 16, of 24448 Ward street, Welteria, plunged into a rear wheel of a large truck and suffered a number of cuts and bruises Wednesday morning. He was treated at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital and then taken home by his mother.

The boy told police that he was going too fast in his scooter to avoid hitting the truck, which James Jenkins of Redondo Beach was driving uphill and turning into the site of a gravel pit. The accident occurred about 250 feet south of Newton street.

Two Little Girls Hurt in Collision

Two little girls, Alberta, seven, and Lilly, five, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Alvarez of this city, were treated for cuts and bruises Sunday at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. They were injured in an automobile accident at 219th street and Haldale avenue, when the car they were riding in, driven by their cousin, Andrew Alvarez, struck or was struck by another machine.

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School Crossing Guard Parley Next Week

Officials of the Parent-Teachers Association of Los Angeles county are to meet with State Relief Administration officials next Tuesday at the Hall of Records in an effort to work out a plan for providing guards for school crossings when school opens next September.

The conference was called by Chairman Roger Jessup of the board of supervisors upon being advised that Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz' department cannot legally assume responsibility for the protection work, according to an opinion from County Counsel Everett W. Mattoon this week.

It had been proposed to employ approximately 1,100 SRA relief guards at school crossings throughout the county. The works Progress Administration gave notice following the close of the school term that it would not undertake the work again this fall, because it is more properly a police duty and federal funds should not be used for it.

Pines Dot Campus
TOLEDO (U.P.)—The campus of the University of Toledo has been landscaped with 750 small pine trees.

From a previously estimated tax rate of 45 cents, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District, in an ordinance passed late last week, pared down the levy for the next fiscal year to 40 cents. The District tax rate for the current fiscal year is 37 cents.

Approximately \$41,000,000 of District bond money has been expended during the past year on aqueduct construction work, in addition to the construction expenditures made during previous years. The three-cent increase over the current tax rate was made necessary to cover interest charges on the additional amounts being invested in construction work.

More than three-fourths of the main line of the Colorado River Aqueduct already has been completed, it was announced, and it is expected that practically all major features of the aqueduct will be completed during the next fiscal year. The District's tax levy is distributed among Torrance and 12 other member cities, each city's share of the levy being in proportion to its assessed valuation.

Cities of the Metropolitan Water District, it was pointed out, may meet their annual share of District costs from city utility revenues instead of taxes. In the instance of Glendale such charges are paid from its water revenues. Certain other cities pay their charges partly from water revenues and partly from taxes.

Sunny and Jim Tell the World!

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Looking like a good politician who has been refused a thick slice of pork, Earl "Stamps" Conner, Torrance postmaster, went about his duties this week with a pained grimace on his usually cheerful physiognomy together with a meaningful look and said, "If you keep off my feet, I'll keep off yours."

You see, Uncle Sam's Torrance representative has an ingrown toe nail.

Not that Uncle Sam's representatives should be immune to ingrown toe nails. After all, they're just as human as we are. But it does seem rather strange. Some say he got it from kicking too much to Congressman Colder!

Earl, however, is quite philosophical about his misfortune. He laughs when asked about it. He even tells jokes about his terrific toe trouble. At Kiwanis meeting he was reported to have uttered "Danger! In-grown toenail! Keep off!" written across the instep of his sandal.

When asked why he didn't see a saw bones about his terrible affliction, Earl retorted that all the Torrance doctors were particularly good friends of his and that they all wanted the job. For several days he was in a bind wondering how to handle the case. Suddenly he hit on a plan. Like Uncle Sam, he would advertise for bids and the lowest bidder could have the pleasure of watching him squirm. Being extremely civic minded he would specify in the bidding instructions that he must insist on a LOCAL anesthetic.

But until such time as the feverish bidding ceases and now that Earl still limps about, there is only one way of getting on with the fellow. Just walk up, say "How are you, Earl!" and come down hard on his unprotected hoof with your heel. Then YOU can advise for bids from the M. D.s!

CIVIC CENTER SUCCESS

Off to a booming good start last week were Dale Howe, 21, and the only adult I have seen who was born in Torrance, and Alex Bell, jovial Scotchman of Inglewood, who opened for business in the newly named Civic Center Market, Cravens & Post-Bell is a shrewd merchant, knows the business and is especially keen on buying and selling quality meats at rock bottom prices. Dale likewise stocks his racks with smart purchases of low priced fruit and vegetables, and offers good week-end specials.

From all appearances they will do well. Let's hope they do.

NEWS ITEM

Jack "Thespian" Barrington is suffering from gas pains.

LAUNDRY LEADER

Of prime importance to Torrance housewives who have big washins (show me one who doesn't, or at least say she does) is the big ad in today's Herald advertising a "Good Wash" special at the Torrance Laundry of 1/2 OFF on all laundry service for Thursday, Friday, Saturday. REAL special, should save every housewife a neat sum if she'll just plow the laundry bundle into the car, fetch it down to the laundry.

STAMPS FOR SALE

Civic minded Birda Paddock, postmistress of Lomita, seriously urges Lomitans to buy their stamps from the Lomita post office, gets rather upset when she finds an out-of-town stamp buyer. At first glance it would appear that the stamp business, the U. S. A.'s biggest monopoly, wouldn't care where they sold their wares as it all goes into the same pocket. Miss Paddock, however, wants to build the Lomita branch up to a higher class office, needs the additional stamp business to do it.

MISS PARROT PROGRESSES

Opening next Tuesday in the Inggold building next to the Edison offices is kindly, and congenial but fiercely independent Miss Parrot. She opens with a stock similar to that carried in her previous store on Carson... toys, novelties, ice cream, pop, candy, etc.

Considerable traffic does Miss Parrot have with the town's children, has a store that is a youngster's paradise. In her cases are box after box of penny candy of which the kids never tire, on her shelves are five and ten cent toys and gimcracks which the young ones eye enviously, price and discuss and re-price with patient Miss Parrot, reluctantly defer

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