U.S. Armed Forces Units To March in Flag City Parade June 30

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Good News for Taxpayers:

'52 School Tax Rate May Drop 20 Cents

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Communist Paper Bigwig Warns Cops to Lay Off

Torrance police were this week warned to "lay off" distributors of the "People's World" by a man who said he was a director of the Communist newspaper.

Last week Torrance police picked up six distributors of the Red newspaper and brought them to the station for questioning. They were released without any charges being filed against them.

The man, who gave his name as Emil Freed, 326 W. Third street, Los Angeles, said his distributors would be back this Sunday.

"People have a right to pass out the "People's World." If other people don't want to read it let them destroy it. If anyone lays a hand on our distributors they will be in line to go to jail," he told local police.

"It is the duty of the police to protect our distributors," he claimed.

Freed was told the distributors would not be stopped for passing out copies of the newspaper, but if they caused any disturbance they would be dealt with in the same manner as any other person guilty of disturbing the peace.

On Saturday police recorded a report that literature, said to be of Communistic nature, was being handed out to workers as they left the Columbia Steel gates.

On Sunday, June 10, police received a score of calls from residents in Central Torrance that the "People's World" was being passed out in their neighborhood.

ADVANCE ADVICE . . . Ed Karlow (seated), a member of the Torrance City Council and retiring president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, bends the ear of Bert Lamb, the incoming president, to give the new Jaycee president a bit of advice on steering the energetic group during his tour of office which begins tonight at an installation of officers party in the Riviera Beach Club. (Herald photo).

'52 School Budget Up, Rate Down

There is good news today for taxpayers.

The proposed Torrance Unified School District tax rate may drop approximately 20 cents per hundred dollars of evaluation. Thus, the owner of a home valued at $10,000 would find his tax bill about $20 lower than last year.

Tuesday night, the Board of Education approved a budget for 1951-52 of $1,651,740, which is an increase of $354,020 over last year. Although the anticipated expenditures for the coming year are more than last year, the cost to the taxpayer is expected to drop because of bond indebtedness which has been cut down during the year, and to an expected increase of approximately 10 per cent in the city's assessed valuation.

The new tax rate is estimated to be $2.6887 per $100. This includes the 60-cent El Camino Junior College rate.

In the budget, the item taking the biggest jump over last year was the cost of instruction. According to Emmett Ingrum, district business manager who presented the budget, employment of 25 new teachers and an across-the-board salary hike granted to teachers account for the increase in costs. Cost of teacher salaries went up $227,385 to a total anticipated expenditure of $1,015,725.

Another item which took a jump is the "operation of plant" expenditure. This item increased approximately $60,000 which is due to the new schools going into operation this fall. Cost of operating the plants is expected to run approximately $183,000.

Herald Deadline To Move Up One Day for Holiday

Publicity chairmen and Herald correspondents are reminded to submit copy intended for the Torrance Herald issue of July 5 at least one full day earlier than usual during the week of June 28 to July 4.

Likewise, prospective advertisers are advised that the advertising deadline for the issue of July 5 has been advanced 24 hours.

The Herald office will be closed all day, July 4.

Copy which can be submitted earlier than one day will be appreciated by both the editorial and advertising departments.

WHEN A MISS SCORES . . . When George Post (center) asked City Manager George Stevens to make Defense Savings Bonds available to city employees through a payroll deduction plan he brought along, as inducement, "Miss Defense Bond," known better as Cubie Bohannon, a Columbia Steel accounting clerk. Post is chairman of a Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce committee which obtained promises from 85 per cent of local employers to make defense bonds available through payroll deductions. Torrance has qualified as the first city in the state to earn "Flag City" honors which will be bestowed upon the city during an elaborate ceremony and parade to be staged here on June 30.

Armored Units To Join Flag City Celebration

Although Gov. Warren has indicated that he will be unable to attend the Flag City celebration here on June 30, the fact has had little effect on plans to make the show one of the biggest military spectacles in this city's history.

Treasury Department officials this week said that military units from El Toro Marine Corps base, Ft. MacArthur, Long Beach Coast Guard, San Diego Naval Base and personnel from the International Airport Air Force, have indicated they will participate in the parade.

The Navy is expected to send sailers recently returned from the Korean war to march in the parade. Tanks, amtracks, armored cars and half-tracks from the Army at Ft. MacArthur will roll along Torrance streets.

A parade committee was to have met yesterday to map the route of the parade. The reviewing stand will be located in El Prado Park.

Reason for the U. S. Treasury-sponsored parade is that Torrance, through the efforts of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, has come through with promises from more than 80 per cent of local employers that they would instigate savings bond payroll deduction plans for their employees.

Actually of the 190 employers 172 have agreed to install the payroll deduction plan. This is slightly less than 90 per cent of all the local employers. Through these employers 10,199 workers of a total 10,352 are "exposed" to the payroll deduc-

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Warren's Veto Affects Local Court Set-up

Vetoing the Los Angeles County Courts' reorganization bill as he promised he would do, Gov. Warren this week in effect cut back from three to two the number of municipal court judges proposed to serve the new South Bay court.

The bill vetoed by the governor proposed that 84 judgeships be created under the reorganization bill voted by the people of California at the last state election. This was ten more than the number recommended by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the State Judicial Council, and Chief Justice Phil Gibson.

One of the "extra" 10 was to have been assigned to the municipal court serving this area when the reorganization plan goes into effect in 1953.

A quick 61-0 vote by the assembly following Warren's veto prevented the county from being left without any courts at all. The measure provides the court system now in use will be continued on a status quo basis.

The governor's action had this effect:

There are nine inferior court judges in this area whose courts will be abolished under the new court reorganization plan. Two municipal courts would be created instead. From among the nine judges, two are to be selected as jurists of the municipal court. Before Warren's veto it was three judges who would have had to fight it out for a seat on the new municipal court bench. Now the intensity of the contest is heightened with the race developing among the nine jurists for only two jobs.

Meanwhile, Justice Gibson indicated he was willing to compromise in some situations. He said he would make the compromises if it would expedite the instigation of the new court set up approved by the people. He did not, however, indicate that he would be in favor of any certain number of more judges.

Petrol Pirates Admit Theft of G.P. Gas

Because their consciences bothered them, two gasoline pipeline tappers pleaded guilty yesterday on 10 counts of snatching some of General Petroleum's gasoline enroute to the harbor.

Turning themselves in to Firestone sub-station deputy sheriffs were:

Raymond C. Lloyd, 31, of 21632 South Main street, and Bernard P. Schaffer, 31, of 530 East 220th street.

"We're tired of running," they said.

The gas grabbers were ar-

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Whittle College Budget

Anticipating a drop in enrollment, the Board of Trustees of El Camino College last week pared $200,000 from the present school budget to bring the ensuing year's expected expenditures down to $1,933,000.

It was indicated that the decrease in the budget is a result of, an indicated reduction in the enrollment of veterans and the possibility of a decrease in the number of students received from the Los Angeles Junior College District under agreement with the Los Angeles Board of Education. Contract with the Los Angeles district for interchange of pupils is now under negotiation. The board authorized a call for a special meeting of the trustees for 7:30 p.m., August 1, for a public hearing on the final budget.

PERSONNEL APPOINTED

After receiving recommendations from Superintendent Forrest G. Murdock and interviewing numerous candidates, the board formally selected Dr. William H. Harless as director of instruction. Dr. Harless, who was selected from a large field of candidates, has been president of Eastern Arizona Junior College at Thatcher, Ariz. since 1944. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Arizona, hi

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Mother, Incurably Ill, Finishes Bible College

Graduation Day means the beginning of a new life for many, but for one Torrance housewife and mother, graduation day was a climax to half a century of life that she is doomed to give up soon.

The only member of the graduation class of the Bible College, sponsored here by the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Catherine Stanley, of 2431 Andreo avenue, has been told by her doctors that she is suffering from an incurable disease and has only a short time to live.

She didn't let the doctor's verdict keep her from the graduation exercises held recently at the church, however. She was brought home from the hospital in order to attend the ceremonies and receive her diploma while her husband, Leonard, and two sons O. L. and Lowen looked on.

FOUR-YEAR COURSE

Graduation for Mrs. Stanley marked the end of four years study in the Bible College started here about 10 years ago by Rev. Britton Ross.

For her final graduation thesis, Mrs. Stanley wrote on "All Things New," a treatise on "the New Birth wherein the Bible spoke of God forbidding Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of knowledge."

Lowen, who has been on duty with the Air Force in Germany, returned home recently to be with his mother. He is being reassigned to an air base near here.

ACCREDITED COLLEGE

The Bible College, an accredited school for future Baptist ministers and church workers, is conducted by instructors of the Church with material made available by the Northern California Baptist Convention.

Twenty students are now enrolled in the college, according to Harry F. Hillier, dean of the school.

Mrs. Stanley completed a four-year course which included homiletics ,personal work, prophecy, and analysis of the books of Romans, Ephesians, and Hebrews. Her instructors included Hillier, Rev. J. R. Killman, and Rev. Robert Coburn.

MRS. CATHERINE STANLEY . . . Receives Diploma

ALEX GERBER . . . Amnesia Victim??

Hunt For Missing Father

Still sought by a score of police agencies today is Alex Gerber, 31, former Torrance resident and ex-National Supply employee, who mysteriously disappeared last Thursday.

A plea for information concerning his whereabouts was sounded yesterday by Mrs. Jo Bowman, sister to the missing man's wife, and herself an employee at National Supply Company.

"He checked in from his milk delivery route about 3 p.m. on June 14 and that's the last anyone has seen of him since," Mrs. Bowman said yesterday.

Fellow employees reported that Gerber, married and father of a 7-year-old daughter, had complained of a severe headache from a bump on the head shortly before he disappeared. Police

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Construction To Start Soon On Court Site

Construction of the South Bay Cities Court building in Redondo Beach, proposed home of the municipal court for the Torrance area, is scheduled to start about July 9, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

Contract for the building was awarded at a meeting of the Supervisors Tuesday to Hahn- St. John on a low bid of $85,500.

Darby said the construction of the building could be started immediately since the project did not come under the ban promulgated by the National Production Authority for the withholding of all critical building materials.

Meanwhile, the supervisors opened bids for the construction of the new Compton Courts building and found that Carter Mack of Torrance was low bidder on the project with a bid of $225,000.

Police, Fire Seek Pay Hike

Asking that their salaries be adjusted to conform with rates paid in other near-by communities, members of the Torrance Police and Fire Departments signed a petition this week asking the city fathers to up police and fire salaries from $25 to $50 per month.

One of the first to sign was Police Chief John Stroh. He has 31 men in his department. Fire Chief J. J. Benner has 32 firemen under his jurisdiction.

'52 Budget Ready For City Dads

With all city departments feeling the pinch, City Manager George W. Stevens said this week that he is ready to present a proposed budget of $840,000 before the City Fathers next Tuesday evening.

The requested budget from the city's department heads was $998,000.

"We've had to cut back in all departments, since it appears that our anticipated revenue isn't going to be quite what we had hoped for," Stevens said.

"We were looking for about a 10 per cent increase, but what figures are available indicate an increase closer to five or six per cent," he commented.

Exact amount of the city's revenue will not be known until mid-July (about two weeks after the start of the fiscal year) when the county will reveal the assessed valuation of the city.

Depleted stockpiles and inventories of Torrance's larger industries is in some degree responsible for the "lower-than-expected" income.

It's On The House!

Torrance firemen under Capt. Gordon Northington pumped 2500 gallons of water during the hour and half they were called to fight a house fire at 3613 Spencer street last Friday night.