

Repeal of Women's Right to Vote May Be Tested Here

Group Favors Abolishing Women's Votes

By JACK O. BALDWIN

An extremely active political group is prepared to spend \$10,000 using Torrance as a test city in an attempt to repeal the 19th Amendment woman's right to vote, it was revealed this week.

The plan, revealed by a high official in the Southern California organization and considered by newsmen to be a reliable news source, would revoke woman's right to vote in all levels—local, state and national, he said.

The news source, an executive with a large Los Angeles concern, stated that Torrance was one of three cities which his organization had chosen as test cities.

"Torrance is predominantly labor. We want to get labor's response to the plan. The best way to accomplish this we feel is to put it to a vote. If the vote is in favor of repealing the 19th Amendment, and depending on the outcome of the elections in the other two communities, we will attempt to push the measure on a nationwide scale," he indicated.

He said his group had viewed with increasing alarm the apathy that women had shown toward political matters.

Plan Challenged

One woman challenged the plan as being conceived by subversive organizations.

(To this writer's knowledge the group represented by the spokesman revealing the Torrance Plan has never been challenged as being subversive. To the contrary it has always stood for high American ideals and been a constant bulwark against subversive activities.)

"Women have too often indicated they did not wish to get mixed up in politics—avoiding their political responsibilities as though they were a plague."

The plan to use Torrance as a test city and the general proposal of repealing the amendment which gives women equal voting rights with males of this country was met with blasting comments from several local women's group leaders.

Could Never Be

When advised of the plan Mrs. Albert Ewalt, president of the Torrance Senior Woman's Club exploded with:

"Ridiculous. That could never be. To say that women have no interest in politics is absurd. Those who propose that we be denied the right to vote should attend one of the many Federation meetings and then let them see whether or not women are interested in governmental affairs. I don't understand it. Why, women carry far more than their fair share of the load. It may be true that some women vote the way their husbands tell them but not the majority of women who are self-thinkers."

"They're Crazy"

Mrs. Douglas Baldwin, president of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, had this to say when advised of the proposal.

"They're crazy. Why, women can go right down the list of measures on the ballot and they know more about it and how they are going to vote right now than do most of the men. The plan is completely insane," she said.

"I'm shocked. I'm filled with disbelief that anyone could even think of such a proposal. I can not speak for the club (the Junior Woman's Club) but I personally would fight it every inch of the way."

'Speechless'

From Miss Lucille Stroh, president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, came this comment:

"This leaves me speechless. I can't imagine such an attitude upon the part of any organization. The statement that women have shown apathy towards political responsibilities is not true. Right now the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs is fighting for more equal rights for women in other states—such as the right to serve on juries. There may be some isolated cases in which women have failed to vote but there usually is a very good reason for it," said Miss Stroh, a policewoman with the Compton Police Department.

"I am definitely against any such move," she added.

Two hub caps were taken from his car while it was parked at 1869 Plaza del Amo. Jim Turner reported to Torrance police Friday night.

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No major grade changes are planned, but the busy thoroughfare will be resurfaced the entire distance, it was explained.

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TOT, 2½, CITY'S FIRST POLIO VICTIM OF 1952



PROMINENT GATHERING . . . Local citizens who gathered Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Schwartz to honor Congressman and Mrs. Cecil King (left to right) Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald; Assemblyman Vincent Thomas; Congressman King;

Mrs. Ella Schwartz, the hostess; and Jack Dabbs, chairman of the Torrance Ballot Battalion, a non-partisan organization whose aim is to "Get Out the Vote." The reception was attended by nearly 60 prominent local industrial and civic leaders.

Small Girl Dies Of Bulbar Polio

Polio reached into Torrance this week to claim the life of a 2½-year-old girl. Her death was the first here this year due to poliomyelitis.

Services for the small child, Bettie Mae, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Johnson, 2073½ West Carson St., will be conducted at 2 p.m. this afternoon at Stone and Myers Chapel.

Health officials feared that the four other Johnson children might also have contracted the crippling disease, but spinal taps taken at the General Hospital proved negative.

Little Bettie Mae was stricken last week and was rushed to the General Hospital on Friday where it was diagnosed she had bulbar poliomyelitis. She died in a respirator Monday evening.

The victim's sisters and brothers include Beverly, 11; Jo Anne, 5; Barbara, 4; and Jimmy, eight months.

The child's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Johnson live at 2068 Santa Fe. The maternal grandparents live in Hawarden, Ia.

Rev. Paul Wenske of the First Lutheran Church of Torrance will conduct the services.

Torrance has one other polio victim at present, Tim Baldwin, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baldwin 23114 Falena Ave., who is recovering at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles.

The Johnson case was the sixth polio case in Torrance this year.



NICE NEWS . . . Calling attention to the fact that it's National Newspaper Week is pretty Carol Jollensten, clad in a suit which is sure to attract many a reader. To get in the spirit of things, Carol tucked a pencil behind her ear, grabbed the telephone and a note-pad. Publications throughout the nation are observing this "Free Press" week.



SEN. SALTONSTALL . . . For Ike, Nixon, Finch

Sen. Saltonstall To Talk On Ike, Nixon, Finch

"Why We Should Elect Ike, Nixon, and Finch," will be explained in a talk to be given here Friday night by Sen. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts.

The senator, former governor of Massachusetts, for three terms, will speak at the Torrance High School auditorium at 8 p.m., according to Charles Schultz Jr., president of the Republican Club of Torrance.

The appearance of Sen. Saltonstall who is currently serving his second term in the U. S. Senate was arranged by Ronald H. Hartman, vice-chairman of the Republican Los Angeles County Central Committee. All voters in the 17th Congressional District are invited to hear the senator. There is no charge.

Bare Tootsies Won't Count at 'Socko Hop'

Loud socks, dressy socks, neat socks—all will be in evidence at the annual "Socko Hop," combination backward dance (where the women invite the men) and carnival at El Camino College, Saturday, Oct. 18.

Women's Athletic Association President Ruth Halsey, general chairman of the affair said, "Shoes will be checked at the door and prizes will go to those with the classiest socks."

Demos Top GOP 2-1 in Torrance

Democrats outnumber Republicans in Torrance almost two to one, the latest vote registration figures revealed yesterday.

The vote registration, according to Ben S. Hite, County Registrar of Voters, for the City of Torrance is:

Democrats	10,128
Republicans	5,716
Independent Progressive	17
Prohibitionists	9
Miscellaneous	33
Declines to State	707

The total registration of 16,610 compared to 13,801 which was the number of registered voters who were able to vote in the June 3 primary.

In Lomita where the total registration is 4,784, Democrats outnumber Republicans more than 2½ to 1.

The registration there is: Democrats 3,316; Republicans 1,361; Independent Progressive 5; Prohibitionists 4; Miscellaneous 6; Declines to State 95.

The two totals contributed to the county total registration of 2,510,666 voters, largest in the county's history.

City Receives Crenshaw Bids

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Leaders Meet To Honor King At Reception

Conversation ranged from whistle-stop tours to the latest TV programs as nearly 60 prominent civic leaders gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Schwartz Tuesday afternoon to honor Congressman and Mrs. Cecil King.

Both Republicans and Democrats met to chat with the Congressman and Assemblyman Vincent Thomas during the afternoon reception in the Schwartz patio. Mrs. Schwartz is a democratic state central committee woman.

Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames C. T. Rippey, Don Hyde, W. H. Smith, J. W. Post, Sam Levy, Robert Sleeth, Bob Haggard, Reed Parkin, Dave Sowle, R. I. Plomert Jr., Bert Lynn, Gil Derouin, Nick Drale, Jack Dabbs, Raymond Casey, Carlton Mewborn, James Hall, and Grover C. Whyte.

Judge and Mrs. John A. Shidder, Judge Otto B. Willett, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Berke, and Dr. J. H. Hull.

Mesdames Mary Owens, Murray Rudnick, Clara Conner, Charles Ward, Irene Fraser, and Theodora Hansen.

Messrs. Ed Loak, Edward Raphael, Lawrence Harvey, Forrest G. Murdock, and Carl G. Arfwedson.

Cohostesses for the reception were Mesdames Grover C. Whyte, Bert Lynn, and Harold Greene.

Photo Equipment Gone

Camera equipment valued at several hundreds of dollars was stolen from a home at 3134 W. 188th St., John Westcott told Torrance police Monday.

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DINNER DATE . . . Answering the call of American Legion buddies who steamed their train out to his house yesterday is Don Townsend (on crutches) who signed up for the free Korean Vet dinner to be held at the Legion Hall Saturday night. Legionnaires shown here are (left to right) Jimmy Parks, "Spud" Murphy, Howard Webber, Bob Faren, Gordon Arnold (in cab), Commander Harry Green, and Bruno Giacomo. (See Story on Page 11)

Officers Have Tickets Now But They're On Sale

If a police officer stops you, Police Show to be staged at the High School Auditorium, Saturday night, Nov. 1.

For members of Torrance's making a complete three hour show, have been signed, according to Sgt. Bill Evans and Officer Gus Rethwisch, managers these days with a ticket in his hand—it might not be what you think.

Pen headline vaudeville acts, Torrance Auxiliary Police, organization of teen-aged boys and girls sponsored by the Police Officers Association here.

\$1000 Starts Fund for New Hospital Wing

Donation of a check for \$1000 by the Harvey Machine Co. to help finance a new maternity wing for the Torrance Memorial Hospital was announced this week by the hospital board of directors.

Lawrence A. Harvey, executive vice-president of the local company, presented the check to Grover C. Whyte, vice-president of the hospital board late last week. Leo M. Harvey, founder and president of the firm, was present when the check was turned over to Whyte.

Plans for the new wing will be discussed tomorrow noon at a meeting of the hospital board of directors, Whyte said.

Mayor Appoints New Recreation Commission

Reorganization of the city's Recreation Commission into a seven-man body was completed this week with the appointment of the new commissioners by Mayor Mervin M. Schwab.

Appointed to serve on the new commission were A. J. Patronsky and Marvin Goetsch, who served on the recently disbanded commission.

To serve with them are Clair Olsen, Mrs. W. C. Boswell Jr., Devin Parrish, Burt Johnson and Mrs. Phyllis Laughon.

Approval of the list by the City Council was marked by bitter protests by Councilmen Vic Benstead and Nick Drale over the fact that J. A. Beasley was not reappointed to the new commission.

After the protests were made with pleas of "playing fair," the Mayor explained that he had drawn up a list which "in my own conscience is a group which will work together for the best interests of the city."

The new commission appointments were approved in a four-to-one vote with Drale casting the single "No" vote.

The new commission will meet in the near future and select its chairman, the Mayor said yesterday. Efforts to get it together this week are being made, he said.