

# Motorists Sound Off on One-Way Traffic on Sartori

## Motorists Tell Reaction to One-Way Plan

"What do you think of the plan to make Sartori Ave. a one-way street?"

This was the question put to five motorists yesterday who had driven onto Sartori Ave. and had parked there to do their Saturday shopping.

Five persons were questioned, one declined to comment on the matter. The answer of the others, a product of their own thinking, follows:

Harold Potts, 1507 Crenshaw Blvd.: "This two-way traffic on Saturday is a bad deal. I favor



the one-way plan, especially on busy days such as Saturdays. I don't think it would be necessary on other days but certainly on busy shopping days. I'm for it."

Frank Argento, 1226 Crenshaw Blvd.: "Sure it's a good idea. It would speed up traffic. It's too



darn slow this way. I think they should make it one-way every day of the week. Yeh, I like the idea. When are they going to do it?"

Mrs. Georgia Newman, 926 Kornblum Ave.: "I think it would be a fine idea. I think the traffic should flow from Tor-



rance Blvd. to Cabrillo Ave. I guess that's north to south, isn't it? Look at it right now. All the cars are jammed up on one side of the street. I work in one of these stores on Sartori too, and we talked about it, and I don't think that it would hurt our business any."

Mrs. John K. Eardley, 2219 W. 255th St.: "I come here from Lomita to do much of my shop-



ping and the traffic is quite a problem. I'm new here from Tucson and 'course I don't know too much about your problem, but I know this. Tucson had some of its streets made one-way and it helped down there. I don't see why it wouldn't work here. I'd say this: I wouldn't object to it if it were one-way traffic."

# SEEK ALL WOMEN'S AID IN BIG MANHUNT

## Huge Military Project Slated

## Launch Greatest Manhunt Here For Girl Raper

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## Parallel Parking Plan Hit

The balance of public opinion, both from motorists and businessmen, seems to favor the proposal of one-way traffic on Sartori Ave.

Most of those persons questioned by Torrance Herald reporters yesterday thought the plan would speed up traffic along the busy street.

A traffic committee composed of Chief of Police John Stroh, Councilman Nick Drake, City Attorney James Hall, and City Manager George W. Stevens, told of their plan last Thursday and hoped the idea would be "kicked around" so that they might be able to obtain a consensus from motoring shoppers and business owners along the street.

It was suggested the traffic flow from north to south with parallel parking on both sides of the street.

One merchant spoke against the parallel parking plan.

"I used to have a diagonal parking in front of my store until Cabrillo Ave. was marked for center parking. I have timed those trying to park against the curb. Men require about 40 seconds to park their cars parallel to the curb. Women have

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## Army to Build \$1,000,000 Air Defense Here

Plans to construct \$1,000,000 worth of antiaircraft installations in the Torrance area were announced yesterday in Los Angeles by the U. S. Army Engineer Corps.

Col. W. R. Shuler, district engineer, said yesterday that bids for constructing barracks, armories, shops, warehouses, and other military buildings to be utilized in the defense of this area should the need arise will be invited in June.

The Torrance program will be part of a large-scale defense project which may total as much as \$100,000,000 for Southern California, Nevada, and Arizona, according to Col. Shuler.

Supply agencies and contractors in the area are being alerted to the program by means of a booklet listing the proposed military projects, the approximate dates for inviting bids, and the estimated cost ranges.

Location of the installations other than "in the Torrance area" was not revealed.



WHERE ARE STEPS LIKE THESE? . . . Every woman capable of driving a car was called upon yesterday to join in on the greatest manhunt this area has ever known to help trap a kidnaper and rapist of a 10-year-old school girl

by locating a set of curved steps similar to those pictured above. Sgt. D. C. Cook, who is in charge of the manhunt, is the officer in the picture. See accompanying story for details as to how and when the manhunt is to be launched.

## First Torrance Merchant Dies; Rites Today

Services are to be conducted this morning for Jacob Isen, who opened the first store in Torrance in 1912.

The pioneer merchant was 70.

He died early Saturday morning in a Los Angeles hospital. He passed away approximately nine hours after undergoing an operation. Death was believed to have been caused by post-operative shock.

The last rites are to be conducted at 10 a.m. this morning in the Hollywood Beth-Olam Chapel by Rabbi Ernest Trattner.

Mr. Isen, a native of Roumania, came here in 1912 to open a general merchandise store in the Brighton Hotel building at Five Points. He was active in Chamber of Commerce affairs in that era. It was largely through his efforts that the Torrance Auditorium Corporation was formed to erect the first auditorium in Torrance—currently known as the Torrance Theater on Sartori and Marcelina Aves.

Surviving the early day merchant (Continued on Page 3)

## Driver Seriously Injured When Auto Hits Power Pole

In Harbor General Hospital about 11:30 Friday night when with injuries described yesterday as critical is Warren E. Hanley, 48, of Palos Verdes Estates, who crashed his auto into a power pole late Friday night.

Hanley and his wife, Vera, 44, were going west on 190th St., west of Hawthorne Ave.

Mrs. Hanley was treated for cuts on the face and released.

## March of Dimes Chairman Issues Solicitor Warning

A warning to residents of Torrance was issued this week by Mrs. Clara A. Conner, chairman of the March of Dimes here.

She suggested that residents refrain from contributing funds to persons, especially children, not properly identified as soliciting for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"Although we know of some children who are sincerely attempting to collect funds for the March of Dimes we also have knowledge of some who are misrepresenting their efforts and pocketing the money."

If any child wants to collect for the campaign we will be glad to furnish him or her with the proper identification and an iron lung bank in which to collect the money," she said.

Mrs. Conner has the identification and miniature lungs at the Torrance Post Office. Volunteers are urged to contact her there.

## 'Dope Death' Bill Wins Backing of Women's Groups

Answering a call sent out this week by Assemblyman Charles Edward Chapel, who represents the coastal section of Torrance, leading women's clubs in the city are preparing to put their strength behind the new Assembly bill proposing stiffer sentences for those who peddle dope to minors.

The new bill, written by Chapel, would impose life imprisonment on those selling drugs to young people for the first time, and the death penalty as punishment for a second offense. Its foundation was thousands of letters sent to Chapel and other assemblymen by women's clubs throughout Southern California.

Urge Death Penalty

The local Junior Woman's Clubs, under the leadership of Mrs. Douglas P. Baldwin, president, has worked actively with junior memberships all over the state since the fall of 1952 to make the death penalty a law. This is the 1952-53 resolution for the California Federation of (Continued on Page 3)



SATURDAY TRAFFIC . . . Plans to limit this busy business street in Torrance to one-way traffic are now being studied. Pictured yesterday afternoon is Sartori Ave. looking south from El Prado. Under the proposal under study, traffic would be allowed to move only south toward Cabrillo.

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