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City Protests Airport Nike Base

Mayor Protests To Congressmen

Torrance has officially protested installation of a guided missile launching site on Torrance Municipal Airport, according to information released in Washington last week end by Senator Thomas Kuchel.

Senator Kuchel revealed that Mayor Albert Isen had served notice that the city would protest the installation of a Nike site on the airport as

such facility may destroy the future usefulness of the airport.

The Senator reported that he suggested Torrance officials contact Sixth Army headquarters here and Joseph Mariotti, regional director of the Civil Aeronautics Administration on the matter.

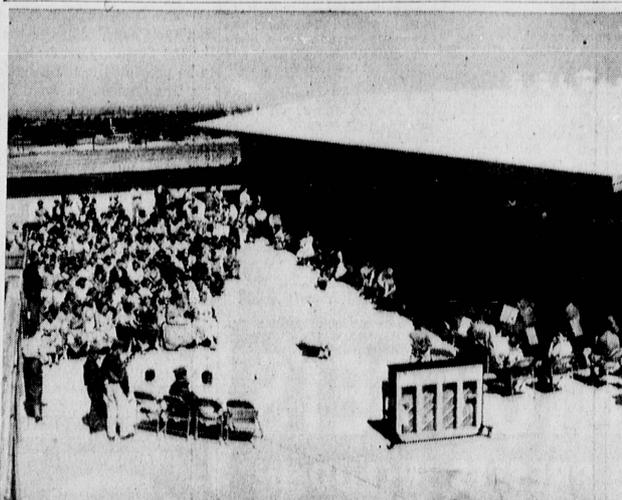
Mayor Isen told the HERALD that the letter must have been written by someone else "although it probably went out over my signature." He had no other comment on the matter.

Would Halt Expansion
According to Washington reports, the letter sent to Kuchel by the mayor stated that the city feared a Nike installation would take irreplaceable property away from the airport. Present plans for the site would eliminate the city's plans to install a second runway at the field.

The airport was turned over to the city following World War II as surplus property with a deed restriction limiting use of the site for airport purposes. The government recently released the 35-acre triangle at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Dr. North, presented by the mayor, said he had taken the matter immediately to appropriate authorities.

"With all the headaches I recollect having gone through in securing the airport for the City of Torrance years ago, I certainly trust we shall not have serious difficulty in avoiding any adverse effect because of a Nike installation," he said in

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NEW SCHOOL DEDICATED... Hillsdale Elementary School in south Torrance was dedicated Thursday during Public Schools Week observances. Here Eighth Grader Dorothy Powers extends greetings to the parents and friends gathered for the official ceremony during which Mrs. Grace Wright, president of the Board of Education, presented the school for dedication.

Hall Protests L.A. Plans for Sewer Extension

City Attorney James M. Hall joined a delegation of South Bay Cities officials in Berkeley Friday where a protest was lodged with the State Health Department against a Los Angeles plan to extend its Hypoclean sewage line further into the bay in order to dump "partly cured" waste from the metropolitan area.

Hall, who was going to San Francisco any way to appear before a legislative committee on a private matter today, was authorized to represent Torrance before the State Health Department meeting in an effort to block the move which has been termed a threat to the Torrance and South Bay beaches.

Officials decided on the trip last week when it was pointed out that the move on the part of Los Angeles threatened to cause a recurrence of the beach quarantine which was in effect during the 1940s.

Others making the trip Friday were Mayor Edward Edwards of Hermosa Beach; James Leovy, former member of the Hermosa City Council and a member of the mayor's advisory committee; Col. John MacFaden, member of the committee; Leland Swanson, city manager of Manhattan Beach; and Franz Nybye, city engineer of Redondo Beach.

Planners OK 700 Houses

Two tracts, containing 700 lots, in the Palos Verdes Hills area which has been proposed for annexation to Torrance got the approval of the County Regional Planning Commission.

Given a green light were a 300-home tract on 77 acres northwest of Montemalaga Dr. and Palos Verdes Dr. North, proposed by the Grandview Building Co., and a 399-home tract on 117 acres southwest of Montemalaga Dr. and Palos Verdes Dr. North, presented by the McCarthy Co.

Also given approval are 27 homes on five acres southeast of Figueroa and Carson Sts., proposed by David H. Isaac.

17 Given Shots After Three Rabid Dogs Die

Three rabid dogs have died, several more are under observation and 17 persons are taking rabies shots following a northwest Torrance outbreak which Humane Society officials described as "serious."

Both Health Department and Humane Society officials were busy seeking out victims of dogbite and possible rabid dogs last week. Some 25 dogs were taken to the humane society and several more were destroyed at their owners request as a result of the outbreak.

Started Last Month

The situation was believed to have started from a Hawthorne outbreak a month ago. The first reported case here was from a fox terrier owned by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Grieshaber, of 4576 W. 176th St. It escaped from its owners and was found in Hawthorne three days later. It was diagnosed as rabid and died several days later.

In the meantime, its owners, their son, Ray, and Mrs. Grieshaber's mother, Mrs. Jennie Miller, are taking the 14-shot series for rabies, although none of them was bitten by the animal.

The next case was of a mongrel dog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Noble, of 18528 Roslin Ave. which was reported Wednesday.

The dog bit Mrs. Noble and her son, Robert. Taken to the pound, it was diagnosed as a positive rabies case and died several days later.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble, their son, Robert, another son and his wife and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Noble and family, all are now taking the rabies shots.

Officials were also called Wednesday to pick up a boxer dog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Root, of 18013 Ermanita Ave., which had bitten a neighbor girl, Peggy Butler, 7, of 18017 Ermanita Ave. The dog had cornered Mrs. Root in her kitchen.

The dog was again diagnosed as rabies and also died shortly afterward.

Animals Held

Humane Society officials are now holding a German shepherd belonging to Mrs. B. M. Futrell, of 18025 Ermanita Ave., which

Market Dispute Near Settlement

The dispute over entrance gates opening on a residential street behind a new market in north Torrance has apparently been resolved, Building Superintendent John V. Russell said Friday.

He indicated that representatives of the market and nearby residents had discussed the problems posed by the threat of added traffic on the residential streets which include Atkinson, 175th St. and 176th St., and that an agreement had been reached.

The matter is scheduled to be the No. 1 item on tomorrow's Council agenda and should be settled at that time.

A storm of protest was raised recently when construction of the market reached the stage where it appeared that truck traffic would use Atkinson Ave. as an entryway to the market's receiving docks. The Council placed weight limits of 5000 pounds on the street to preclude its use by heavy trucks.

Officials Order Delay on Shots

Polio shots in Torrance and in all California will be delayed at least a week, pending a further check on the serum, Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, state health director, said Saturday.

Plans had been announced to resume the shots Monday with Parke-Davis vaccine but were canceled after a joint meeting of the State Board of Health and the State Polio Advisory Committee.

Meanwhile, a seven-year old girl from Lawndale, in the Torrance Health District, was being observed in County General Hospital to see whether she has polio. Several other children from Los Angeles County who had received the shots were also being held, while several others have definitely been diagnosed as polio cases.

Cause Undetermined
There was still no indication that the shots had caused these polio cases, since many doctors felt that the children may have had polio even before the shots were given. The incubation period for polio is from seven to 21 days.

The Parke-Davis polio vaccine arrived in Los Angeles Saturday, but the last minute deci-

sion of state authorities prevented its use until further notice.

Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, local health officer, indicated that he had been informed of the state's decision, but did not know the reasons for it.

Local Children Vaccinated
In the Torrance Health District, some 4501 children had already received the shots, while 504 were scheduled to get them when the federal government ordered the Cutter vaccine, used almost exclusively in California, was ordered impounded.

The government gave no reasons for withdrawal, except that it was being made for "safety reasons."

In Los Angeles County as a whole, the polio cases were running about a third less than last year at the same time. According to latest reports, 98 cases have been reported this year, compared with 154 at the same time last year. This is the start of the peak polio season.

Author Will Speak at El Camino

"Laughing at Ourselves" will be the subject discussed tomorrow night as Richard Armour, light verse writer and humorist, speaks in the Campus center of El Camino College at 8 p.m.

Appearing at the third in a series of lectures conducted by the Associated Student Body this year, Armour is best known as a writer of satire and humor. His career, however, is one of variety.

He has taught at a number of colleges and universities—Northwestern, Wells College, and the University of Texas—among them. During 1933-34 he was American lecturer at the University of Freiburg in Germany.

At the present time, the speaker is professor of English at the graduate school of Claremont College and at Scripps College.

Armour's military experience includes four years in the Army during World War II and two years a member of the General Staff of the War Department.

Dr. Pullias' Third Talk Set Tonight

The trouble with many adults is that they forget they were once children, Dr. E. V. Pullias, dean of education at Pepperdine College, told those attending the second in a series of lectures on child development at Seaside School Monday.

Speaking on "The Earmarks of Maturity," Dr. Pullias pointed out that grown-ups often forget the emotions which are common to all children. This forgetting leads to many parent-child conflicts, he said.

He is delivering a series of four lectures on various phases of parent-child relationships at Seaside School at 7:45 Monday. The third lecture will be given tonight, with the topic, "Educating Our Emotions." The final lecture will be given next Monday on the topic, "Safeguarding Mental Health—Our Own and Our Children's."



FORD AGENCY TRANSFERRED... Velko Miletich, right, was named president and general manager of Oscar Maples Ford, Inc., here Friday and will assume full control of the agency, Maples, center, left Friday for Independence, Mo., on a business trip. He will return this week end. Announcement coincided with award by Ford Motor Co. to the agency presented by Hal Griffin, field manager for the company.

Ministers Offer Help to YMCA

The Torrance Ministerial Assn. has offered its help in raising funds for current operating expenses of the local YMCA, which is some \$4200 short in its drive for funds.

If the additional money cannot be raised, local Y activities may have to be curtailed or the local branch put under the jurisdiction of either San Pedro or Gardena, officials said Friday.

Only \$7800 of the minimum of \$12,000 needed for operating expenses was raised during the recent campaign. Although the local program has been subsidized for some time by the Los Angeles YMCA, the branch has been informed that this will no longer continue.

The downtown Y notified local leaders that it cannot subsidize the branch any more than the \$10,000 which it has spent in the past. Local officials were told that Torrance is getting to be a big enough city that it

will have to "sink or swim" by itself. The deficit for the current year ran about \$1800.

Although the Beach cities and Palos Verdes Estates come under the local office, there is now a movement there to establish a separate center there. The great majority of the present program is for Torrance youngsters at the present time, according to Secretary Stan Roberts.

In an effort to help the situation, the Torrance Ministerial Assn. is planning a May 16 dinner meeting of church laymen. At the meeting it is hoped that the laymen can be organized to collect funds for the YMCA. During the recent drive for funds, some 500 potential pledges were not contacted.

The ministerial representative in YMCA activities, the Rev. John L. Taylor, declared, "I am concerned that the YMCA should not only maintain its present program, but look forward to expansion. The number

of boys in Torrance is constantly increasing, and an investment in our youth is our greatest possession."

"I am sure the churches will cooperate in helping the YMCA Board of Directors meet their total Y furnishing workers."

At the present time, some 800 youngsters participate in YMCA programs throughout the year, including Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y, and Gra-Y clubs; Indian Guide tribes, summer mountain camping trips, summer day camps, holiday fun clubs, athletic events, and various other activities.

In recent learn-to-swim activities held at the Hermosa Biltmore Hotel, 224 boys completed the program. Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs in the area include some 360 members.

Income on the 1954-55 budget was some \$2500 less than anticipated, while expenditures were some \$1800 over expectations. The year's budget was \$15,500.

\$3983 DEFICIT SHOWN IN CURRENT 'Y' BUDGET

The budget of the YMCA for the current year indicates that money has been spent as follows:

Income:	
Contributions	\$8408
Dues from YMCA clubs	111
Day camp charges	1345
Los Angeles YMCA	1630
Miscellaneous	1565
Expenses:	
Salaries of personnel	\$ 8391
Office expenses	2917
Building maintenance	588
Taxes and insurance	264
Promotion of programs	236
Summer day camps	3120
Conferences	190
Program events	590
Supplies for program	510
Miscellaneous	258
TOTAL EXPENSES	17,069
TOTAL INCOME	13,086
TOTAL DEFICIT	\$ 3983