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Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of San Pedro declared in Sacramento this week that the flood of legislation before the present session of the Legislature underscores the need for greater citizen participation in State Government.

"Legislation of vital importance in the everyday lives of every citizen of California has come before the present session, and will continue to come until adjournment on June 29," Thomas said.

"This includes not only the bills that are extremely important to the local districts, but measures that affect the future of the entire State, such as bills concerning the economy, new taxes, our long hoped for solution of the water problem, and others."

ALL OF these, Thomas said, are keyed to the higher than ever budget proposed for the 1959-60 fiscal year which is now before the Legislature.

"But they are keyed, as well, to the pocketbooks of all of our citizens," Thomas went on. "We cannot, for example, ask for more State services on the one hand, and insist upon less State spending and influence on the other. We must be practical."

"It is essential, perhaps more than ever before, that our citizens express their views so that their elected representatives in the Assembly and the Senate will have a clear course of action to pursue. Government is responsive to the people and their action will not be futile."

Among ways suggested for greater citizen participation were through organization activities at the local level; the writing of letters to newspapers, State officials and departments, and legislators; and visits to the Capitol when possible.



PROMINENT VISITOR . . . Semih Akbil (center), first secretary of the Turkish Embassy in Washington, D. C., chats here with Bob Ellis (left) chairman of the city to city program here, and Jack Schmidt, president of the Torrance Rotary Club, during a luncheon meeting. The diplomat spoke to members of the Rotary Club yesterday. (Herald Photo)

## Tartar Teen Talk

By SHARON CLARK

After first period Tuesday, May 26th, THS held its second semester Sport Awards Assembly. During the assembly, reports were given on the baseball, tennis, golf and track teams by Coaches Boeger, Kastin, Towle, Turner and Brubaker. The coaches also awarded letters and certificate to those boys earning them. Blanket award winners were also announced. They were: Jim Armstrong for baseball, Bob Church for tennis, Leonard Laskey for golf, and Dennis Hansen for track.

The Varsity Club awarded special sweaters to Ron Veres and Bob Church as outstanding athletes. To be awarded one of the lettermen sweaters, a boy must be a senior and have lettered in three varsity sports in one year. Ron has lettered

three years in baseball, two years in football, and one year in basketball. Bob lettered in football, basketball and tennis—all in his senior year.

ON TUESDAY evening the Boys' and Girls' Leagues of Torrance High held a combined installation in the teachers' cafeteria at 7 p.m. The theme of this semester's installation was "April Showers Bring May Flowers." A dinner of veal cutlets, mashed potatoes, string beans, biscuits, milk, salad and strawberry shortcake was served preceding the installation.

The installation was then conducted by the outgoing League presidents, Diane Hunter and Manford Mainer. Guests attending the dinner and installation were Dr. Ahee, Miss Hennessey, Mrs. Bertleson and Mr. Arnold.

ON FRIDAY, May 29th, THS held its spring installation of ASB officers. Mr. Johnston, Student Council sponsor, gave recognition to the retiring Student Council members, who in turn introduced the successor to their office. Musical selec-

tions were given by the THS band. Mr. Caldwell installed the new council into their offices. Dieter Seiler, Torrance High's AFS student, gave a final speech. ASB President John Brentwood summarized the Student Council's activities, and Mike Walker, incoming president, delivered a speech as Torrance High's new president. The Student Council for the fall semester of 1960 will include Linda Williams, Kimi Takeuchi, Susan Saari, Judie Sherwood, Sachi Ishihari, Marcella Cook, Roy Yanase, Lynn Keller, Ray Bynum, Joanne Carr, Susan Hammack, Lynn Hyde, Jack Singer, Bill Tilley and Mike Walker.

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