

### Isen Drive Opens Here

The opening gun in a campaign to elect Albert Isen as Mayor of Torrance was sounded Sunday night when the first of a series of "Meet Mr. Isen" meetings was held at the Higgins Brick Yard Patio Room.

Attending the meeting were about 100 persons, representing a cross-section of Torrance's population, business, civic and political life and geographical location, according to Chairman Robert Burke, indicating their support of Mayor Isen in brief remarks during the meeting were Victor Benstead and Robert Jahn, members of the Torrance City Council, and Bert Lynn, president of the planning commission. Benstead compared Isen's drive with the growth of Torrance. "The lead AI has provided in the passage of needed legislation," Benstead said, "has, I know, contributed substantially to the excellent standing of Torrance among California cities. His record as

a councilman and mayor are beyond reproach."

Councilman Jahn concluded his statement to the meeting with a simple "I'm going to cast my vote for AI."

Isen promised "a strong campaign on my part" and remarked that his platform consisted of one plank, "... a strong desire for the continued growth and development of our city." This is what I have worked for during the past four years, and what I hope to do for the next four years."

### Drale Launches Vote Drive To Capture Mayor's Office

Councilman Nick Drale, who served one term as mayor of Torrance, launched his campaign for re-election to the mayor's post this week with a statement of principles.

"Although three times elected to the city council of Torrance, and serving one term as its mayor, the election next 8 marks the first time the



NICK DRALE ... Opens Campaign

April 8 marks the first time the voters of the city will select their mayor by a direct vote," he said.

He pointed out that the mayor has been elected by members of the city council in the past.

To a very considerable extent, therefore, the directing head, or chief executive of Torrance, becomes a man elected by the people, and, therefore, is more directly responsible to the people for his actions, Drale said.

Because of the importance and significance of the office, the mayor of Torrance must bring to his great public trust not only the acceptable qualifications for high office, but the simple principles of old-fashioned straight-dealing, without which his conduct and actions become a farce and a mockery of democratic government, spelled with a small d, he stated.

**Record Is Platform**

"For a decade I have served the people of Torrance as a public servant: I am a man trained in public service by the voters of Torrance. I am a product of their own choosing, understanding their problems and determined to carry out their wishes and needs as sound planning and income dictate. A man's record in public service is his platform of candidacy," he said.

"Here, then, are the things I believe, profess, and live by: 'I believe the conduct of the business of the City of Torrance is a public trust, not a private enterprise for personal gain.

"I believe the mayor represents all of the people of Torrance, not special groups, or the selfish few.

"I believe in efficient, effective, thrifty government for Torrance with maximum production and functioning of all of the city's departments.

"I believe in open meetings of all business conducted by the City of Torrance—with decisions openly arrived at.

"I believe in tailoring Torrance's tax-dollars to fit its income and needs—and in order of community importance.

"I believe Torrance must live within its budget—with full value returned for every taxpayer's dollar expended.

"I believe in public participation, discussion and review of Torrance's budget.

**Hold Costs Down**

"I believe that costly aids and services should be held to a minimum; that enlightened, but economical planning, shall determine the allocation and spending of our tax-dollars for specific projects—but spelled-out in detail, not generalized.

"I believe that good public

and human relations must prevail with all segments and persons of our community—for Torrance is a unique and diversified community—combining business, industry and a large, spreading residential population.

"I believe what is best for Torrance is best for our people—but not for political henchmen.

"I believe good public service is marked by performance, not by personal publicity and self-aggrandizement,—for honesty of purpose must parallel efficient and effective government.

**Equipped for Job**

"And—it is my humble belief that a man who has grown-up in the hard, rough work of the mills and the shops, who later prepared himself for business life and then transferred his interest to business life, and was then trained in public service for a decade by the voters of his community—is adequately equipped and prepared to serve the people of Torrance as its mayor—with honesty, integrity, and distinction.

"I am confident the voters will give my candidacy the kind of consideration and support that will permit me to serve as their mayor,—the occupant, for the first time, to be elected by a direct vote of the people of Torrance."

**Classes Still Open in Gardena Adult School**

Registration is still possible in citizenship and English for foreign speaking classes at the Gardena Adult School, announced Roy L. Stone, principal.

The citizenship class is held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:30. The English for foreign speaking class meets on successive Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30.

There is no charge for instruction.

### Dance Set to Raise \$\$

A St. Patrick's Day dance will be held in Harbor City on Saturday, March 15, to raise funds for a new Scout Hall for the area.

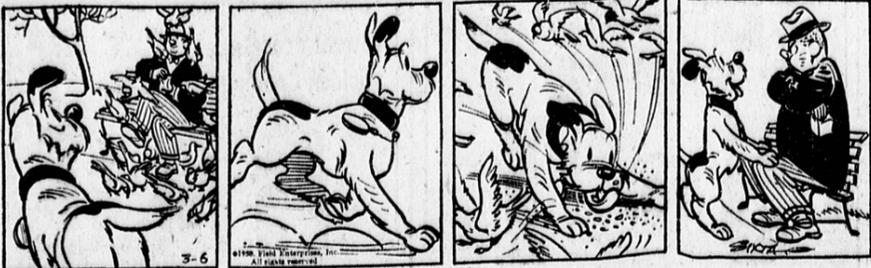
The dance will be held at the Retail Clerks Union building, 260 and Belleporte, Harbor City, from 8:30 to 1:30 a.m. Tickets costing \$1 per person are being sold by the families of Troop 743 and Cub Pack 743-C and also may be purchased at the door.

The building is designed to furnish a meeting place for Scout groups and also may be used by other civic groups.

**Pyatt at Conclave**

Torrance optometrist, Dr. Allen L. Pyatt, was one of the more than 600 vision specialists from all parts of the state who attended the 53rd annual Congress of the California Optometric Assn. recently at the Biltmore Hotel.

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