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CHACE JOINS MINING PROTEST

State to Get Protests at L.A. Hearing

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, whose Fourth District includes Torrance and the Palos Verdes Peninsula, this week added his voice in opposition to a request that two Downey men be given prospecting rights to about 3,000 acres of ocean bottom adjacent to the local coastline.

In a letter to Lt. Gov. Glenn Anderson, Chace said he wanted to go on record as "completely opposing the granting of a permit for offshore drilling along the Palos Verdes coastline."

Chace's protest is expected to give added weight to other protests filed with the State Lands Commission which will conduct hearings on the matter this morning in Los Angeles.

NEARBY CITIES, including Torrance, Palos Verdes Estates, and Redondo Beach, have filed formal protests, and other groups and individuals have protested the request for prospecting permits.

Today's hearing will open at 9:30 a.m. in the State Building, 217 W. First St., in Room 115. Lieutenant Governor Anderson is chairman of the state commission, and he will be joined here today by State Controller Alan Cranston and Finance Chairman Hale Champion.

IN HIS LETTER to Anderson, Chace pointed out the complete lack of industry along the coastline, and added that only limited retail business had developed in the area.

"There is no doubt that commercial barges offshore would seriously jeopardize the property values of the area," he wrote. "It hardly seems proper that an industry offshore should be forced upon this high-class area," he said.

TWO DOWNEY men, C. Edward Christofferson and Howard P. Ritsch, have applied for permits to prospect the area in search of magnetite, the black mineral which is noticeable along the area's coastline.

If the material is found in commercial quantities, the pair would seek a 20-year mining permit from the state, local officials have been told.

CITIES WOULD have no control over the operation and would receive no revenue from the royalties, Robert K. Dower, assistant city attorney, told members of the City Council here recently. He said sand dredged up in the operation could be delivered to the beach to rebuild the strand if the cities would buy it, otherwise it would be returned to the ocean floor.

Official spokesmen for the Ocean Fish Protective Assn. and Los Angeles Skindiving Council have filed protests, and a large number of individuals have written protests in the past week, officials say.

WHILE MEMBERS of the City Council will not attend the meeting as they are in San Francisco, the city's position has been made clear to the members of the state commission through a formal protest and through the intercession of individual councilmen.

"The city plans no formal presentation today, Dower said. "After all, it's up to the proponents to prove their case," he said. "The burden of proof should not be on our shoulders."

Man Asks \$950,000 In Claim

A suit for nearly a million dollars has been filed in Superior Court by Fred W. Bell, 34, of 24242 Park St., against the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

Bell claims he was partially blinded when a Palos Verdes policeman accidentally fired a "fountain pen" tear gas weapon in his face. He asks \$600,000 in damages and \$350,000 in lost wages.

Bell asserts he was stopped Dec. 12 by officers Daniel M. Freil and J. M. Tingey while driving in the Palos Verdes area. According to Bell, Tingey fired the tear gas inadvertently, with the spray hitting Bell in the face.

A U.S. immigration inspector before the accident, Bell may not be able to work again because of impaired vision, according to his attorney.

Named in the suit in addition to the city are Police Chief Jack Smith and his two officers, Freil and Tingey.

Security Bank Gets Bond Issue

Security First National Bank was the successful bidder on \$1,000,000 worth of Torrance Unified School District bonds, it was reported Tuesday.

The bank submitted the winning bid of 3.343 per cent on the issue which will mature over a 20-year period. The bonds will be re-offered at prices to yield 1.60 per cent in 1962 to 3.57 per cent in 1981.

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Kiwanis Club Aids Project For Schools

When the transport Raki sails out of Los Angeles Harbor today, it will mark the climax of a six-month campaign started by a Riviera woman which resulted in the collection of nearly 10,000 obsolete elementary school textbooks to be used in schools in Tanganyika.

The books, collected through efforts of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, will reach the tiny African country about a week ahead of Tanganyika's scheduled step to independence late in December.

THE PROJECT was started last spring by Mrs. Frank Stanley, 154 Via Pasqual, whose husband was in the East African country as a cameraman on the film, "Hatari."

Stanley wrote to his wife here of the plight of the schools which had only 10 books at that time. He spoke to Julian K. Nyerere, prime minister of the country, and was told that books were among the most vital needs of the small nation.

Mrs. Stanley immediately sent some books on her own.

Pair Pull Switch, Cut Take

Two frustrated robbers tripped over their own precautions and wound up with only \$7 after failing to open the cash register of a Harbor City liquor store.

According to Sada Matsu-maga, 46, operator of Bill's Liquor Store at 1544 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., the pair were unable to open the electric till because they had turned off the power so they could work unnoticed in the dark.

In their ensuing frustration they hit the store owner over the head with a wine bottle and took the only money they could get — from Matsu-maga's wallet.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think the pledge of allegiance should be required daily in our public schools?" the Pennies photographer asked Torrance area shoppers.

Mrs. Harold Kupke, 18033 Glenburn Ave.:

"I think it's a good idea if done in the proper way. It depends on the attitude and how the children are taught the pledge by the teacher."

Mrs. Victor Benveniste, 18742 Haas Ave.:

"Yes, I think so. I guess it gives the children a little more understanding of the 'united States.'"

Mrs. Thomas Kane, Lawndale:

"Yes, I do, and I also think there should be a daily Bible reading. I have been appalled at parades, baseball games and other sporting events to see lack of respect for the American flag."

Mrs. Eddie Pierce, Gardena:

"Yes, I think it teaches children patriotism and love of country. I always said the pledge of allegiance in school and think it should be continued."

Mrs. E. E. Bourland, Gardena:

"Definitely, I think it teaches the children respect and something about their country. I think it helps teach respect for the flag, especially in the lower grades."

Dope, Loaded Gun Taken in Office Theft

Narcotics and a loaded weapon valued between \$300 and \$500 were stolen Monday night from the office of Dr. James K. Lees, 2275 Carson St.

The thieves gained entry by crawling through a window which they broke on the side of the building. The office was entered between 6:30 and 11 p.m. Every drawer in the establishment was ransacked.

Vandals Ransack School Offices

Administrative offices at Victor Elementary School, 4820 Spencer St., were broken into over the weekend and \$150 taken.

Entry was gained by prying open a door lock. Papers were thrown on the floor and file cabinets ransacked.



END BOOK PROJECT... Helping load the last of 9,000 obsolete textbooks for shipment to Tanganyika are (from left) Mrs. Frank Stanley, her son Jimmy, committee chairman Hal Frenz, and Kiwanis Club President Tommy G. Wilkes. The Torrance service club came to the aid of Mrs. Stanley after she opened campaign to send the books to Africa. (Herald Photo)

Seven Injured in Four Local Traffic Crashes

Seven persons suffered injuries this week in four separate accidents.

Charles Eugene Williams of Lawndale was booked on suspicion of felony drunken driving Tuesday after a two-car collision on Hawthorne Boulevard south of Newton Street.

Williams suffered facial cuts and was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment. Police said Williams' southbound sedan collided with a northbound car driven by Robert Bendorf, 3116 Via La Selva. Williams' car had crossed over a double white line, police said. A passenger in Bendorf's car, Patricia Bendorf, was treated for injuries at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

THREE PASSENGERS in a sedan driven by Oscar Peter Peterson, 50, of Baldwin Park, suffered minor injuries and were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital after a car-truck collision about 5 p.m. Tuesday at Hawthorne and Lomita boulevards.

Injured were Nelly Newquist, 62; Rebecca, 3, and Douglas, 7, Dunn, all of 22714 Draille Drive.

PETERSON'S sedan was involved in the collision with a vacuum truck driven by William Thomas Murray of Gardena. A third vehicle, driven by Mattie Lee Coppock, 46, of 411 Camino de Las Colinas, was also involved. Police said Peterson was southbound on Hawthorne Boulevard and making a left turn onto Lomita Boulevard at the time of the accident.

Edwin Emile Ward, 43, of 4025 W. 242nd St., suffered a cut lip yesterday morning when his sports car ran into a wooden barricade on a service road fronting Pacific Coast Highway east of Crenshaw

Boulevard. Ward was taken to a private physician. Ward told police he had just eaten at a restaurant nearby and didn't recall what happened until his car struck the barricade.

Transistor Taken

A transistor radio was stolen about 6:30 p.m. Monday from the car of George Gale, 722 Portola Ave. The vehicle was parked in front of Gale's home. Entry to the car was gained by breaking a front window, reaching in and opening the car door. Suspected are five teenage boys.

Fourth Lomita Water System Contract Let

Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced that the contract for the fourth phase of a series of water distribution system improvements being made by County Waterworks District No. 13, Lomita, has been awarded to Card Construction Co., Inc., Newport Beach.

The low bid of \$48,488 is \$7,512 or 13.4 per cent below the county engineer's estimate of \$56,000 made on Aug. 23, Chace said. Funds for the project are available in County Waterworks District No. 13, Narbonne Ranch No. 2 Annex Bond Funds.

Work will consist of installing approximately 6,700 lineal feet of 6, 8, and 10-inch diameter water mains, fire hydrants,



COVETED CROWN... El Camino homecoming queen candidates ponder who will wear the queen's crown held by the coeds in front row. They are, left to right, front, Barbara Connell, Maureen Hayes, Maureen O'Donnell and Rosemary LaFever. Back row, Nancy Newman, Janet Klute, Roberta Tokar, Diane Scott, Linda Stoddard, Robin Thomas, Karen Sake, Diane Barron and Diane Cannon. (Herald Photo)