

City Moves to Annex 10-Acre 'Hole' on Its Border

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VOTERS REJECT BOND ISSUE

A Penny for your Thoughts

After the recent Russian charge that a U2 had flown over Soviet held territory the United States announced that U.S. planes would continue to patrol international waters near the Soviet Union. The Pennies photographer asked persons if they think "the United States should continue U2 flights near Soviet borders."

Norris Rodney, 23008 Arlington Ave.
"I think it's very necessary to continue the flights. I am sure it was decided the risk of an international situation was worth it before the flights were scheduled."

Mrs. Harry Pelley, 21226 Talisman St.
"I believe we need the information obtained from the flights or we wouldn't be doing it. We have to find out what Russia is doing one way or another."

Mrs. Steve Haston, 21729 Marjorie Ave.
"I think that since they have had trouble or difficulty with the flights that perhaps we should go slow or discontinue them for awhile."

Mrs. Thad Males, 5028 Scott St.
"Turn about is fair play. The Russians have been observing us from right here in this country. We are kind of broadcasting our activities since the flights have been publicized."

Mrs. Robert Thurston, 21922 Grant Ave.
"If the flights give us the kind of information we want then I think it's a good idea. International relations have been strained for a long time regardless of the flights."

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YOU'RE OVERDRAWN

Bradford Gets Contract for Overcrossing

Steps to annex a 10-acre hole in the ground at the city's southeast corner above Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard were inaugurated by the City Council Tuesday night on the recommendation of City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer.

County to Go Ahead With Sabin

The Los Angeles County Medical Assn. announced Monday it will go ahead with its Sabin oral vaccine inoculation program scheduled for Oct. 21 and 28.

Dr. Reginald H. Smart, chairman of LACMA's public health committee, said the decision resulted following a meeting of the committee. The session was attended by representatives of Ventura, Orange, Riverside and Imperial Counties which are sponsoring similar mass vaccine programs.

SPEAKING for the committee, Dr. Smart said the members could see no reason for postponing the project in view of the statement over the weekend of the U. S. Public Health Service.

The USHS recommended that programs for Type I and II vaccines go ahead unconditionally. It suggested, for the time being, that Type III Sabin vaccine be withheld from adult persons but that it continue to be given to children of school age and pre-school age.

The U. S. announcement followed a decision of authorities to suspend Canada's Sabin program after four cases of (Continued on Page 11)

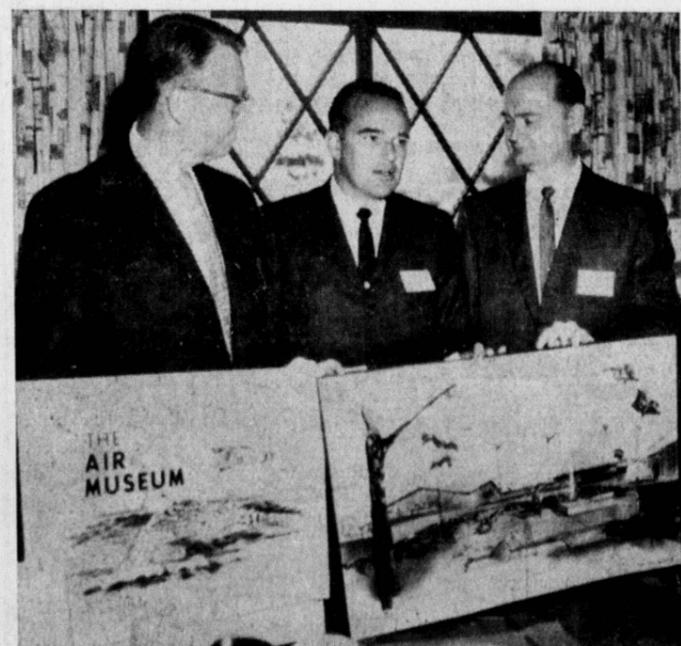
Initiation of annexation proceedings for the land, which was described as a possible link to a park for the area, was made through the adoption of a resolution outlining the Council's intention.

THE LAND, under the jurisdiction of the State Division of Highways, is the property of the state. It was used as a borrow site for state road construction projects in the area.

In other action the Council sent back to the Planning Commission a petition for change of zone from C-2 to R-3 on property at 3650-3720 Emerald; awarded a contract for sewers in Flower Avenue between Sonoma and Carson streets to the S. and S. Construction Co.; awarded a contract to the George A. Bradford Co. for construction of the pedestrian overpass on Crenshaw Boulevard at 187th Street, and rejected a recommendation that speeds on Anza Avenue and Calle Mayor be raised to 35 miles an hour.

TAKING A bow from the audience was R. R. Smith, 90-year-old Torrance pioneer who was the city's second mayor, taking office shortly after the city was incorporated.

Smith told Council members that the city before its incorporation operated for a period of nine years on a budget of \$12,000. "And even then, I'll bet the people squawked," Mayor Albert Isen quipped.



MUSEUM OUTLINED . . . Walker M. (Bud) Mahurin (center), chairman of the board of directors of the Air Museum, shows sketches of proposal to Scott Robinson (right) and Norman Michel, chairman and co-chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Committee, after outlining his proposal at Tuesday morning's breakfast meeting. The city has under consideration a request to lease airport property for the enterprise. (Herald Photo)

Board Defers Action On Four-Year College

Refusing to take action until more facts were at hand, the Board of Education withheld their support of a move to place a four-year state college in Torrance at Monday night's meeting.

The question will come up again when the Board meets Tuesday, Sept. 25.

A 3-2 vote halted the Trustees from taking a stand on the proposal.

Board president Albert Charles and member William Hanson wanted to take action immediately.

Turn Lanes To Be Built On Carson

Stopping and turning restrictions will soon become effective along Carson Street's westerly approach to Vermont Avenue as one of several street and traffic improvements slated in the area.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said the Carson Street traffic regulations will be posted within five days by the Los Angeles County Road Department. The restrictions were adopted in conjunction with widening of Carson Street near Vermont and adjacent to new units of Harbor General Hospital. More than 30,000 cars daily pass through these intersections, Chace said.

Other Carson area street work under way, Chace noted, includes improvements along portions of Main Street and 223rd Street to Delores Street. These related projects, the Supervisor explained, are in the interest of traffic safety in the area of Carson High School as well as providing better drainage and lower maintenance costs.

Youth Held For Arson

Donald Lee Witt, 20, of 17233 Casimir Ave., was arrested Tuesday and charged with arson.

The arrest involves a 1959 model sedan which burned about 1:55 p.m., Sept. 4, at the Van Lingen Garage Storage yard at 20341 Hawthorne Ave. The car was registered to Glen H. Walker of Las Vegas.

Airport Advisors Studying Request For Auto Agency

A committee of the Airport Commission is considering a preliminary proposal of Ray Vane, Inc. for a lease to establish a Chrysler dealership at the municipal airport.

Financing has been obtained for construction of leasehold improvements to a maximum of \$100,000, the commission was told at a recent meeting.

Under the proposal there would be facilities for automobile service, body repair shop, and sale of new and used cars. The service and body shop facilities would not be on the Pacific Coast Highway frontage.

Ray Vane told the commission he would like to submit a lease agreement to the commission in the near future together with plot plan, traffic circulation pattern, schematics, length of lease term, and rental arrangements.

Of primary interest to the Board was whether two sites being considered at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Boulevards would be developed residentially or industrially.

The estimated 250 acres for the college is worth about \$10 million and produces about \$80,000 annually in taxes.

Lynn wanted information on how much the school district derives from the proposed college site, how much it could expect if the land were developed industrially, and how much would be produced should the land be developed as a residential district.

Oil Firm Seeks Site On Airport

A picture depicting a proposed building for a service station at Pacific Coast Highway and Denny Road was shown to Airport Commissioners recently by an oil company representative.

D. M. Georgette, Texaco Co. real estate agent, told the commission he thought the best possible usage for the corner would be a service station.

The commission decided to forward the item to the city council with the recommendation that the commission enter negotiations with the Texaco Co. for the land.

Board Must Now Decide What to Do

Torrance voters rejected by a 64-vote margin Tuesday a school district proposal to authorize issuance of \$8 million in bonds to finance construction of new school facilities in the city.

The decision, only failure reported among nearly a dozen similar elections throughout the Southland Tuesday, will mean that construction now under way will continue but no new construction can be started, the HERALD was told.

"We'll probably have to come back next spring with another proposal," Bert Lynn, member of the Board of Education, told the HERALD Wednesday morning.

NINETEEN per cent of the city's 46,000 voters visited the polls, according to the complete but unofficial returns. Of the 9,348 ballots cast, 6,211 favored the proposal and 3,137 opposed it. The vote was less than one per cent short of the required two-thirds majority.

"The people who didn't bother to vote were the ones who beat the proposal," one school official said.

In commenting on the effect the rejection Tuesday had on the city's school building program, S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent, said some stiff decisions will now have to be made by the Board of Education.

THEY NOW will have to decide about school site purchases with the sure knowledge that if they use construction funds now available to buy a new site, the district will be forced to put additional youngsters on double sessions next fall.

On the other hand, if they use the funds for classroom expansion, the cost of the school site which will be needed will rise.

A 12-month lead is about the minimum for elementary school construction, school officials say. Schools approved and sent to bid now will be ready for students next fall.

EIGHTEEN months to two years is required for high school projects, the HERALD was told. Immediately affected by Tuesday's vote were plans for the Joseph Arnold Elementary School, an addition to Torrance High School and West High School, and classroom additions at Hickory and Victor Elementary Schools.

Anza and Jefferson Elementary School face double sessions in the near future because they are now at saturation with students.

WEST HIGH School, opened last week for the first time, has no gymnasium facilities and classroom space has been converted as temporary shower and locker rooms to handle the state required physical education classes.

South High School is operating without an athletic field, but that was described as probably the least pressing of current school needs.

Failure of the bond proposal also eliminates any possibility of state aid, Waldrip said. He pointed out that the district now would not be bonded to capacity, and that state aid would automatically be denied under that circumstance.

ON ALL FRONTS, however, the reaction to the vote was centered on the apparent indifference of Torrance voters. While 44 per cent of the Palos Verdes district voters visited the polls Tuesday, Torrance could tally only 19 per cent.

"And one third of them, or six per cent of the voters, decided the school issue," one observer said.

Use of Radar Explained to Optimist Club

Information gained by the use of radar has been used to revise speed limits throughout the city, Torrance Police Department Radar Officer Glyn Boyce told the Optimist Club Monday.

"Radar," said Boyce, "has been used in Torrance since the fall of 1959. It was first used to survey all streets carrying through traffic. The information gained as to average traffic speeds has been used to revise speed limits throughout the city."

Radar equipment has been, since the beginning, used to enforce speed limits.

OFFICER BOYCE stated, "Its use (radar) in the establishment of proper speed zones and enforcement of these speed zones has measurably decreased the general speed in our city, while at the same time increasing the normal flow on many of the most heavily traveled road ways."

"Radar has not eliminated traffic accidents but its use has lessened the severity of property damage and personal injuries. Radar as used in Torrance is mobile and can be operated on all roadways at any location."

He further stated, "The motorcycle officers that do the enforcing with the radar unit are instantly informed of accurate speeds and are therefore, able to avoid high speed pursuits that expose both themselves and the motorist."

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TOP REALTOR . . . Jack Schmidt (right), president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, receives "Realtor of the Year" award from Bob Thompson, nationally known sales lecturer and training expert. Schmidt was surprised with the award Monday morning following a session of real estate classes which Thompson is now conducting each Monday at the Board office in Torrance. (Herald Photo)

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