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A Penny
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Thoughts

Recent legislation passed in California will make auto smog-control devices mandatory during the next few years. The Pennies photographer asked several people: Do you think this kind of legislation will help solve the smog problem?

Mrs. LeRoy Herold, 328 Avenue E, Redondo Beach:

"Anything they can do to help control the smog is all right with me. Lots of people are suffering needlessly from the smog. I think anything that might help should be tried so that an answer can be found."

Mrs. Jack Corson, 11107 Amie Ave.:

"I've moved to Torrance to escape from the suffering caused by heavy smog, so I am in favor of anything that might offer a solution. Automobiles probably do help create the problem, so this might help."

Mrs. Thomas Kirchner, 11811 Cerise Ave.:

"The only way to solve the smog problem is to move all the industry in to the southwestern area where the winds can blow it out. Automobile devices will not help measurably because most of the smog is caused by industry."

Mrs. Vera McKay, 4713 Kon-ya Dr.:

"I think using smog control devices on cars is a good idea. We have never had much of a problem with smog except traveling through it, but I know it is bad. The law is bound to help somewhat."

Mrs. Wesley Solberg, 5511 Aruada St.:

"I think the new law will help somewhat, but we will never get rid of smog entirely in the Los Angeles area. After all, the Indians used to call this Smokey Valley long before there was any industry."

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Two Council Members Say 'You Do It'

Councilmen Ken Miller and George Vico Tuesday night offered the unwary a two-step plan for quitting a City Council committee assignment that suddenly seems sour:

1. When the mayor says you're giving away city hall with a recommendation you've made to the Council, say "I quit!"

2. When the mayor goes on to say he'll send the matter to a different committee, say "Get another committee, but leave me off."

The lesson in quitting committee posts was one of the results of a 90-minute discussion about a pair of roadways proposed for the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard.

COUNCILMEN Miller and Vico, along with Councilman J. A. Beasley, as members of the Council's airport committee, had met with city officials and representatives of the shopping center developers to work out a road plan.

Following the involved discussions, the committee recommended that a road running eastward from Crenshaw Boulevard to intersect 255th Street in Lomita be installed through the center of the development, the cost to be borne entirely by the developers.

Another roadway, to enter the center from Pacific Coast Highway and follow the eastern boundary line of the center, was proposed and the committee recommended that the developer provide the land and install curbs and gutters and the city pick up the tab for the paving.

IT WAS ON this point that the tempo of discussion began to increase. Miller, obviously provoked that Isen had implied the commission was too lenient on the developers, told Isen to "go ahead and vote against the recommendation, but quit accusing us of giving away city hall."

Vico joined the rising debate by telling the mayor, "If you don't think we are doing a good job, you take it and do it yourself. You're so smart."

Pioneer Merchant Dies at 65

Funeral services for Ben Rappaport, 65, were held Sunday afternoon in Hillside Memorial Park Chapel. Mr. Rappaport died Friday at his home in Los Angeles.

A pioneer Torrance merchant, Mr. Rappaport came to this city in 1918. He and two brothers were instrumental in the early growth and development of the city. Mr. Rappaport operated a cigar stand and check cashing service at Gramercy and Cabrillo for many years.

He left Torrance in the early 1930's and for the past 10 years has served as the western sales representative for the American Distilling Co. Mr. Rappaport leaves his wife, Hetty; a daughter, Mrs. Esther Rossum; a brother, Sam; a sister, Mrs. Anna Feigalstein; and one grandchild.



WESTERN QUEEN . . . Reigning as queen of the eighth annual Torrance Ranchero Days will be South High sophomore Rita Hancock, 16. Sponsored by the Walteria Businessmen, the young president of the Wagon Wheel Whirlers in Rolling Hills will be assisted in carnival and rodeo ceremonies by princesses Charleen Forsythe, 19, and Gaye Kirkland, 18. Miss Forsythe was sponsored by the North Torrance Lions Club and Miss Kirkland represents the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

College Grab?

Nortronics Hints Move If Research Land Goes

Possible use of scientific research and development land for the site of the California State College at Palos Verdes has brought hints that the Nortronics research facility may move from Rolling Hills.

Attorney Norman Oliver, representing Nortronics at a special meeting of the Rolling Hills Council Monday evening told the group that he had learned the state is considering "up to 175 acres of the SR & D land for the site." He warned that such a grab might result in Nortronics leaving.

THE COUNCILMEN said they felt as if they were "spitting in the wind" from the bow of a boat after the hearing. The meeting was called after hints that preliminary site boundaries included nearly 100 acres of the specially zoned land. The State Board of Public Works, inquiring into acquisition and cost of land for the college, has about 75 days in which to report to the Board of Trustees of the State College System. Any final decision will be the result of a decision by the two boards.

Mayor Teena Clifton, in reference to a possible move by Nortronics, said, "This would create a financial crisis in our school district."

THE CITY had annexed the land to prevent rezoning for residential use by the County Planning Commission. The tract includes 400 acres, of which 100 acres are owned by Nortronics.

Oliver told the council that Nortronics had moved to the Peninsula under the assumption that the additional land would be used for similar research, "even if it meant a competing company."

Harry Harmon, chief of facilities planning for the state colleges, told the council that the process had not gone beyond a point to which they cannot return.

City Voted Funds for 190th Street

Allocation of \$35,000 to the City of Torrance for the improvement of 190th Street has been announced by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. The money will come from the aid-to-cities fund, which is based on gas tax revenues.

Improvement to the street will be made in the area from Crenshaw Boulevard to Arlington Avenue. The project includes grading, construction of curbs and gutters, a roadway base, and paving.

Log Sheets, Records of Trio Checked

Complete records pertaining to three officers of the Torrance Police Department who have been charged with felonies are being scrutinized this week by a team of investigators from the district attorney's office. Matters under review by the investigators include log sheets, reports of cases handled by the three officers, and persons who might have associated with them.

The investigation, ordered this week by Manley J. Bowler, chief deputy district attorney and reported the choice of District Attorney W. B. McKesson to be his successor, began Monday when a team of investigators walked into the police station and announced the purpose of their visit.

LAUNCHING of the probe followed the July 6 arrest of officers Robert W. Keith, 26, and Roger L. Jacobson, 25, on charges of grand theft; and the arrest Saturday of Sgt. Ralph E. Walker, a 12-year veteran of the force, on a charge of burglarizing a medical office.

Members of the City Council Tuesday night expressed full confidence in the officers of the department and heard William Uerkwitz of the Southwood Riviera district praise the department for its competent handling of the demonstrations in the area under the sponsorship of the Congress of Racial Equality and other integration groups.

DEPUTY Bowler, however, was singled out for criticism by Mayor Isen, who said he was shocked when he saw Bowler on a television program detailing the investigation of the Torrance department.

"I think Mr. Bowler owes the city and the entire police department an apology for his lack of finesse," Isen said.

On reading yesterday that McKesson may be stepping aside and nominating Bowler as his successor, Isen said the move strengthened his belief that the Torrance probe may have been "politically inspired."

ISEN WAS careful to point out during a statement made at the opening of the Tuesday night meeting of the City Council that he did not object to the investigation, but was objecting to the statements made by Bowler.

His comments were endorsed by other councilmen. "One of the fellows said he hoped he was spinning his wheels," George Vico said. "I told him 'I hope you are too,'" Vico told his colleagues.

COUNCILMAN Victor E. Benstead cautioned against premature disclosures of findings, and said he believed the investigation should have been conducted quietly.

On this point most councilmen were in agreement: The normal procedure for such investigations is to move in quietly to determine the facts of the case, and take appropriate action on those findings. Investigators were still busy with city officials yesterday afternoon.

Curb on Pickets Studied

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier will go to court to seek an injunction to limit pickets and demonstrations at the Southwood Riviera tract following action by the City Council Tuesday.

The councilmen told Remelmeier Tuesday to seek means to protect the peace of the Southwood neighborhood that has been the target of demonstrations by the Congress of Racial Equality. The injunction, if granted, would be a partial answer to an order which prevents the city from enforcing a curfew in the area.

THE CURFEW was part of an ordinance adopted July 9 and limits parking and business activities in the area, as well as places a curfew on weekends in the area. The city was prevented from enforcing the curfew by an injunction issued by Judge Kenneth Chantry last week.

A hearing on the injunction, in which the city was ordered to show cause why it should not be made permanent, was postponed from last Monday at the request of Charles Catterlin, city prosecutor.

REMELMAYER suggested the city seek an injunction to limit demonstrations in a discussion of the problem Tuesday evening. The injunction would be similar to those issued against labor unions, limiting the number of pickets and controlling the sit-in demonstrations.

William Uerkwitz, president of the Southwood Homeowners Assn., told the council that sit-ins after dark were a particular difficulty on the neighborhood. He asked that steps be taken to protect the peace of the area.

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