

# YMCA Begins Drive to Finance New Building

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Thoughts

Congress has begun to talk of changes in the law of Presidential succession, so the Pennies photographer asked several residents, "Do you think some change in the present law of succession is needed?"

**Mrs. John Hughes:**  
"I feel in this time of emergency, we have seen that some change is needed. The vice presidency, and should be, an important job. I haven't really studied the pros and cons, so I don't know what kind of change would be best."

**Karen Renz, 5229 Marielinda St.:**  
"I think we should have two vice presidents. The assassination proved the importance of having someone ready to take over the government, and it should be someone who is elected by the people. We should never be without a vice president."

**Mrs. John Watson, 3136 W. 187th St.:**  
"I don't know. It is important to have a vice president under normal conditions, but hopefully the kind of thing that has happened now will not happen too often. The main thing is to have someone who is at all times clearly responsible to take over the government."

**Mrs. Thomas Bannan, 2611 W. 168th St.:**  
"I feel that there should be someone who is able to take over at any time. There is a real need in case of an emergency, such as when Eisenhower was sick. I'm not in favor of electing two vice presidents, however."

**Mrs. Chuck Luttrell, 4632 Carmelynn St.:**  
"No, I don't think a change is needed in the present law of succession. Succession in previous cases of assassination or death in office have proved successful. I think McCormack is a good man, and much of the talk is simply because of his age."

### City Announces Job Openings

The City of Torrance will offer examinations March 21 to fill utility maintenance man and communications operator openings.

Further information is available at the Personnel Office, City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

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# Council Asked to Scrap Plans For Emergency C. D. Center

## Seek \$570,000 To Build New Youth Facility

Nearly 1,000 Torrance men and women have been recruited to work in a drive to raise funds for the new YMCA building, according to George Post, general chairman of the campaign.

The drive moved into high gear last week as the YMCA intensified efforts to finance the \$570,000 facility designed to serve the entire city. Members of the special gifts committee, headed by H. Ted Olson, and the professional division, chaired by Dr. Wing Mar, began their efforts. The two committees are seeking gifts from local industries and businesses, as well as professional men for the building.

The new facility, to be located at 2800 W. Sepulveda Blvd., will replace the "tin barn" located at 2080 Washington. The temporary facilities served as a Navy mess hall during World War II, and have been occupied by the YMCA for the past few years.

"WE ARE pleased by the overwhelming response to the YMCA's call for aid," Post said. "This will be one of the largest groups ever to work on such a program in Torrance. They have responded because they realize the critical need for facilities to serve Torrance youth and their families."

A 160-member Citizens' Committee, headed by Sam Levy, will actively support the building drive, while a Women's Committee, chaired by Mrs. Lauralee Poser, also will work

Flames from bedding which then caught on fire attracted a neighbor, Charles Doddier, who extinguished the burning (Continued on Page 2)



**RED CROSS . . .** Flags like those put up by Keith Pischell, Rosemary De Camp (Mrs. John Shidler), Mrs. Clara Conner, and Tom Quaggin, will fly throughout the downtown Torrance area during the month of March which has been proclaimed by the President of the United States as Red Cross Month. Hundreds of volunteers such as Mrs. Shidler and Mrs. Conner are working under Pischell, general chairman of the fund campaign in Torrance, and Quaggin who is heading up the residential phase of the solicitation, to insure success of the local drive.

## Police Need More Space, Says Ferraro

Acting City Manager Ed Ferraro has asked the City Council to scrap current plans for the city's Emergency Operating Center in favor of additions to the city's police station.

In a report to the council, Ferraro said the day-to-day operations of the police department have outgrown the present station. Space is badly needed in the police station, according to Ferraro.

Plans have been completed for the Emergency Operating Center (EOC) and the project was scheduled to go out for bid within the next two weeks. A review of the situation, according to Ferraro, shows the money would be better spent by adding a one-story wing and a regular basement and completing some remodeling in the police station.

Council action is expected at Tuesday's meeting, slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

THE CENTER has been planned for civil defense and as a day-to-day central communications center for the city. "It has become obvious," Ferraro told The HERALD yesterday, "that day-to-day fire communications cannot go into the Emergency Operating Center."

Ferraro added he wasn't "trying to take on the civil defense people. People in the police department are literally sitting on top of each other."

The city council will be asked to review the entire matter. Costs of the EOC were pegged at \$350,000, with the city paying nearly \$216,000 as its share. Ferraro says more than 10,000 square feet of useable space can be added to the police station for about \$232,000.

THE PROJECT has been in the works for nearly two years, with assistant city manager (Continued on Page 2)

## Fall Start Planned for PV College

Official ceremonies marking the start of construction for the California State College at Palos Verdes will be held in the early fall, according to Dr. Harry Nethery, dean of facilities planning.

The first building for the hillside campus will be designed by the architectural firm of Emmons and Jones of West Los Angeles. The same firm is now in the process of designing the campus master plan.

Emmons and Jones were given the design job by the State College Board of Trustees at a meeting in Los Angeles Thursday.

PURCHASE OF 200 acres of Palos Verdes Peninsula land is now under way, with negotiations being conducted by the State Department of Finance. The green light was turned on last month when the Board of Trustees gave final approval to the Peninsula site.

The master plan of the Palos Verdes campus is expected to be ready for the Board of Trustees at the April meeting, according to Dr. Nethery. It will show the general location of buildings and the road layout.

## Choral Groups Ready for AFS Benefit Concert Here

Jester Hairston, famed choral conductor, will direct two concerts at Torrance High School next week for the benefit of the Torrance chapter of the American Field Service.

The concerts, scheduled Friday and Saturday nights, will bring together a choral group representing local schools, churches, and music groups, as well as professional singers. Some 90 men and women will participate in the concerts.

Hairston, assistant conductor of the Hall Johnson Negro Choir of New York for 15 years, has trained choirs for radio and Broadway shows and has worked with such artists as Fred Waring, the late Al Jolson, Andre Kostelanetz, and Alfred Wallenstein.

A MAJOR musical figure in Hollywood since 1935, Hairston has had his own choral group since 1943. Among his screen

credits are the musical scores for such movies as "Duel in the Sun," "Red River," and "Land of the Pharaohs."

He has appeared in character parts in several films and television shows. It is Hairston's voice which sings for Sidney Poitier in "Lilies of the Field," and Hairston did the vocal arrangements.

Proceeds from the concert will be used for the international scholarship program of the American Field Service. Currently, the Torrance chapter has three exchange students attending classes in Torrance's high schools.

Tickets for both concerts will be available at the door for

\$1.25. Tickets may be reserved by calling Mrs. Joseph Dock, FR 8-6063, or Mrs. Robert Brigham, DA 3-5256. Mrs. Mary Bartholomew is chairman of the concert committee. Curtain for both evenings is 8 o'clock.

## Police Probe Final Report Due Tomorrow

The second report of the investigation into alleged irregularities in the Torrance Police Department will probably be given to the City Council tomorrow, The HERALD learned yesterday.

The investigation has been conducted by Deputy Attorney General Jack Goertzen and Chief Deputy District Attorney Manley J. Bowler.

The document, reputed to be the final report on the investigation, is expected to be delivered to City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier sometime tomorrow afternoon.



**CONCERT BOOSTER . . .** Pretty Sandy McElhose, 17-year-old Torrance High School senior and the school's 1963-64 homecoming queen, displays poster which has been placed in many Torrance business windows calling attention to the Torrance Area Youth Band-sponsored appearance of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra in concert on Saturday evening, March 14.



**FIRST TICKETS . . .** Getting the first tickets for the AFS benefit concert next Friday and Saturday at Torrance High School is Dr. Robert Ford, principal of West High. Dr. Ford accepts his tickets from Clovis Bender, the exchange student from Brazil who is going to West High, while Karen Renz looks on approvingly. The concert will provide funds to support the Torrance chapter of the American Field Service. (Herald Photo)

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