

Letters To The Editor

Editor, Peninsula Press:

In the Council meeting of August 8, 1950, Councilman Blount made a statement against the United Public Workers of America, Local No. 360, of which a number of Torrance city employees are members, which we trust was not intended as malicious and slanderous on his part but as a result of misunderstanding.

He said, "We are at present in the midst of a shooting war where American boys are fighting and dying to try, in some measure, to combat the inroads of Communism. I would like to move that the City Council instruct the City Clerk to discontinue the collection of union dues for Local No. 360, United Public Workers of America, until such time as the city employee members have severed their affiliation with the United Public Workers of America who have been declared to be communistically controlled."

We the members of Local No. 360, UPW of A would like to state that the policy of the local is established by the executive board and approved by all members. All members of the executive board are elected yearly and are all city employees.

All members have given the loyalty oath, also all members pledge allegiance to the flag at the start of each meeting.

We would like to present our stand, and the reasons for it, on the controversial issue between the local members and the Torrance City Council.

All conditions and the increase in wages requested were formulated by a committee of five city employees, nominated and duly appointed by the membership. These requests have resulted in a retaliatory measure by the City Council in voting to dispense with the check off system in effect now, for union dues. The psychology apparently being to attempt to break the union by causing inconvenience to the employee and by trying to intimidate the employee by implying that they are communistically dominated. At the same time they continue to collect insurance premiums for the insurance now in force and forwarding monies collected to the insurance company. To us this seems discriminatory.

Respectfully,
Local No. 360 UPW of A
(Signed)
SHERMAN MILLER,
President

Home Owners Overridden By L.A. Council

Overriding protests of Olympic to Manchester area home owners, the Los Angeles city council, by a vote of 11 to 2, approved an agreement with the state division of highways designating the route of the Harbor Freeway between Olympic Blvd. and Battery Street.

Councilmen Kenneth Hahn and Don Allen supported the home owners with a negative vote.

The 20.7 mile route as proposed in the agreement reached by city and state officials is from Olympic Blvd. in uptown Los Angeles to Battery St., San Pedro. It runs west of Figueroa southward to Adams, where it crosses Figueroa and continues southward between Figueroa and Broadway to 126th street, where it again crosses Figueroa and continues between that street and Vermont avenue to Battery St.

At present, the matter is in the hands of the State Highway Dept. for further consideration and decision.

New Owner Takes Over Hobby-Lobby

Taking over the Hobby-Lobby donut and malt shop, 1406 Cravens Monday, August 21, is Billie Levesque, the new owner.

Miss Levesque, who purchased the Hobby-Lobby from Charles "Shorty" Darrow, said, "I hope that Shorty's customers continue coming."

Miss Levesque is a resident of Torrance.

Moose Delegates

College of Regents member Ila Mae Ambach, accompanied by her husband William Ambach, will be the delegate from Torrance Chapter No. 44 to the annual conference of the Women of the Moose, which will be held at Mooseheart, Illinois, from August 20-24. While there, she will attend the dedication services for the "House of God" church.

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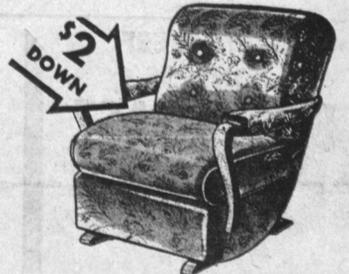


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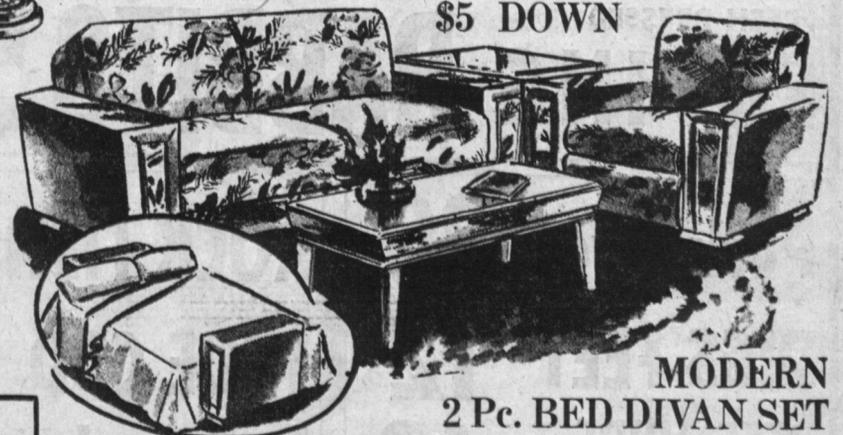


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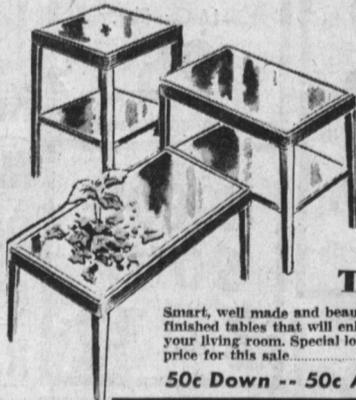
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