

COUNCIL REBUFFS RIVIERA RESIDENTS

City Seeks Standard Sump, Says Stevens Bus Service Plea Ignored by Four

New Site For Dump Studied

City Manager George Stevens Tuesday night publicly informed Councilman Nick Drale that he is negotiating for the huge, idle Standard Oil dirt reservoir in the undeveloped area of Southwest Torrance for use as a city dump.

Stevens made the statement after Councilman Drale again had put his motion before the City Council that Torrance close down the city dump at Western avenue and Plaza del Amo, that it condemn and close the private dump adjoining, and that the Standard dump be acquired.

The motion again was lost for "want of a second," as the four other members of the Council again elected to ignore the wishes of hundreds of home owners in the area surrounding the dump. They want it closed because it is infested with rats, mice, flies, other vermin and filth.

Where Stevens got the authority to negotiate for the Standard reservoir—since the four Councilmen refuse to even acknowledge Drale's motions—was uncertain.

But the remark brought some hope to the residents of the area when they realized that Stevens was attempting to do his job.

Drale has made the motion to close the dump four different times, and four times Mayor Bob Haggard, Councilman H. Spelman, Councilman W. Blount and Councilman E. Karlow have refused to second it and bring it to a vote.

There are only a few scattered homes in the miles of area which surround the Standard sump, whereas, hundreds of homes, housing more than 1000 children, are within a few blocks of the present dump.

Sewer for No. Torrance Gets City Nod

Wheels of motion for work on the North Torrance sewer district started rolling Tuesday night as after the hearing for that sewer district, the city council passed resolutions authorizing the actual construction of the \$65,989 project.

The hearing for the Seaside Heights \$84,659 sewer project was also set for Tuesday night, but was postponed to a later meeting of the City Council due to an easement problem.

Installation of sewer equipment for the North Torrance district will begin about two months after approval of district formation and would be completed within six months thereafter.

Plans and specifications already have been passed by the city council.

The two areas now have cesspools which have caused numerous complaints by residents during the past year.

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DUMP PROXIMITY TO HOMES SHOWN . . . The above aerial photographs taken by Edith Pavin, of the Torrance Press staff from the plane of Howard V. Perkins, 2407 Border Avenue, show; Top (arrow) the present City Dump at Western Avenue and Plaza del Amo and the hundreds of homes which surround it; center (arrow), the huge Standard Oil Company dirt reservoir which is being proposed by Councilman Nick Drale for a city dump, located far from human habitation as the photo shows; and lower (arrow) the Dicalite pit on the north slope of Palos Verdes hills which is being leased by a private operator, to be used by the County of Los Angeles for dump purposes. This dump is also available to the City of Torrance. Residents in the homes surrounding the present dump, shown in the top photo, want the dump closed because it endangers the health and lives of the thousands of children living nearby. The plane was piloted by Herbert Schamber.

King to Seek 17th District Reelection

Rep. Cecil R. King will seek reelection to Congress from the 17th Congressional District, which includes Torrance, the Harbor Area, Centinela Valley and portions of Southwestern Los Angeles.

He made this statement in Washington, the Torrance Press learned, as he put at rest rumors that he would be a candidate against U. S. Senator William F. Knowland, Oakland publisher, in 1952.

"I absolutely will not be a candidate for the senate and I will run for reelection to congress from the 17th district," the congressman said.

King is chairman of a special house ways and means subcommittee that is preparing to launch a full-scale investigation of the administration of the internal revenue code and the operation of the internal revenue bureau.

PUBLICITY
The forthcoming probe is certain to focus national attention on King and his subcommittee.

The congressman was emphatic in his denial that he is thinking of running for the senate, stating that he is "happy" to

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Men of 578th May Not Be Korea Bound

The 165 local lads of the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion of the 40th Division of the National Guard, called into active duty September 1, 1950, are not Korea bound, according to an Army spokesman in Washington.

The spokesman insisted that Secretary Frank Pace's announcement of a rotation policy for army troops in Korea does not alter original plans to train the 40th and the 45th National Guard divisions in Japan.

Pace's rotation statement coincided with the departure of advance elements of both divisions for the Far East.

The spokesman conceded that the plans for the two divisions could be changed on a moment's notice but that as of now the Pentagon is not thinking in terms of committing the two national guard divisions to action in Korea.

Prior to being called into action

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Indignant Hollywood Riviera residents fighting to keep the Torrance Municipal bus service in their area were rebuffed by the 4-1 Councilman majority Tuesday night in the City Hall.

A motion by Councilman Nick Drale to reinstate the bus service to the wealthy and rapidly expanding area was "lost for want of a second."

Mayor Bob Haggard, Councilman H. Spelman, Councilman W. Blount and Councilman E. Karlow just sat there mum and looking pained as they were forced to face the Riviera crowd which filled the auditorium.

The hillside residents were supported also by J. H. Paget, manager of the J. J. Newberry store here and president of the Retail Merchants Association.

The threatening word "recall" again was heard as the Riviera taxpayers heard the refusal of the Council to give them bus service.

They declared they were being discriminated against; that the bus lines are paid for by the taxpayers, and that they pay more taxes, in proportion, than any other residential section of the City.

18 CENTS A YEAR
It would cost the average taxpayer a total of only 18 cents per year to keep the bus running to Hollywood Riviera, it was pointed out, and given good service, it can be made a paying line.

M. L. HOFFENBERG, 365 Calle de Mayor, declared: "We

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EXTEND L. A. LINE TO RIVIERA - - DRALE

Operation of every second or third Torrance Municipal Bus Lines Los Angeles bus, straight through Lomita and Welteria to Seaside Ranchos and Hollywood Riviera is the logical way to make bus service to Southwest Torrance a success, Councilman Nick Drale declared this week.

Not only will the line pay, he said, but it will give Lomita, Welteria and Riviera area residents a direct bus service to Los Angeles.

At present, the Pacific Electric line from Los Angeles to Redondo Beach, terminating at the Torrance-Redondo Beach city line on Catalina street, is available to the Riviera section, but Lomita and Welteria have to depend on Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

This line runs to Los Angeles by Redondo Beach and other South Bay cities through El Segundo and the Westchester district.

Drale contended that the Torrance

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City to Get Bill Of Sale for Sewer Installed by CCMO

The City Council Tuesday night voted to accept the Bill of Sale for the \$80,000 sewer line installed by the C. C. M. O. Company in Crenshaw, Maricopa, and Maple streets.

The Mayor and the City Council were authorized to sign the bill of sale.

The sewer line will serve a large portion of Torrance, including all of Torrance Gardens development and future industrial and residential development in that vicinity, reported City Manager George Stevens.

On the recommendation of Stevens, the Council voted to send a letter of commendation to the C. C. M. O. Company for installing this sewer line.

Inspection of 123 Derricks Completed

With inspection completed of 123 oil derricks in the Torrance field, William J. Hobbs, safety engineer of the state division of industrial safety, reports that he has found 401 defects in those derricks inspected.

Fifteen of these derricks, over which the department he represents has no authority, have been reported to city officials. The city is to notify the owners of these derricks of the requirements that need be met to bring them up to state requirements.

After covering the area from Eshleman Ave. to Crenshaw Blvd. and from Sepulveda Blvd. to 140th st., Hobbs reports that one rig builder is working 100 per cent of his time in the Torrance oil fields repairing the defects Hobbs has found in his inspection tour.

"About five derricks," Hobbs points out, "have been completely repaired to meet the state requirements." He also added that most of the corrections concern the addition of tightening of guy wires, replacement of timbers, due to dry rot, and other faults.

Hobbs said that he has no authority over derricks operated

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Pat Merola Is 1951 Queen of Torrance

The 1951 Queen of Torrance has begun her reign. Pat Merola, 16-year-old Torrance high school junior, received her royal title and crown last Saturday night at the Coronation Ball held in the Municipal Auditorium at the hands of Jackie Johnson, winner of the 1950 event.

The contest was sponsored by the Junior Women's club to help raise funds for the YMCA building under construction.

The new queen will reign at various civic functions during the year with her princesses, the six runners-up in the contest. They are Zola Bellwood, Dona Fuller, Sandy Gulbranson, Dorothy Sandstrom, Shirley York, and Alice Gargalis. Pat is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Merola of 23060 Doris Way, Seaside Ranchos.

Lucky winner of the Bendix Ironer given away at the Coronation Ball was A. B. Smith, local manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The girls brought in a total of \$1,913.73 toward the building now being constructed at the corner of Plaza del Amo and Carson St., near the County Health Center.

Helping officiate the event as announcer was Bernard Lee of Bernard's Family Shoe Store.

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Unemployment For Local Area Shows Drop

Unemployment in the Torrance shows an encouraging drop as there are 914 less unemployed persons in this area than there were in February of this year, according to Winona Ellis, manager of the Torrance office of the State Department of Employment.

There were 2151 persons unemployed in this area in February.

As of this date there are 1237 persons unemployed and seeking work through the local office, of which 614 are women and 623, men. Most of the men are over 40 years of age and 33 percent of the men are veterans. Many of the women are housewives re-entering the labor market for defense work.

Available applicants are classified as follows:

Classification	Feb. Mar. Apr.
Professional	113 77 55
Clerical	310 248 222
Sales People	153 105 80
Service	327 275 203
Agricultural	120 88 106
Skilled	396 345 219
Semi-skilled	370 214 160
Labor	362 253 192

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Red Cross Aid May Be Cut Unless More Funds Donated

Red Cross headquarters here this week urged local campaign workers to wind up their assignments as quickly as possible so that Red Cross could begin discharging its stepped-up 1951 responsibilities at once.

Commenting on the slow motion of the 1951 Red Cross fund drive in the Los Angeles area and in the nation as a whole, Mrs. Gladys Weston, Torrance fund chairman, echoed Los Angeles Campaign Chief Earle M. Jorgensen, who recently warned that "without adequate funds, Red Cross would have to immediately:

1. Notify the military command that it must curtail its military welfare service in Korea and Japan.
2. Serve notice that it cannot expand its blood program so as to provide all the whole blood needed for the fighting front and for civil defense plasma stockpiling.
3. Inform General Marshall that it cannot keep pace with the growth of the armed forces.
4. Report to General Eisenhower that he cannot count on Red Cross for all of the usual program expected of it in Europe.
5. Notify civil defense preparedness authorities that Red

"HOMELIEST MAN" WILL BE CHOSEN SAT.

The dubious honor of the "homeliest man" in Torrance will be bestowed upon some lucky citizen at the Torrance Lions Magic Show, 2 p. m. this Saturday in the Torrance Municipal Auditorium.

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Extension of Crenshaw Blvd. To Sea Speeded

For the first time scenic possibilities of the 16,000 acres comprising the Palos Verdes Peninsula will be fully available to the public with the completion of Crenshaw Blvd., which will be cut through Torrance and the crest of the hills to the sea.

The project, a county road, is being carried out in co-operation with Frank A. Vanderlip Jr., president of the Palos Verdes corporation, whose office prepared the intricate engineering plans for the 5-mile roadway.

PRISONERS ASSIST
Reaching an elevation of 1350 feet at an 8% grade the new highway is designed to thread some of the area's most picturesque canyons and to connect with Palos Verdes Drive on the historic Portuguese Bend coast.

A road camp for county prisoners engaged in the work occupies the 57-acre site recently donated to Los Angeles County by Vanderlip to become an equestrian park.

Actual construction of the roadway, begun in December, 1949, may continue through another two years. The highway

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Personnel for Disaster Units Being Organized

The various departments of the city are now organizing their personnel into Disaster Units, according to George Powell, assistant director of civilian defense.

The following departments are now organized and equipped to start training of personnel: engineering, John Patrick, chairman; public works, Ralph Perkins, chairman; transportation, Marshall Chamberlain, chairman; and garage and equipment maintenance, Paul Stonecker, chairman.

Meetings are being held this week for the purpose of explaining the functions of Civil Defense and to orient the personnel in the assignments of their particular department. Motion pictures on safety are being shown to lend added importance to these meetings.

The City Employees, led by their Personnel Director, Geo. W. Stevens, established a Blood Bank Fund for the employees of the City and their families by donating blood at the Red Cross Bank held in Torrance last week.

This fund will be supplemented by subsequent donations in the future. The employees who were unable to attend last week are urged to contact the office of Civil Defense for an appointment at the next Blood Bank visit in the Torrance area.

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Kathy Fiscus Ordinance to 'Get Teeth'

The City Council Tuesday night decided to "give teeth" to the Kathy Fiscus city ordinance which requires that all sump or deep holes be filled or fenced in.

City Attorney James Hall requested of the council that he be authorized to revise the ordinance. He said that at present no penalty for violation of the ordinance is stated.

The Council unanimously granted the City Attorney's request.

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