

# PLAY BOND VOTE SET FOR APRIL



**MEY, BUDDY**—Vernon, the duck, is trying to convince Tramp, the collie, that dinner time is at hand, and it's time to interrupt the siesta. Tramp ignored Vernon whom he believes to be an interloper because he's only been around for a few months.



**PRETY, PLEASE**—Vernon, who joined the household of Vernon G. Bliss, 1225 Fonthill ave., as a prize won by son, Eugene, 9, decides a face to face conversation is the thing to convince Tramp, who has been with family two years, to have dinner.



**CHOW TIME**—At last, Vernon is successful in getting Tramp to share meal. Although Tramp was somewhat cool to Vernon, when he joined family, the collie has adjusted himself to the company of quacker and eats and plays with him. —Press photos

## Bond Attorneys Reverse Decision

The \$3,000,000 recreation bond issue will definitely go on the April 8 Municipal election ballot, despite last minute attempts to shove it off to the June 3 primary election.

The City Council unanimously initiated action for an early vote at a special adjourned meeting Thursday.

**Latest Opinion**  
After City Clerk A. H. Bartlett announced that sufficient valid signatures had been obtained on the initiative petitions, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier announced that the latest legal opinion is, that the early election can be held "provided we don't make any mistakes."

The city attorney said that the on-again, off-again situation developed due to diverse opinions he had received from O'Melveny and Myers, who were employed as the city's bond attorneys.

Remelmeier explained that the firm had earlier advised him that a 30-day period is required during which arguments for and against the playground measure can be submitted, published and distributed to the 35,000 voters.

**Emergency Session**  
Following an emergency conference late Wednesday afternoon, Remelmeier said that a later opinion was given that only 10 days are required.

Remelmeier also ruled that the city should not announce the definite locations at which park sites are to be acquired or developed, in connection with ordering the election.

He said the reason for his ruling is that if a designated site becomes unavailable, the money can not be used at another location.

**Announce Sites**  
Councilman Robert Jahn said that he definitely wants to make clear the sites the city intends to purchase.

"If we do the same thing as last time, I'm against it. I want a map drawn, showing exactly what we plan to do and mail it to the public," Jahn said.

The Council agreed to use \$1,000,000 of the funds for developing existing parks and to use the other \$2,000,000 for acquiring new park sites.

O'Melveny and Myers will receive a few of \$4,000 if the measure is approved, and \$750 if it fails.

The identical bond issue failed by only 148 votes to receive the required two-thirds majority when it came up at a special election last Oct. 29.

The failure came right after several members of the Recreation Commission quit shortly after the City Council shaved the proposition from the original \$5,000,000 package proposed by a private survey firms.

**No Arguments**  
Although the Council unanimously agreed to place the matter on the ballot, they all balked at having one or all of their members prepare arguments in favor of the measure.

"I'm in favor of the bond issue, but not for the Council to prepare the arguments," Mayor Albert Isen declared.

Bartlett reported that 2262 signatures submitted on the petitions were valid, with only 2087 required. The signatures were collected by a committee under chairmanship of Mrs. Eva Bisou.

**Cyanide Gopher Danger Told**  
Alarm over the report of four packages of potassium cyanide gopher bombs, stolen Tuesday from the 101 Begonia farm, has brought a warning from Lt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance police department.

He describes the bombs as being of a firecracker type, five inches long, one-half inch in diameter, with a fuse in to top. They are colored white with red lettering, Poison, Potassium cyanide. There are 24 bombs, packed six to a box.

Cook fears that they may fall into the hands of children, or others unaware of their great danger. Their misuse could cause death, says Cook.

**BEACH CLUB BURGLARY**  
Two juke boxes and a vending machine were broken into in a burglary of the California Bay Club, 201 Paseo de la Playa, Torrance police reported Friday.

## Teacher Trial Slated

A former Torrance High School student said he and his teacher stole four business machines in a nocturnal burglary of the administration building, but that they proved "too hot" to dispose.

John Zamerla, 19, of 2626 California, gave his testimony Friday in Torrance Municipal Court during the preliminary hearing of Robert E. Prowell, 35, accused of two counts of burglary.

**Quit Post**  
Prowell, who said he signed letter of resignation brought to him by Torrance Unified School District officials while he was in jail Saturday, was held to answer in Superior Court.

He will be arraigned March 14 in Long Beach. His \$500 bail was continued by Municipal Judge John A. Shidler.

Zamerla testified that he stole a hi-fi set from the teachers' cafeteria, which he said Prowell wanted, and received \$40 from Prowell whom he met in a Lomita cafe after the alleged theft.

**Too Machines**  
The student, who is facing charges of horse stealing, said that about a month later, he and Prowell entered the school offices to take the business machines.

Zamerla, a student at California Polytechnic College, said that he saw the machines in Prowell's Long Beach home several times, and that the teacher finally asked him to get rid of them two months ago.

Lt. D. C. Cook, head of the Torrance juvenile bureau said that Zamerla \$40 for the hi-fi equipment. He said that the teacher was arrested by the Firestone Sheriff's detectives and turned over to him.

**Science Exhibit Planned**  
More than 60 industries have already accepted invitations to display exhibits when North High School holds its second annual Science Day April 14.

Among the displays already promised is a satellite made by the Hoffman Company, a camera which took pictures inside the human heart from the Moody Institute of Science, an Air Force space suit equipment, a solar-powered auto model by General Motors and the scientific inventions of Leonardo da Vinci.

Tony Gallo, coordinator of instruction, and Haig Marashlian, director of student activities at North High, are the co-chairmen for the exhibit.

They said they have invited 200 local industrial firms to present exhibits, lectures, films and experiments, and that 60 have already accepted.

Gallo said that the idea of a science day was conceived last year at North High, the first time in a high school, and that several other schools have now shown interest in the event.

The program will be held all day and in the evening until 9 p.m. Students and adults will be invited to attend.

**Yo-Yo Spinoffs Here**  
Regional winners in the county yo-yo contest will compete in the Torrance Civic Auditorium next Saturday at 10 a.m.

The event will pit Bob Morgan, 13, from Sportsman's Park, against Angle Gomez, 13, from Lawndale Park.

## Isen Calls for County-Split At Legislative Hearing

### Mayor Rejects Merger of 5 South Bay Cities

Mayor Albert Isen Friday called for either enlargement of the County Board of Supervisors or the splitting of Los Angeles County.

He made the suggestions at a hearing by the Assembly Interim Committee on Municipal and County Government, which invited him to testify.

"The County is getting too bulky. It can't possibly give the efficiency of a smaller unit," Isen declared.

The mayor also rejected from a personal standpoint a suggestion for the consolidation of five South Bay cities, including Torrance, as proposed by Mayor Lefroy L. Center of Redondo Beach.

"The County government is too bulky. And the bigger it gets, the more it costs," Isen said.

"They should split the county. Now 5,500,000 people are governed by five supervisors. What we need is more supervisors and fewer supervisors' field deputies," he added.

**More Supervisors**  
Under questioning by the committee, Isen said he favors either the enlargement of the Board of Supervisors to nine members, or creation of a southern Los Angeles county composed of Torrance, South Bay, San Pedro and Long Beach.

A smaller governmental unit is both more accessible to the public, and less costly," the mayor maintained.

He also rejected the consolidation plan for South Bay cities. "As far as I have heard, the people of Torrance are not interested in inheriting the headaches of higher tax rates in these other cities. Our situation is getting better as new industries and shopping centers open in Torrance, with resulting higher tax revenue," Isen said.

### Hospital Probe Nixed

Are there too many hospitals in the Torrance-South Bay area? That was the question raised at a meeting of the board of directors of the South Bay Hospital District.

The question came up when Jack Saylin, Riviera Hospital administrator, asked for the appointment of a committee to re-evaluate hospital needs in the area.

The directors announced that plans for the 245-bed district hospital to serve the beach cities, were well on their way, and should not be reconsidered now.

Bids for the district hospital, to be located in Redondo Beach, will be opened March 12.

### Torrance Press Ad Brings Fast Results on Rental

John F. Anderson had no trouble finding takers when he placed a classified ad in the Torrance Press seeking to rent his one bedroom apartment.

"I rented it on the first call," the resident of 25833 1/2 Narbonne ave., Lomita, reported.

Quick results are assured when you place a classified ad in the Torrance Press.

If you have anything for rent, sale or buy, call an efficient, courteous ad-taker at FA 8-2345 for fast results.

### Sump No Peril to Health

A sample of water taken at the Southwood sump will show signs of sewage, but there is no health menace involved, Angus McVicar water superintendent is expected to report to the City Council.

His department was assigned to obtain a bacteria count on water which was pumped into the sump from the Ocean ave. area.

Alvin Lowl, of 4018 Merrill st., complained to the City Council last Tuesday that the water pumped into the sump during the flood emergency had a strong odor "like a Kansas City stockyard."

Both McVicar and David W. Colfelt, chief sanitarian of the Torrance county health office, agreed that no health danger exists in the area.

Colfelt pointed out that unless someone actually drinks the water, there is no danger. The sump has a high fence with barbed wire on top.

McVicar said he expects to receive a health department report on the sample Monday.

The city pumped water from the Ocean ave. area, where there are several stables, and pumped it into the sump as an emergency measure.

McVicar and Colfelt said they could detect no sewage odor around the sump.

### Ordinance Will Cost Subdividers Higher Fees

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier has been instructed to prepare an ordinance which will raise the amount of fees subdividers will have to pay the city for recreational developments five-fold.

### School Book Ban Hit by Lawyer

A Waleria attorney today took a sharp stand against school book censorship as result of "minority group pressuring."

In a letter to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, John J. Barton, of 3810 Pacific Coast Highway, asked him to "submit his protest to the Board of Education."

The attorney was referring to objections voiced by four mothers against supplementary text used for the ninth grade freshman problems class.

"I understand this book deals with sex education. I would like to raise my voice in protest against any minority group pressuring our school system into removing books that the school system believes are necessary for the education of our children," Barton wrote.

The book in the question was taken off the official list as of Feb. 15, according to announcement by school officials.

"Should you, or the school board, remove this book because of pressure from this small group, you will only open the door for further censorship of books by small group who are, in the main, unqualified to pass judgment on such books," Barton warned.

"Book censorship has become a popular fad in this day and age, and I realize it takes a great deal of courage to stand up to a militant minority who seeks to suppress any viewpoint of which they are not in favor," he added.

The mothers who objected to the use of the book, "About You," protested the treatment of family life discussion of sex and dating habits, narcotics and alcoholism passages in the text.

### Sewer Hearing Slated by City

Hearing on Hollywood Riviera sewer district assessments will be held by the City Council March 11, at 8 p.m.

Notices of the hearing have been mailed to approximately 600 property owners. The average bill per home will be \$474. This includes payment for the trunk main and the laterals, City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop said.



**GIRL SCOUT WEEK**—Preparing for Girl Scout Week, March 9 to 15, is this group of Girl Scouts of North Torrance. Left to right, Intermediate Linda Kennedy, 17524 S. Falda, is assisted by Mariner Carol Robinson, 18915 Carise ave., while Girl Scout Judy Odenthal, 17906 Cordary ave., helps Brownie Lynn Hess, 19425 Hinsdale ave. The girls are looking forward to a week of activities including Girl Scouts Sunday and the Birthday Celebration at the Shrine Auditorium, March 15.

## City to Operate Airport Tower Seven Days a Week Under Policy



**CAREFUL**—City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier and his secretary, Mrs. Frances Giacinto, go over the ordinance, placing the \$3,000,000 recreation bond issue on the municipal election, with a fine tooth comb to make sure no mistakes are made. Remelmeier ruled there was sufficient time to place the measure on the ballot, but warned there is no margin for error which might invalidate the proposition. —Press photo

A flight tower at Torrance Municipal Airport will be operated eight hours a day, seven days a week, beginning April 1, the City Council determined at a special session Thursday.

Cost of operating the tower will be \$13,440 per year for two men and there is a possibility that a relief man will have to be hired in addition, City Manager George Stevens explained.

"I wonder if there is enough money to do all the things we are doing now?" Councilman Victor Benstead asked.

Stevens said he believes there is, particularly with additional money coming in from leases at the airport.

Stevens pointed out that hours will have to be staggered to cover the airport during flying hours.

Operation of the tower will be adjusted to the periods of the day when most flights are made. This will mean earlier hours during the summer and later hours during winter months.

John R. Egan, the newly hired airport manager, reported for duty yesterday. He will hire an assistant, while the city has engaged two field men to help operations.

The city took over operation of the airfield yesterday after it terminated a contract with Collins-Dietrich, a private concern which has managed the airport for more than eight years.

In other actions concerning the airport, the Council appointed a committee to negotiate a lease with the Bates Aviation, Inc. for a 325 by 500 foot ground lease at the rate of \$2 per month per front foot.

Although the Airport Commission had recommended the lease, the council decided it wanted to clarify several points before acting on the agreement.

The city also took out a \$1,000,000 insurance policy for property damage and liability with Aero Associates, which now holds the policy.

The council also asked a private expert to check tower transmitting equipment to determine if it is equivalent to the type originally ordered.

## Torrance Girl Scouts to Fete 46th Anniversary March 9-15

Girl Scouts in the Torrance area will join with more than three million girls and adults throughout the nation to celebrate the 46th birthday of Girl Scouting on March 12, according to Mrs. William D. Marleau, 1115 Hickory ave., leader of the Torrance area, Girl Scout Week will be observed March 9 to 15.

Girl Scout Sunday is March 9, and many Girl Scouts in the Torrance area are planning to attend church as a troop. The 20 girls in Senior Girl Scout Troop 1290 have attended church together on Girl Scout Sunday for many years, and are planning to do so again this year. Their leader is Mrs. Adam Krausz.

## Beach Club Burglary

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