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TOUGH BANDITS MAKE DEATH THREATS



RECEIVE AWARDS—Scholarship award certificates and checks are presented to Anna Buichl of North High School and Richard Ryon of Torrance High School by Henry Moreau, scholarship chairman of the National Supply Co.

Aircraft Settlement Near

Hope Rises In Strike Settlement

A last-ditch bargaining session was held yesterday afternoon to avert an industry-wide aircraft strike slated for midnight last night.

The tentative agreement reportedly reached between Lockheed Aircraft and the International Association of Machinist early yesterday morning, was expected to set the pattern for 16 aircraft plants employing numerous Torrance residents.

Douglas Aircraft officials with plants in Torrance, El Segundo, Santa Monica and Long Beach, announced yesterday morning they were making plans to keep their factories open even if the walkout occurs.

Douglas officials were to meet with union representatives yesterday afternoon in a last-minute attempt to reach a settlement.

Lockheed reportedly offered wage increases of 18 to 20 cents per hour yesterday. The tentative agreement with the firm was expected to set the pattern for bargaining for 125,000 union members.

A strike will affect another 100,000 workers employed by sub-contractors.

Union officials, meanwhile, said that they have made picket duty assignments in the event the strike is called.

Robbers Slap Gas Station Attendant

Two bandits slapped a service station attendant and threatened him with death during a holdup Monday night.

Kenneth Olypius, 38, attendant in the gas station at 174th st. and Hawthorne blvd. said the two bandits had been in his station an hour before the robbery to buy a gallon of gasoline in a can.

He said that when they returned, one of them was carrying the can and had a rag covering his hand. As he approached Olypius, he pulled back the rag and exposed an automatic pistol.

"Get in there and lay down," he ordered the attendant.

When the victim hesitated, his companion growled, "You heard what he said."

One of the robbers then jerked Olypius' keys off his belt and removed \$18 from his wallet. When the attendant said in answer to a question that the cash registers are not used at night, he was slapped in the face.

The robbers then attacked the registers and removed an undetermined amount of cash.

Before they left, they ordered the victim to "stay down there or we'll blow your brains out."

Dr. Hull Refutes Criticism

Attacks on the academic standing of the Torrance Unified School District by candidates for the Board of Education were dismissed lightly today by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent.

"I haven't paid too much attention, because they are trying to get elected. You can't get elected if you have nothing to say about the district.

"Many of the statements made, bear no relation to the acts," the educator said.

Criticism in high schools, assertion of poor teacher morale, and academic training in the district were made by a panel of candidates in the May 20 election at a meeting sponsored by the Riviera Home Owners Association Monday.

At this meeting, both incumbents, Clinton B. Cooke and Charlton Newborn, who did not attend an earlier meeting of the Science Education Council, were present and defended the school administration.

Dr. Hull also shrugged off an assertion by Robert Lambertson, a demoted North High School teacher, who claimed that teachers are not backed up by administrators on discipline problems.

The superintendent said that teachers are supported in discipline problems.

"I consider the teachers' morale exceedingly high," Dr. Hull said.

He said that he will recommend 112 teachers for tenure status next year, and considers the annual turnover of teachers "pretty typical of fast growing districts."

He said the turnover was 22.2 per cent in 1954-55; 19 per cent in 1955-56 and 15.2 per cent in 1956-57.

Dr. Hull said that these figures include a great number of releases due to transfer of jobs by female teachers' husbands, pregnancies and other voluntary reasons.

Floral Tribute To Mothers To Be Offered Here

More than 2000 pink carnations will be given away tomorrow and Sunday by Downtown Torrance Merchants in observance of Mother's Day.

Every mother who stops into downtown stores during the two day event will be presented with a lovely corsage as the businessmen's part of honoring mothers.

In addition to the free gifts, the businessmen will offer attractive prices.



AERIAL CIRCUS—City Manager George Stevens, right, tests maneuverability of a device to be used by city employees to trim trees. Two of these pieces of equipment were demonstrated Tuesday to city officials in front of the city hall. Stevens said he will put in for flight pay after going 40 feet up in the air. Bucket-type gondolas are operated by rider, who has control lever with which to guide machine.

Legal Aid Service Starts Today in Torrance Court

Inauguration of a legal aid and lawyers reference service by the South Bay Bar Association was announced today by Mark Wood, president.

"Purpose of the aid program is to furnish legal aid service to persons in need of immediate assistance but who can not afford to engage private counsel," Wood said.

Two offices to serve residents of the South Bay Judicial District were opened today in Torrance and Hermosa Beach.

Wood said that the offices will refer cases to participating attorneys or to social or civic agencies as required.

Reference Service

In combination with the legal aid function, the offices will maintain a lawyers' reference service for persons who are financially able but are not acquainted with local legal services.

The Torrance office, which also serves Gardena, Lomita and Lawndale, is located at 1511 Ravens Ave., with Mrs. Gerald Smith serving as volunteer interviewer-counselor.

A volunteer attorney, Mrs. Margaret V. Woolley, will be on duty at the Torrance office.

Mrs. Albert L. Bailey will supervise the Hermosa Beach office, located at the Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce. This office also will serve Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Palos Verdes Estates.

Office hours at Torrance are Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Hermosa Beach office will open on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Applicants for either service also may call FR 2-1130 for an appointment, it was announced.

Coordinate Service

Wood emphasized that legal aid will not be furnished to any applicant unless he is financially unable to pay for the service.

He indicated that all attorneys are welcome to participate, whether or not they are members of the South Bay Bar Association.

Wood stated that the Bar Association hopes to coordinate its free service with the various social and charitable agencies now functioning in the South Bay Judicial District.

Representatives of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish welfare agencies were consulted in forming the new service, he indicated.

"The Bar Association hopes to have the support of the welfare groups, service organizations, and individuals interested in the future of the program," the president stated.

Wood said that all the services are strictly voluntary and asked that persons interested in contributing time or helping with interview work call Wood at FR 5-8947 or Boris S. Woolley at FA 8-2580.

BREAK INTO OFFICE

Between \$3 and \$4 in change was taken during a burglary of the State Farm Insurance office, 5715 Cabrillo, Torrance police reported Monday.

City Pays Bill, But Grudgingly

The City Council Tuesday grudgingly paid a bill for election supplies and services and demanded a ruling from City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier on whose responsibility it is to take charge of city elections.

Duane W. Wheeler, contractor for the job was finally paid the balance of his \$32,525 bill after he underwent a councilmanic cross-examination for an hour.

"It sure has a little odor," Mr. Wheeler, Councilman Willys Blount said, referring to the bill. The councilmen appeared not too happy at an explanation by Wheeler that one \$1000 item in the bill for personal service by the contractor was included as a "gag."

"I thought that this bill would go directly to Mr. Stevens (City Manager George Stevens), and I thought he would call me on it," Wheeler said.

He said that he was ordered to do certain work on the election by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, Stevens and Remelmeier, including authorization for work to be paid at double time.

"Apparently something in the city is lax, I would like to see written instead of verbal orders," Councilman George Bradford snapped.

Councilman Robert Jahn ordered Remelmeier to determine who should be responsible to conduct elections, whether it's the City Council or the city clerk or another official.

Councilmen objected to the number of precincts, the cost per precinct, and questioned the orders given verbally to perform certain work at double time pay.

The councilmen said that some of the work done by Wheeler could be done by city employees at lower cost.

Payment of the bill was opposed by Mayor Albert Isen. Councilmen Victor Benstead and J. A. Beasley.

SEEK NIGHT HEARINGS

Request that all budget hearings by the City Council be held in the evening, was made by the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

These include Southwood Homes, Sepulveda Gardens, Madrona Square and Southwest Park. Signatures on the petitions ranged from 69.4 to 84.6 per cent.

SEEK STREET LIGHTS THROUGH DISTRICTS

Four subdivisions have been recommended for inclusion in a 1919 Street Lighting Assessment districts, John R. Patrick, assistant city engineer informed the City Council Tuesday.

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O.K. CITY YARD BUILDING

Contract for the construction of a steel and concrete building at the city yard was awarded to the Pascoe Company.

1,000,000 More Students in State Predicted Before Kiwanis Club

State Treasurer A. Ronald Button told the Torrance Kiwanis Club Monday night that in the next seven years California will need additional public schools for more than one million new students.

The State Treasurer spoke at a club dinner meeting at Capri's Restaurant where he was introduced to the members and their guests by Atty. Don Hitchcock. Torrance area campaign chairman to retain Button as State Treasurer.

Button also said that estimates indicate water resource development in the State will cost between \$2 and \$2.5 billion by 1975.

The only way to meet these needs, he said, is by the sale of general obligation bonds by the State.

The State Treasurer pointed out that recent low interest rates obtained by the State on \$100 million in veterans' assistance and school aid bonds saved the taxpayers about \$10 million over the life of the bonds.

These interest rates were 2.95 per cent on the school bonds and 2.96 on the veterans' bonds. Sales on similar issues last October, he said, carried rates of 3.67 per cent on the school bonds and 3.65 per cent on the veterans' obligations.

Planning Shake-up Indicated

A shake-up in two city commissions was indicated Tuesday night when Mayor Albert Isen asked for rulings on possible changes.

One of the proposals expected to be made by the Mayor if he gets a favorable opinion from City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier will be to cut down the Planning Commission from nine to seven members.

Isen said he believes the commission is "top heavy" with nine members.

Another question deals with reducing the term of Civil Service Commission members from six to four years.

Specifically, Isen asked if the Council can reduce the number of members of the Planning Commission, and how it will affect the present members.

He also asked for a legal ruling on the effect of cutting the terms of Civil Service Commissioners.

At present there is one vacancy on the Planning Commission, created when J. A. Beasley, a member, was elected to the City Council.

Torrance Press Pays Off Fast Ad for Position

Margaret Gussman, of 1664 W. 259th pl., Harbor City, felt quite popular after receiving a number of telephone calls.

The phone calls were not for dates in the usual sense, but in response to a classified ad in the Torrance Press in which she offered her services as a baby-sitter and to do house work.

She said that she not only received a large number of calls, but obtained a very nice position in Torrance.

If you have a problem such as jobs, rentals, or something to buy or sell, call a courteous ad-taker at the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345 for prompt results.

Attorney to Get Aide

Request for the creation of an assistant city attorney's post will be made by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier in the coming budget.

The aide will be assigned to prosecution tasks and other duties.

Dairy Owner Requests Hearing on Cow Ban

Request that Torrance dairymen be given an opportunity to make a presentation during a public hearing on a law to evict the cows from the city, was made Tuesday by a dairy owner.

Stanley Voges, owner of Ingledew Farms, said that they and their employees were "disturbed by recent newspaper articles describing moves by the city to close down the dairies."

Voges pointed out that in addition to the milk plants, many residents who will have to pay higher prices for their milk, will oppose the proposed ban.

He said at least 6000 gallons of milk per day are sold by local dairies on a cash and carry basis, at prices 2 1/2 cents per quart below store prices.

"These citizens have a stake in this," he declared.

Mayor Albert Isen assured him that "there is no intention to railroad this."

The Council recently instructed City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to prepare an ordinance under which dairies could be declared a public nuisance, and after a period of time, be evicted from the city.

The action was taken by unanimous vote after 178 residents, submitted a petition protesting alleged odors and insects at the Verburg Dairy in North Torrance.

At the time, Councilman Willys Blount said that the Council should have taken action at the same time as it declared hogs a public nuisance.

Presently there are 11 dairies in Torrance.

Voges said that when the time comes that property owned by dairies can be sold at a good price, the dairies will leave town on their own accord.

Nab Five on Dope Charges

Three adults and two juveniles were arrested on charges of possession of narcotics Monday night by deputy sheriffs in Lomita.

The arrests followed after they questioned a 17-year-old boy, who neighbors said, was peeping into windows in the area around 253rd pl., and Walnut ave.

After questioning by Deputies Barret Fitzgerald and Jack J. Harrison, the youth allegedly admitted he had been using marijuana.

"Just enough to get a head on," the youth admitted.

While the officers were still questioning him, another car with four passengers was observed cruising the area.

The deputies chased the vehicle and stopped it at Western ave. and Lomita blvd. and searched it.

They said they found some seeds and leaves appearing like marijuana, and two cigarettes, they said were marijuana.

Booked at the Lennox Sheriff's Station were Michael James Shanahan, 22, of 25424 Frampton ave., Ray Phillip Davis, 23, of 25023 Belleport ave., both of Harbor City, and Manrow Applin Roberts, 21, of 1533 Carson, Torrance, and two juvenile boys.

Charges of suspicion of violating the Health and Safety Code were filed against them.

Too Young to Drive

Two youngsters were advised to wait a few years before they started to learn to operate a school bus.

The boys, aged seven and 10, climbed into one school bus, slipped it out of gear and rolled it into a parked car. By the time they tried to start a second bus, by turning the ignition, they were collared by police and taken to the station for a lecture.

Tot Falls from Car

A tot which fell out of his father's car at 174th st. and Prairie ave., was taken to Torrance Memorial Hospital Monday, with multiple bruises.

The driver of the car was John Elizabeth Toole, 23, of 2608 Grant ave., Redondo Beach. His son, Larry Wayne, 2 1/2, tumbled out of the car just east of Prairie ave., police said.