

Torrance Sues Gardena in Annexation Squabble

Torrance did its bit to heap more legal problems on neighboring Gardena Friday when it asked permission to sue the card club city over an annexation proceeding. In his quo warranto suit, Robert Dower, assistant city attorney, charged that Gardena failed to go by the book in rushing its annexation without proper procedure before the Boundary Commission.

The area in question is located east of Crenshaw Blvd., between Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach Blvds.

Gardena annexed a portion of the area under an uninhabited annexation act, while Torrancia sought to merge it under an inhabited law.

Torrance is asking permission from the State attorney general's office to sue Gardena in efforts to set aside its annexation.

The Torrancia suit claims that Gardena used improper procedures in its action, and that therefore its merger should be nullified.

Armstrong Heads Bowl Jazz Card

Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong and his All-Stars head the long list of jazz greats who will appear in the 12th Annual Original Dixieland Jubilee Saturday night, Sept. 12, in Hollywood Bowl.

Backing Satchmo's group in this World Series of Jazz—presented by Frank Bull and Gene Norman—will be the riotous Fire-Hoarse Five plus Two, show stoppers of past Jubilees. Pete Kelly's Big Seven of TV's "Pete Kelly's Blues" will be on hand along with the show's star Bill Reynolds.

Councilmen Reassure Park Body

Councilmen said that they feel there is no conflict of interest between the duties of the Park and Recreation Commission and the Civic Center Promotion Committee.

In an effort to smooth down ruffled feelings by commission members who last week expressed concern they are being by-passed on civic center planning, councilmen said that they had no such intention.

"How can there be conflict of interests?" questioned Councilman Robert Jahn. He said that the first step by the committee is to determine what should go into the civic center, and that this will probably involve other than recreational developments.

Mayor Albert Isen said that the committee would certainly consult with the Commission during their planning stage.

Councilman George Bradford nominated two members to the committee, which is now being formed, while Isen nominated a successor to Commissioner Ralph Morris, who resigned last week.

The committee nominees are Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and Pete White, owner of Torrancia Electric. Isen nominated Amby Schind-



VETERAN PLAYER—"That's right, fellas, this makes my third year in the Torrancia Recreation Department's "Fun Through Music" program," Mike Johnston, trombonist, is telling Gene Cooper, trumpeter, and Donald Brunet, bass player. These boys, along with 70 other Torrancia youngsters, will present a concert in the Torrancia Park Band Shell this Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Navy Annex to Be Sold as Surplus

Twenty-five acres at the south end of the Torrancia Annex to the Long Beach Naval Shipyard probably will be declared surplus, according to a letter from Sen. Clair Engle to Torrancia School Superintendent J. H. Hull.

The Torrancia district has been interested in the land as a possible site for a fifth high school or other facilities. Originally the district understood that as many as 45 acres might be declared surplus. Even though the 25 acres are less than was thought at first, school officials still are interested.

The cost probably would be considerably less than prevailing prices because the land is surplus. Surplus land is made available for school or other similar use.

The Navy Department informed Sen. Engle that it had determined that the 25-acre plot no longer will be needed. However, Congress still must approve such a change in status for the property. It is located at the south end of the Navy depot between Crenshaw Blvd. and Orange Ave., south of Washington St.

Call Bids for New School

Bids for the new Towers Elementary School, which will become the 35th school plant in the Torrancia Unified School District, will be sought starting today, a Board of Education decided Tuesday.

The school, to be located at Ronald and Towers, will help relieve crowding at Flavian and Steele Elementary Schools. It will contain 12 classrooms, two kindergartens, and administration, music, and multipurpose (cafeteria) facilities.

Bids for the new structure will be opened on Sept. 11. Estimated construction time will be about nine months. Plans were drawn up by Architect Roy Donley.

APPROVE SIGNAL Approval of an agreement covering the installation and maintenance of a traffic control signal system and highway safety lighting at intersection of Crenshaw Blvd. and Lomita Blvd. in Torrancia was announced today by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

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Tax Repeal on Phone Calls Not Far Enough, Pyle

A grass roots point of view about the recent bill passed by Congress and signed into law by the President that would end the ten per cent federal excise tax on "general" or local telephone service was expressed this week by Pacific Telephone by Manager Dick Pyle. "I think the bill is a good one—as far as it goes," he declared. "But the measure leaves us all with some cause for future concern." He enumerated this in two points:

1. The tax cuts are far from being "certainties." Congress can change its mind or even extend the starting date on the bill just passed (now set for June 30, 1960).

2. The repeal of wartime imposed excise taxes on telephone service travels only "half the distance" to the goal of abolishing all telephone federal excise tax. It still remains on long distance service.

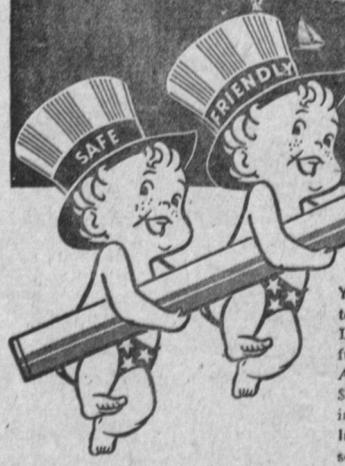
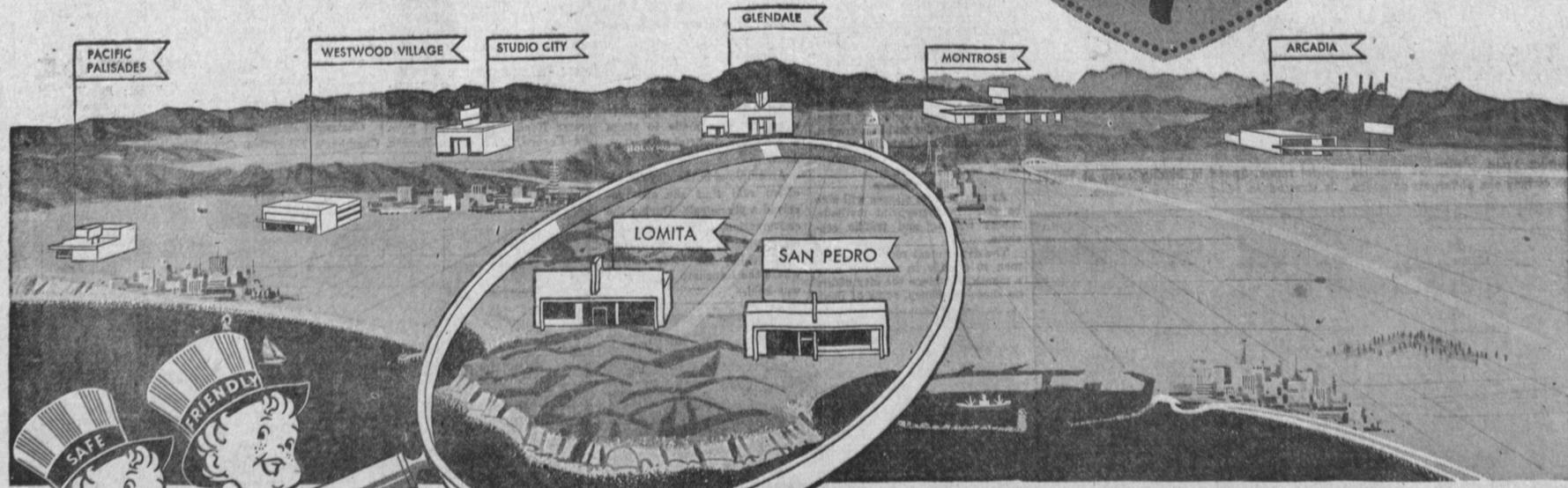
"It's difficult," the manager stated, "to reconcile a 'luxury' tax like this one imposed on long distance service to a call from someone here to a sick mother living in the east."

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