

City School Blast Just Politics

Organizer of Attack on Education System Admits Motive Is Publicity

By Earl F. Holbrook
Editor, The Press

Hank Carreiro, rebellious young democrat, Thursday night drew about 30 persons to City Council chambers to hear an amplification of his attack on the Torrance school system with Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, singled out for the bulk of antipathy.

Barton Hits Use of Demo Name in School Fuss

(John Barton is the first to announce his candidacy for the coming City Council election. Ed.)

Dr. J. H. Hull
Torrance Unified School District
2335 Plaza Del Amo
Torrance, California
Dear Dr. Hull:

Having noted that certain persons have been using the Democratic Party's name to attack our Torrance schools, I felt that I could no longer keep quiet on the matter.

First, let me assure you that these people do not represent the Democratic Party in Torrance. I have discussed this attack on the schools with all of the Democratic clubs and many Democratic leaders in Torrance. They share with me the belief that this unwarranted attack on our schools has done harm and reflected badly on the Democratic Party. Because of this, I want both the Board of Education and the public to know that these persons do not represent the ideals of the Democratic Party.

Let me reassure you that the responsible citizens of our city, of both parties, have the highest regard for the excellent school system which you head.

In conclusion, I believe that our school system is not an issue in the city race and that anyone who attempts to use it as such is merely trying to create a false issue on which to gain publicity.

So that those of you who do not know of my efforts in the Democratic Party, I might briefly remind you that I am the past campaign manager for Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, 68th A.D. campaign manager for Attorney General Stanley Mosk, past president of the South Torrance Democrats, delegate of Torrance Democratic Club to State Convention, and past member of the 88th Democratic Assembly Council.

With sincerest regards, I remain
Your very truly,
JOHN J. BARTON

City Will Remove Unwanted Posters in Public Places

A plan whereby city employees would tear down advertising material posted on utility poles as well as city property last week was approved by the City Council in abridged form.

The group was told by Councilman Victor E. Benstead a worker might be shocked in wet weather touching a light pole and the city should not take on the job of cleaning up private property.

The council decided city employees will tear down unwanted posters on city property only.

In a confused session, Carreiro made clear that the purpose of the assault is to further his political ambitions, that he is a young democrat with a small d, that he is revolting against the Democrat party, and that the butcher, baker, and candlestick maker are more competent to judge a school curriculum than an educator.

Among the spectators were four members of Carreiro's committee of eight, two school teachers interested in knowing what the fuss is about, some disgruntled parents and former teachers, and other parents who were quite grunted.

The group was kicked out after 15 minutes by the Airport Commission, which had matters to decide. The proceedings resumed in an anteroom.

As nearly as Carreiro and his supporters appeared willing to be understood, the issues are selection of school sites, lack of communication between teachers and school hierarchy, an unclear education policy, and clashes of administration with teachers.

At various junctures Carreiro threatened to elect a new school board or recall the present incumbents. He iterated several times that he and his constituents are not certain anything is wrong with the system.

A major part of the audience was composed of parents who are persuaded that something definitely is wrong when an eighth-grader still is incompetent to read or write.

Those parents, attending in hope of accomplishing results toward a better basic education, appeared doomed to disappointment, for evidence was scant that the committee will attain a stature greater than that of a minor nuisance.

That the statewide education system has produced dismal results is no secret. It is axiomatic that a California student who moves to another state automatically is put back a grade. Torrance is hamstrung by the state education code, and it was brought out in various statements by the audience that little learning can be expected with all the extramural activity the student endures or is permitted. Among this activity, the following pursuits were singled out:

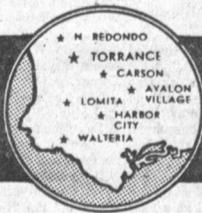
Physical education and the attendant responsibility of the student to buy his own clothing, absences during school hours for church pursuits, and collecting money to put into banks.

However, the committee was imperfectly bothered by these aspects of the system. It is after Dr. Hull's hide, but it is dubious that any tooth of detraction in the group can leave a mark on it.

Early in the meeting Carreiro based his contentions on the curious concept that "we live in a democracy." Since the word "democracy" appears nowhere in the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, or the Pledge of Allegiance, (Continued on Page B-4)

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Isen Gets Konya Days Program

Chairman and Mayor Discuss Host Duties

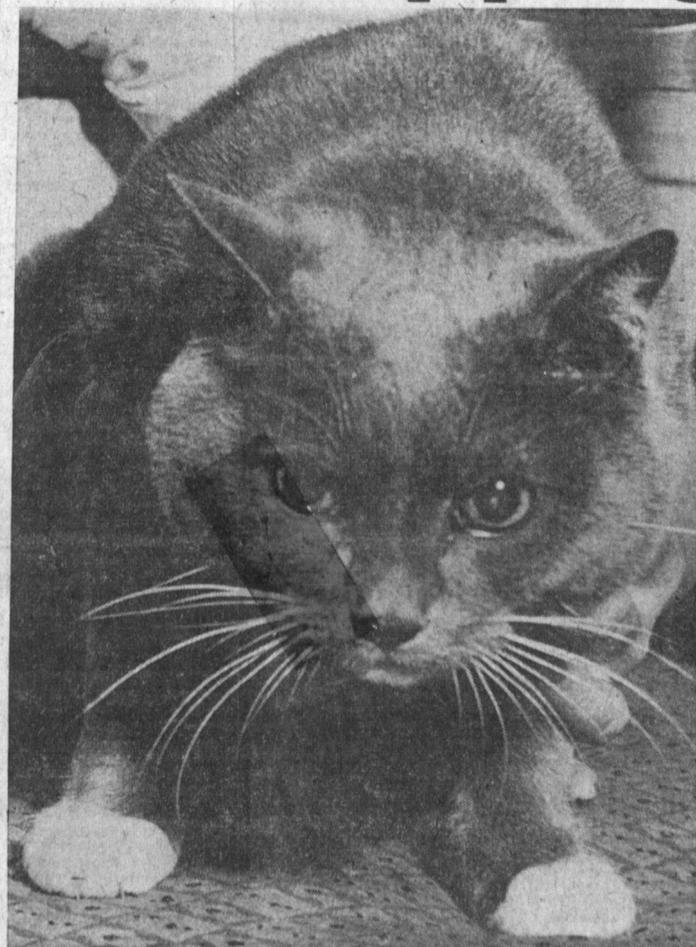
The complete program for Torrance's Konya Days Feb. 26-27 was revealed yesterday when Naomi McVey, chairman, called on Mayor Albert Isen to acquaint him with his part in the celebration.

Governor Brown heads the list of state, city, and national functionaries invited to attend. Others are Sen. Clarie Engel; Robert Doerr, San Jose city councilman; Snowden Chambers, Turkish consul, of Washington, D.C.; Howard Gardner, deputy director, League of California Cities; Murray Brown, editor, Western South magazine; the mayors of South Gate, Riverside, and San Diego; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wortham, honorary ambassadors to Konya during the past year.

Other personalities to attend are Mme. Ismet Sanli, former delegate to the United Nations Conference; Lyle Newcomer, honorary Turkish consul, and Mrs. Newcomer, of Los Angeles; Nejat Sonmez, Turkish minister of information, San Francisco; Christopher Alcide, Turkish actor, and his wife, Perizat, of Hollywood; A. Tema, Turkish actor, Hollywood; L. Isik, motion-picture producer from Turkey, now in Hollywood; Mrs. John Krabish, president, Turkish-American Club, Los Angeles; Erbogun Altan and Haluk Askin, Turkish students at USC; Sohn Onel and Dogan Ekmekci, students at UCLA; Mrs. James Talmadge, Turkish-born resident of Torrance three years; Zafer Centinkaya, high-school exchange student in Hawthorne; Zetlin Ucak, exchange student in Gardena; and Gene Robertson of Hawthorne, who was an exchange student in Turkey.

The program, as outlined by Mrs. McVey to Isen, follows: FRIDAY, Feb. 26, 8 a.m. Press Conference at Konya Room, Palms Restaurant, with live TV and press and magazine representatives. 10:15 School district briefing by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, at Board of Education room, 2335 Plaza del Amo. 10:25 Tour of education-material building. 11 Coffee hour and tour of elementary classroom at Edison School. 12 Lunch served by home-ec class at North High School. 1 p.m. Program in high-school auditorium. Choral group, American folk dancing, modern dancing, and exhibits of painting, crafts, and posters. 1:45 Tour of buildings and visit to classroom at North High. (Continued on Page A-3)

Cat Denied Legacy of Shopping Center



HERE'S POOCHI—Cat belonging to deceased owner of Torrance shopping center was to inherit \$4,000,000, but the deal was verbal; no will from her mistress was found.

\$4,000,000 Estate Verbally Left to Pet; No Will Found

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Tenants of a Torrance shopping center last week came within a hair of paying their rent money to a cat, and, had their late landlady left a will, that's precisely what they'd have to do.

Roza Mambar, owner of \$4,000,000 in real estate which includes the shopping center at Hawthorne Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway, died Jan. 9.

In abstaining from leaving a will, she had told her business manager, Efrim C. Morris, she might as well leave everything to her cat, Poochi.

Where there's a will there's a way. And where there's a will there are relatives — and generally a law suit. That is how it is shaping up in this case, despite absence of a testament.

After a probate hearing in Los Angeles it developed that there is a Henry Mambar of Brooklyn, who sent a telegram stating he is a nephew. The court hearing has been put over to Feb. 10 to

determine authenticity of the relationship.

It also was indicated there may be other claims from this country, Poland, England, Israel, and Austria.

Miss Mambar, born in Lwow, Poland, was graduated from the University of Vienna. In 1932 she came to the United States for further study. She started working with real estate in Los Angeles in 1938, using \$5000 for capital.

Her property now includes another shopping center in West Covina and six large apartment houses.

Miss Mambar's closest associates did not even know her religion and were at loss to know what type of service to request at the funeral.

'Decency or Censorship?' Will Be ACLU Forum Topic

A mass-audience forum on the topic "Decency or Censorship?" will be planned by the South Bay group of the American Civil Liberties Union Wednesday night.

The group will meet at Temple Menorah, 112 N. Catalina Ave., at 8 p.m. Both the planning gathering and forum will be public.

The ACLU is researching the

tendency to censor writers and publishers in the name of "decency" and will feature speakers for and against regulating the type of publication made available in book stores and newsstands.

The forum is tentatively scheduled for mid-February, it was disclosed by Harriet Glickman, program chairman for Wednesday's meeting.

STUDENTS' APTITUDES TO BE TOLD

Parents of freshmen and juniors at North High School will hear explanations of differential aptitude tests and get profiles of their own children's scores at parent conferences at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Parents will meet teacher-counselors of their children, with guides available to help find the rooms. The tests will be explained and scores disclosed.

City Committee to Pick Architect

A method of selecting an architect for over-all development of the Civic Center has been approved.

A committee comprising George Stevens, city manager, Wade Peebles, public-works director, and Walter Nollac, city engineer, will boil prospective architects down to four.

The four will be interviewed separately to make the best deal for the city. The choice must be approved by the City Council.

Principals Hold Seminar on Transition Problems

Principals of elementary schools in north Torrance met with North High School principal Dale M. Harter last week to plan ways to smooth student transition from elementary to high school.

The committee considered methods to help elementary students to understand high school procedure and aid them in planning programs.

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Torrance Driver Injured in Crash

Julius Kittell Jr., 49, of 3325 Cricklewood St. was injured Thursday night when his car hit a post on Pacific Coast Highway near Crenshaw. He incurred face cuts and a possible concussion when his car went out of control.

Little League Denied Use of Paradise Park

The Torrance Park and Recreation Commission Wednesday night unanimously recommended denial of a Little League request for exclusive use of a Paradise Park ball diamond during choice hours of the summer.

The commission thus paved the way for conclusion of a squabble that has raged off and on since 1957.

Final decision is up to the City Council. Walter C. Virgil of 21309 Grant Ave. fired the opening shot with introduction of petitions that he said carried 117 pages of signatures, representing 92.2% of residents in the Southwood tract area.

The petitions requested use of one-fifth of the park from May 1 to mid-July from 1 to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 5 to dark week days.

The shot met by a barrage of artillery touched off by Mary Ackerman of 5215 Ruby St., who voiced opposition to limiting any part of the park to exclusive use by a private group. Declaring there are alternate locations that can be exploited by the Little League, she contended parks are for the good of the entire city and asked how other groups could be denied similar courtesies.

Mrs. Ackerman declared Southwood has 2200 residents per park acre and that removal of one acre would bring the proportion to 3300. She said 5000 children now live in Southwood.

What would be left of the ball diamond for other children? she asked, with pupils in school till from 3 to 5 p.m. She further noted that Little League diamonds are useless for other types of baseball.

Mrs. Ackerman was followed by several other members of the Southwood Citizens' Committee who supported her view, declaring that over-all needs must be the first consideration of a public park.

Little League enthusiasts stuck to what they termed a need for supervision of the youngsters at play.

Commissioner Rose Craig moved to deny exclusive use of the park to Little League. Commissioner Lawrence A. Gitscher provided the second.

Other commissioners attending were Naomi McVey, the Rev. H. Milton Sippel, and Chairman Bernard M. Dougan.



HEATED HEARING—"We'll be glad to find them an alternate location," declares opponent of Little League's plea for exclusive use of ball diamond in Paradise Park during special hours of summer months. Move was defeated at hearing. —Press Photo