

Konya Days to Be Global on Radio, TV

Pearson Scores U. S. Denial of Flight for Turkey Mayor, Wife

While more heat was being applied to top U.S. political brass to get military air transportation for the Mayor of Konya and his wife, it was disclosed here that Torrance's Konya Days celebration will go worldwide on radio and TV.

Dick Fitzgerald, Chamber of Commerce manager, disclosed that the Armed Forces Information Service will shoot an hour film and tape to be beamed to many nations, including Russia over 26 television stations and 74 radio outlets.

Meanwhile, Drew Pearson, nationally syndicated columnist, peeled the hide off the Defense Department for declining to fly the Konya couple to New York. He noted the Torrance City Council approved without hesitation \$1000 for the air trip here from the East Coast.

Pearson declared the State Department and U.S. Information Agency have been trying to get the transoceanic flight, but the Defense Department said no.

He wrote: Seats on MATS airplanes, operated by the Defense Department, are supplied to congressmen, newspapermen, wives of air force officials, but two seats can't be spared for the building of people-to-people friendship between the U.S.A. and a nation which fought valiantly in Korea and is the bulwark of NATO defenses in the Near East.

Pearson then provided a part list of scores of politicians flying hither and yon on useless, idiotic, and pleasure junkets at the expense of every taxpayer.

"Meanwhile," he concluded, "the Defense Department can't find two seats for the Mayor of Konya and his wife for a people-to-people friendship visit."

Konya Days will be celebrated here Feb. 26 and 27, with top Turkish and American government, scholastic, and motion-picture luminaries attending.

Peebles Bares \$170,000 City Street Scandal

Shades of the Arlington street scandal are brewing over City Hall today with disclosure by Wade Peebles, director of public works, that streets OK'd by the city last year may have to be rebuilt at a cost of \$170,000.

The City Council Tuesday night will consider offer of an easement made by Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Co. in the area comprising Maple, Crenshaw, and Maricopa.

The streets were inspected and approved in March by John R. Patrick, then assistant to the city engineer, who later resigned over the city-street scandal. His brother-in-law was an inspector; he was fired for intoxication.

Mayor Albert Isen was much disturbed over the disclosures made by Peebles, who found:

1. Flexible plant mix is not designed to stand up over a rigid soil cement base of this thickness;
2. Where the soil cement is fractured by not having proper thickness, pavement will fail rapidly;
3. The crusher base is only eight inches, where it should have been 12 inches.

Peebles concluded: "The streets were under-designed but accepted by the city engineer;

"The streets were poorly designed.

"This is another example of the terrible situations that are being brought to light and corrected by our very capable public-works director," said Isen. "I shudder to think of what next."

"The city will spend \$170,000 for this mess over my dead body."

If the city accepts the easement, which appeared unlikely, it would have to rebuild the streets, according to Peebles.

An alternate plan would be to supply police, fire, and street sweeping on contract with Chanslor, and let the owners provide their own maintenance of the streets.

Torrance Driver Award Winner

Charles F. Stebbins, 5613 Sunnyside St., Torrance, a moving operator for Aero Mayflower Transit Co., Indianapolis, has earned a no-accident award from the American Trucking Association for completion of one year of accident-free driving.

Stebbins was one of 43 Mayflower van operators cited by the ATA for perfect safety records during the year ending November 1, 1959.

Woman of the Year



MRS. LOUIS BISOU, Torrance Woman of the Year. (Story on Page 7)



TWO HANDFULS—Zerrin Talmadge, who will serve the Torrance-Konya Committee as NIECE OF GRAND VIZIER

Charming Ambassador Will Represent Torrance in Konya

By Sylvia Miller

Zerrin Hulusse Talmadge is a blend of old-world charm and new-world dash. She is the Turkish-born wife of James Talmadge, native of Michigan, descendant of General Talmadge of Revolutionary War fame... and she will carry a personal message of friendship from the city of Torrance to its sister city of Konya in Turkey.

Mrs. Talmadge leaves next week for a 2½-month stay in Istanbul with her beautiful year-old twins, red-haired, blue-eyed Shefik Richard, and blonde, blue-eyed Scheherazade Kim.

The combination of ancient and modern names is a clue to the personality of hazel-eyed, vivacious Zerrin Talmadge, who is a niece of the former grand vizier of Turkey.

"I will go to Konya," she said enthusiastically, "and be able to tell them in their own language about their sister city of Torrance."

"People abroad have many wrong ideas about America. They think the streets are paved with gold and everything comes easy. Everyone, too, thinks the American woman is lazy. I want to give them the right impression."

"Until now, here at home, I have helped by writing and interpreting the letters between Konya and the Torrance committee, which is a fine group. They carry on correspondence, encourage exchange of students, ideas, information, and visits."

Help for the Needy "Now when I go to Konya I will lecture to women's groups there and really give them the right expression of America. I will also take movies there," she declared earnestly, "and show them here when I get back—all scenes, good and bad—not just tourist scenes."

What does a woman's group do in faraway Konya? "Mostly help for the distressed and needy, as with the Red Cross or Crippled Children's societies," said Mrs. Talmadge, who has gained an amazing knowledge of American life in the two years she has lived here. Her husband was an engineer for Aramco in Saudi Arabia, and the first 3½ years of their marriage was spent there.

Are Turkish women emancipated? Are they modern? "Definitely," she said proudly, her excellent

English interestingly accented by the five other languages she speaks fluently. "We vote, have woman diplomats, senators, lawyers, architects, engineers, doctors. All the jobs," she laughed, "we've taken over."

Do the men resent this? "No, I don't think so. The women are also very good mothers and housewives, and the husband is always the boss, of course," she admitted sentimentally, "it is much easier to get help in Turkey than here. But even so, as hard as I work with my two babies and my home, I would not want to live any place else in the world but the South Bay area."

Women Remain Feminine "But most of all," she added with a shake of her soft, dark hair, "the women of Turkey, no matter what they do outside the home, remain very, very feminine, and they take very good care of their husbands."

Are Turkish children different from American youths? "In many ways, yes. Girls of 13 or 14 don't use lipstick. In fact, before 18 the schools will not permit them to have tinted lips. And when you date, it must be always with a companion."

"I hope," she adds, "I can bring up my girls that way, but I'm afraid not. One thing I will try is to give my children the respect for other languages, other cultures and for older people that is so much a part of Turkish and European education."

Mrs. Talmadge follows the American pattern of activity outside the home by being president of a Welcome Wagon Club she started three months ago with eight women, and which now has 50 members.

"Our purpose is to bring the newcomers together, to make friends, to share our interests and hobbies. But the principal thing we do is to aid the senior citizens, to take them to the doctor, help them if they're sick, and visit those who have nobody. We all will get old one day too, you know."

It will be difficult for Mrs. Talmadge to be away from her space-technologist husband, but she will have the joy of going with her beautiful babies to visit her homeland and family. And Torrance will have the assurance that it is sending its best spokesman on this important mission to Konya.

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Paradise Park Hopes Fade for Little Leaguers

Other Sites Proposed by Councilmen

League Unit to Meet, Decide on Pressing Issue at City Hall

Hopes by the Little League that they will be granted special rights to a ball diamond in Paradise Park were fading today.

A City Council committee met with league delegates Thursday afternoon at which time alternate sites were proposed.

The league committee appeared indisposed to accept them, but a final decision will be made by the Little League board by tomorrow, it was declared by Walter C. Virgil, resident of the Southwood tract where the controversy is raging.

Proposals made by the council delegates, comprising George Bradford, chairman, Nick Draie, and Mayor Albert Isen were:

Five acres in the Victor tract on Anza, a site which can't be developed by the city at this time, El Retiro Park sump, which could be leveled, or the Entradero sump, now being leveled through the generosity of Ben Kazarian Jr. and Sr., dump operators.

The latter site will provide space for 10 diamonds. It is one mile from the Southwood tract. Indications were that the City Council decisively will support the Park and Recreation Department in denying use of the Paradise diamond to the league.

The petitioners want exclusive use of about one-quarter of the park week-day evenings and weekend afternoons and evenings during the summer.

Opponents are contending the park belongs to all the people of Torrance and that to grant one private group such privileges would open the door to all. Noting that Torrance has money earmarked for development of the park, they want it available to all the 5000 children in the tract.

The City Council is expecting another overflow crowd to hear its decision Tuesday night.

League delegates to Thursday's meeting were Walter C. Virgil, president, Ralph Hogue, team manager and board member, and Ralph Hoetger, league statistician and Edison Co. official. All are residents of the Southwood tract.

Principal Held on Charge of Drunk Driving

Edwin R. Brown, principal of Magruder School, was jailed on a drunk-driving charge early yesterday morning.

The arrest was made by Jerry M. Darnon, who said he saw Brown's car run another into a ditch on Western Ave. between 203rd and 204th Sts. He reported he chased the car at speeds up to 85.

He gave the registration number to Officers Glen Boyce and Tom Lloyd. Brown was arrested at his home, 16612 Cerise, at 5 a.m.

Brown went back to the scene of the accident with officers and submitted to a physical sobriety test, after which he was arrested.



NEW PARK, FREE—George Vico, Dominguez Estate Co. public-relations director, watches completion of leveling in Entradero

sump with Ben Kazarian Jr. Kazarian, at Vico's request, donated \$5000 worth of equipment, labor to space for 10 ball fields.



SCOUT PACKS—Wayne Johnson of Troop 730 and Jimmy Lutz of Cub Den 3 shows

Sheldon Black of Explorer Post 730 and Mrs. Mekus, Cub den mother, how to roll pack.

Boys Start Off Scout Week with Camp at El Prado Park

Twenty-eight boys, representing the more than 2500 Scouts in the Torrance area, will close a public demonstration of scouting and a week-end campout in El Prado Park at noon today, opening a week-long observance of the golden jubilee of the Boy Scouts of America.

Under direction of Ted Whisman, scoutmaster, the members of Troop 315 instituted the observance of the 50th anniversary of scouting

and National Scout Week, by setting up and occupying a complete campsite in downtown Torrance.

The troop will break camp at noon today after returning from church.

Traffic Fund Given to City

Supervisor Burton W. Chace today announced the Board of Supervisors has allocated \$3500 to Torrance for traffic signals and highway lighting at Palos Verdes Blvd. and Calle Miramar.

Chace said this allocation is a portion of the \$4,700,000 budgeted annually by the board to assist the 67 cities in maintenance and construction of streets in general public interest.

Funds for each city are allocated on population and traffic.

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