

Torrance Annexes Lomita Territory



VIP GREETING—Mayor Sitki Bilgin of Konya, Turkey, and his attractive wife are greeted by Torrance Mayor Albert Isen after leaving jet liner. Group of top city officials and City-to-City Committee leaders turned out to meet visitors.



BENEFACTOR—Columnist Drew Pearson (second from right) greets Konya Mayor Bilgin and Carolyn Graham, exotic interpreter. Councilman J. A. Beasley (right) prevailed upon Pearson to shake up Defense Dept., arrange flight from Turkey. —Press Photos

Konya Mayor, Wife Land Here, Win Heart of Sister Community



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KONYA DAY PROGRAM

FRIDAY

- A.M.
- 9:30-9:45 School District briefing: Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, Board of Education room, 2335 Plaza Del Amo.
 - 9:45-10:15 Tour of Educational Materials Building, 2336 Plaza Del Amo.
 - 10:30 Coffee: Edison School PTA, hostesses.
 - 10:45-11:15 Tour of Edison School, 3800 W. 182nd St., Donald Credell, principal, host.
 - 11:30-12:30 Tour of North High School, visit of class rooms, 3620 W. 182nd St., Dale Harter, principal, host.
- P.M.
- 12:45-1:45 Luncheon: North High School Cafeteria. Program during lunch: piano selections, duet, jazz combo.
 - 5-6:30 Press Conference. Konya Room, Palms, 1925 Carson St. (Press, radio & TV representatives only.)
 - 7-8:30 Dinner (informal-information session) Crystal Room, Palms. Further discussion of City-to-City programing for the future. Question period.
 - 8:30-11 Reception: Honoring Mayor and Mrs. Bilgin. Invitational to heads of organizations, Turkish-American guests, City-to-City board, husbands and wives.

SATURDAY

- A.M.
- 8:30-10:30 Mayor's Breakfast: Plush Horse Restaurant, 1700 Pacific Coast Hwy, South Bay cities' mayors and councilmen. Mayor Isen, host. Councilman J. A. Beasley, chairman. Welcome: Downtown Torrance, El Prado Park. Presentation of colors. Posting, Turkish and American flags. Turkish national anthem-American national anthem. Torrance Area Youth Band, James Van Dyck, director. Folk Dancing—Turkish and American. Greetings: Albert Isen, Mayor John Barton, chairman, City-to-City Association J. A. Paget, president, Torrance Chamber of Commerce
 - 11:45 Tour of Downtown Torrance, city hall, police department, county courthouse, Benstead pool.
- P.M.
- 12:30 Luncheon—Tour of Del Amo shopping center.
 - 2 Home Tours.
 1. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerber 820 Teri Ave.
 2. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gardner 3222 Sonoma St.
 3. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rippey Jr. 1629 Fern Ave.
 - 3 Tea—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baldwin's home, 1613 Elm Ave. Junior Women's Club, hostesses.
 - 7:30 Banquet—Open to public. Capacity 250. \$5 per dinner, Jump 'N Jack Restaurant, 2900 Pacific Coast Hwy. (Reservations must be made at Torrance Chamber of Commerce Office.)



KONYA CELEBRATION'S NAOMI McVEY Indefatigable worker gives credit to others

Chairman Naomi McVey Tells How Konya Days Came to Be

A raven-haired, dark-eyed woman who might pass as a Turkish lady of noble birth has become the symbol of the Torrance-Konya people-to-people program.

Naomi McVey, Kansas-born, Missouri-reared, Arizona-educated, nine-year resident of Torrance is an average woman from deep in the heart of America. Yet this week she is commanding international attention as general chairman of Konya Days activities.

How did Mrs. McVey become chairman of this important event?

"I just threw out a few ideas at the City-to-City Association meeting . . . and you know what happens to the enthusiastic person who speaks up," she laughed.

Who started this program which can mean so much to in-

ternational understanding?

"I think originally it was Mayor Isen's idea," said Mrs. McVey. "He became interested in President Eisenhower's people-to-people program, and invited Snowden Chambers of the United States Foreign Information Bureau to come to Torrance and explain how we might become a part of the program. Out of this came a group of interested citizens . . . including me . . . and a committee that made the final choice of a sister city."

In the summer of 1957 the Selection Committee, of which she was a member began to consider cities all over the world as a possible sister city to Torrance.

"We did research on population, types of industries, size, typography, economic structure,

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City Officials Welcome Pair at Airport

Police Escort Honor Guests; Drew Pearson Sees Job Fulfilled

A calm, confident, and gracious Mayor Sitki Bilgin and his charming wife from Konya, Turkey, have been taken to the hearts of that portion of Torrance so far privileged to greet them.

The couple, here to be central figures in the Konya Days celebration tomorrow and Saturday, debarked from a huge jet liner to be welcomed by the leaders of this city.

Among those waiting on the ramp at International Airport were Mayor and Mrs. Albert Isen; the entire City Council; Dick Fitzgerald, Chamber of Commerce manager; John Barton, City-to-City Committee chairman; Naomi McVey, Konya Days chairman; and J. A. Beasley, both councilman and chairman of VIPs for the celebration.

Fatigued by the plane trip from Ankara, the Mayor and his wife cordially permitted themselves to be arranged and rearranged by photographers and questioned and cross-questioned by reporters from Torrance, Long Beach, and Los Angeles newspapers.

Added stature was lent to the reception by appearance of Drew Pearson, internationally famed columnist who recently leaned heavily on the Department of Defense to provide transportation for the visiting couple from Turkey to New York.

Pearson took time from a busy schedule to pay his respects and see that the trip had gone well. He returned to Washington last night.

Four police cars led by two

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Torrance Takes Over Lomita, Crenshaw Area

The City Council Tuesday night annexed the Lomita-Crenshaw area over protests that have been loud but insufficient.

Assistant City Attorney Robert K. Dowter read the legal objections, submitted by property owners whose land value fell short of being 50% of that of the entire area being annexed.

Dowter told the council that valuation of the territory is \$99,940. Property in the area owned by protestants amounted to \$44,280 in value.

A small group from Lomita, led by Dessie G. Myers, most audible of the opponents, sought to raise further objections but were ruled down when Mayor Isen held the hearing was closed.

Second reading of the annexation ordinance will be read at the earliest possible council session, after which the property will join Torrance.

The area is bounded roughly by Lomita Blvd., Pennsylvania Ave., and the Torrance city line.



BRADFORD HONORED — Councilman George A. Bradford (left) receives plaque from Chamber of Commerce President J.

H. Paget for double victory as chairman of Torrance Tournament of Roses float committee. City's entry was winner three years. —Press Photo

ALL INVITED TO WELCOME KONYA MAYOR

Torrance's City-to-City Committee members are urging residents to attend the official welcome for Mayor and Mrs. Sitki Bilgin of Konya at El Prado Park at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

A few tickets remain for the Konya Banquet to be held at the Jump 'N Jack Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27. Reservations must be made at the chamber office. There will be no tickets at the door.

Torrance's Building Trailing Only Los Angeles, San Diego

Not content with a third place in Los Angeles County for 1959, Torrance building permits in January jumped to a strong position behind only Los Angeles and San Diego in a survey of the 12 California counties from Fresno to the Mexican border.

In making the announcement, the Chamber of Commerce said not only did Torrance lead larger cities, such as Long Beach and Fresno—but the near-\$6,000,000 valuation was more than the combined permits of all cities and unincorporated areas in six counties—Fresno, Imperial, Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Tulare.

Leading cities for January, 1960 were: Los Angeles, \$44,064,360; San Diego, \$11,700,478; Torrance, \$5,759,911; Long Beach, \$4,552,750; Santa Ana, \$3,800,378.



HELPING HAND—Torrance firemen will donate their own time and effort to canvass every house in Torrance for the YMCA fund drive. At request of Mayor Isen, they will

start March 17 and work six days. Here Dick DeArmitt, president of Torrance Fire Fighters, shows Gary Sprankling, Indian Guide, fire engine while making plans. —Press Photo