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LOCAL DEMOCRATS SPLIT ON KENNEDY, STEVENSON

Large Contingent Heads for National Convention

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Convention news, on the local scene, was highlighted today when it was learned that Torrance democrats were split into two camps as to choice of candidates in the forthcoming Democratic National Convention that begins tomorrow at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles.

A spokesman for the party revealed that local demos equally favored Adlai Stevenson and John Kennedy as the Democratic standard bearer for the nation's top job, with Symington and Senator Johnson as the local longshots.

A caravan for Kennedy, headed by Kay King of the Torrance Democrats Inc., greeted their favorite yesterday when the Senator from Massachusetts arrived at Los Angeles International Airport.

John Barton and Mrs. Rene Peckrul, leaders of the Torrance Democrats' "Draft Stevenson" faction, also were on hand at the airport later in the day to cheer their choice for the White House.

The Club's president, Roger West, declared that members of the organization are split fifty-fifty in support of Stevenson and Kennedy, with a large contingent leaving for Los Angeles to attend the convention later in the week.

Thirvin Fleetwood, planning commissioner and member of the North Torrance Democrat Club, stated that approximately all of his group is backing Stuart Symington.

According to Press sources, the Texas contender, Senator Johnson is without local support.



DEMOCRATS GATHER SPEED—Roger West, president of Torrance Democrats Inc. (aboard General Jackson), Bob Kerber, Mrs. West, and Miss Kay King get in the spirit of things for the Democratic Convention starting tomorrow in L. A.

Freeway Addition to Open in Time for Demo Conclave

"A new link of the Harbor freeway—the U.S.A.'s "main" street during the coming Democratic convention and the world's most heavily traveled thoroughfare the year 'round—will be opened to traffic early Friday morning," State Highway Engineers reported this week.

The new section, being opened in time for delegates and visitors to the Democratic convention to use before returning to home states, is between Alondra Blvd. and 190th St.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced that dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremonies to celebrate completion of the project will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. for the convenience of the public and to make it possible for the freeway to be opened in time for the morning rush hour traffic Friday.

Opening Ceremony
Ribbon-cutting ceremonies are being planned in conjunction with the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, Carl Hoffman, president, who will act as emcee, said.

The ceremony will be held on the freeway at the Artesia Blvd. (174th St.) interchange, and will conclude with a caravan procession from this point to 190th St. Supervisor Hahn pointed out that the daily average of

Busy Oven

Brave Officer Rescues Pie

Notes of panic were to be detected in the voice which called the Torrance Police Department for assistance recently. The voice was that of Toni King of 4954 Marion, Torrance, who notified the department that, after leaving for vacation, she realized that she had left a pie in the oven.

As a result, one of the officers on duty was dispatched to go to the home and turn off the oven and remove the pie. Upon return, he reported, "oven turned off, pie well done," on the log book under the sub-head, "poor cook."

Pilots Begin 2590-Mile Trip

Seventy-nine planes, piloted by the best lady aviators in the country, took off on the first leg of the 14th annual Powder Puff Derby yesterday morning at Torrance airport. A huge crowd of

well-wishers was on hand to cheer the 152 pilots who's destination is Wilmington, Delaware.

Deadline for reaching the destination is Wednesday, however, some of the teams anticipate a Monday afternoon arrival. During the trip, the women will stop at several airports designated beforehand to gas-up and rest.

It is legal to fly from sunrise to sunset, but not during the night. Planes failing to abide by the rules will be disqualified. Disqualification is possible if the plane flies during the night, fails to follow landing patterns, and/or lands at an undesignated airport.

Winners of the race will be announced Friday at an awards banquet in Wilmington. The winner won't necessarily be the first to cross the finish line, it will be the team which makes the best speed over the handicap set.

The commission sets an average speed each plane is supposed to make. For each mile a plane makes over this set speed, it gains. "This way we are racing against ourselves," an anxious pilot exclaimed.

At the start of the race, pilots punch a time card and then jump into the plane. The teams will be taking off approximately every minute, so, with the cards, nobody will have a headstart.

Torrance Board OK's Demolition of Old Building

Demolition of the oldest building at Perry Elementary School, 17831 Prairie Ave., was decided upon at the Torrance Board of Education meeting recently. The board decided that the structure has outlived its usefulness.

The school building has been standing since 1924, but now is being replaced by Madison Elementary School, to open in September.

Other buildings on the Perry school grounds were constructed within the past 10 years. Several years ago, a building which was opened in 1906 was demolished.

The building housing 127 students was considered a modern structure at the time of construction. The \$30,000 building also housed library facilities.

Lost Pup Makes Permanent Stay at Local Pound

Goats, Geese, Ducks, Peacocks, Skunks and a canine, who has been a guest of the Humane Society for two years, are among the "little bit of everything" to be found at the Torrance Pound.

The dog, Murphy, has been with the pound ever since his pick-up. After discovery of the whereabouts of the pet, Murphy's owner promised, "I'll be there tomorrow." Well, tomorrow never came, and Murphy's bill ran up and up and up.

After two years of this, Murphy went to court and was released from ownership of the procrastinator.

Now, the canine is mascot of the kennel, kind of a permanent installation.

Local Democrats Charter Busses to Convention

Torrance Democrats, Incorporated, is sponsoring a bus trip to the Coliseum for the acceptance night speech July 15.

The group is supplying box lunches for a \$3 donation, which includes the transportation. The bus will leave from two departure points. Information about the trip can be obtained by call Junette West, FR 6-3647.

Motorist Collides With Fire Truck

Colliding with a fire truck on its way to an emergency call, a Torrance resident recently suffered head cuts as a result.

The accident took place at Normandie Ave. and Lomita Blvd. at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday.

The Torrance motorist was J. C. Hannah, 38, of 2712 W. 176th St., who collided with the fire truck driven by David Shepherd, 40, of 1534 W. 254th St. Harbor City.

Boulder Gives Troop 'Tumble'

Pennies from Heaven? No, a scoutmaster and troop discovered that yesterday during an outing near Palos Verdes Drive South and Hawthorne Blvd. as a rock tumbled down a hill and knocked the leader out.

The victim was Rex Brown of 1540 Voorhees St. Manhattan Beach. He was sent to a San Pedro hospital.

REQUIREMENTS LISTED FOR FALL VOTERS

Registration for the November, 1960 General Election will close Sept. 14, 1960. All eligible residents who are not now registered voters are urged to register, announced the City Clerk's office recently.

The following groups of persons should register or re-register for the election:

Those who have changed their addresses since they last registered, those who have changed their names since they last registered, those who desire to change their political affiliation, those who did not vote at either the Primary or General Election in 1958, and who have not re-registered since said cancellation, and those who have become of age, and have not registered.

New residents who will have the following required qualifications by the date of the election must register to be able to vote.

These qualifications are one year residence in the state, ninety days residence in the county, twenty-one years of age, a naturalized

citizen who has been a citizen for at least 90 days prior to the date of the election, and must show his naturalization, able to read the English language and sign his name, and voters must not be disqualified to vote by reason of a felony conviction.

Persons may register at the City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, or they may register with a field deputy in their neighborhood. Field deputies will, in most cases, register during reasonable hours throughout the week, including evenings, Saturdays and Sundays.

Field deputies are Mrs. C. C. Westfall, 2451 238th St., DA 6-3965; Mrs. I. R. Slater, 5005 Macafee Rd., FR 5-2117; Mrs. C. A. Gonta, 2720 Martha St., FA 8-7876; Mrs. D. J. Teter, 25218-A Loytan St., DA 6-4439; Mrs. K. E. Myers, 3350 Dalesmead St., DA 6-7043; Mrs. E. C. Wright, 18328 Roslin Ave., FR 2-2288; Mrs. A. B. Cheslow, 2719 W. 178th St., DA 9-5132; Mrs. J. Mossbrucker, 4118 W. 178th

St., FR 2-4082; R. H. Flahive, 19321 Hinsdale Ave., FR 9-2064; Mrs. R. M. Rounsefell, 21501 Anza Ave., FR 6-2011; Mrs. M. M. Meyer, 4347 W. 177th St., FR 4-4357; Mrs. D. M. Di Sabatino, 26025 Matfield Dr., DA 6-0863; Mrs. M. L. Livingston, 5313 Highgrove St., FR 5-8447; Mrs. C. S. Peters, 425 Via Anita; Com. W. A. Mason, 204 Via la Circola, FR 5-2692; Mrs. J. Morrison, 128 W. 224th Pl., TE 4-0270; Mrs. Wade, 3120 W. 188th St., DA 9-6975; and Mr. Pickett, 18319 Patronella, DA 9-7388.

Rabbi Front Named to Decent Literature Committee Tuesday

Councilman J. A. Beasley today announced he will appoint Rabbi Henri Front, spiritual leader of Temple Menorah, to the Committee for Decent Literature at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

The council last week passed a resolution creating the committee, which, due to an oversight, has been operating three years without an instrument authorizing its

existence in behalf of the city.

"If the committee was set up to invoke censorship, I would have opposed it," Beasley declared. "However, its official function is to raise civic tastes in literature and to serve as an advisory agency to the council."

"It is with this in mind that I have asked Rabbi Front to serve. He is a parent, a scholar, theologian, and a book reviewer, and I know

he will settle for nothing less than a positive program of education rather than a campaign of prohibition," the councilman stated.

Beasley said all regulation of publications must be through law as interpreted by the courts, not through censorship and pressure by quasi-official or private groups.

The decent-literature committee was created officially by council action last week,

over a warning by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer that the city might be held liable for any harm done to merchants by libel or slander if the committee pursued a course of pressure or intimidation.

Rabbi Front is an outspoken critic of censorship. "I shall be pleased to serve on the committee," he said, "and I thank Council Beasley for his confidence."



TELEVISION STAR Sergeant Preston, master of ceremonies of the Take-off Luau at the Polynesian, introduces local Powder Puff

Derby participants Mrs. Mary Pinkney (left), co-pilot, and Mrs. Iris Critchell, pilot of the number eight entry, "Gravel Mary."