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Water Main Probe Ends

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without the full deposit, City Manager George Stevens declared. "McVicar stated he was in no way pressured to install the main."

Queried by Mayor Albert Isen if the city is in a position to act as financier, Stevens replied "the city can afford such projects where the benefited property owners pay their proportionate share of the cost at the time they obtain water service."

Stevens also stated he learned of the indebtedness of the Jahn Construction project in February of this year. He also announced he told McVicar "to be sure that no such project would be started again before the full amount of the deposit had been received."

McVicar received a reprimand for his action in this matter, with a copy of the reprimand placed in his personnel file.

"As to the obscurity of this property, Councilman Blount declared, "I borrowed the money to buy the land; Drale

handled it as a realtor. I contracted with the Jahn Construction Co. to build four units. I am on the tax roll as the owner. Jahn is not involved. Jahn is operating my apartments as manager."

"The city of Torrance will get every cent back," Blount announced.

Left unanswered despite closing of the water-main probe were questions of extension of credit to Councilman Blount without interest of the remaining \$1903 due the city of Torrance, and the question why the city manager does not demand full payment of the remainder of the water-main deposit.

"Individual home owners and builders cannot get credit extension for water-main line extensions," Mayor Isen declared, "and this points up the axiom that councilmen should not be entitled to any more benefits than any other citizen."

Beasley Urges Freeway Finish

A resolution introduced by Councilman J. A. Beasley urging councilmen and citizens interested to appear before the state legislature Aug. 30, when hearings on the San Diego freeway will be heard, received full councilmanic endorsement this week.

It will take some \$37,000,000 to complete the freeway, Beasley declared, and "the entire development of the South Bay area is dependent on this completion."

COOKE APPEARS

Recording star Sam Cooke, who started his career as a singer in the choir of the church where his father was minister, will make a guest appearance on "Wink Martindale's P.O.P. Dance Party" at Pacific Ocean Park, tomorrow.

New Air Plant Slated to Open Here

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Whatever happens in LaFleur's future, he has proven one thing—being a "luft-mensch" is not impossible. The tanks, 12 feet shells, are all of stainless steel, and double-walled "vacuum-jacketed," built much on the same principle as a thermos bottle. Underground lines will lead from the tanks to the liquifier. When going full blast, LaFleur's plant—which can be operated by one man watching controls—will be able to produce 6000 gallons a day, and store 50,000 gallons, or an eight-day supply. The "kicker" here is that LaFleur's "low pressure" liquifying method can be built for a fraction of the cost of the huge "high pressure" systems, now used by many industries.

A compressor alone to operate a high pressure plant of this capacity would cost around \$200,000, LaFleur explains, whereas his compressor can be built for under \$25,000.

The Russians, under the noted Dr. Kapitza, have developed low-pressure open-cycle systems because "they don't throw money around the way we do in the United States," LaFleur adds. He and his fellow staff members read numerous technical Russian papers which are made available through the Associated Technical Services.

Liquid oxygen is more economical to transport than gaseous oxygen, LaFleur explains, for it only weighs 9 1/2 pounds per gallon, and liquid nitrogen only weighs 6 1/2 pounds per gallon.

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Government Sends Man to Review 26-Acre Case

Resulting from the controversy over sale of the 26-acre Navy Supply Depot, the General Services Administration, set up to dispose of surplus property, is sending a representative to Torrance to review the situation Tuesday morning. Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, announced.

The GSA had proposed to sell the land to private industry. School officials claim that the land is needed for school expansion.

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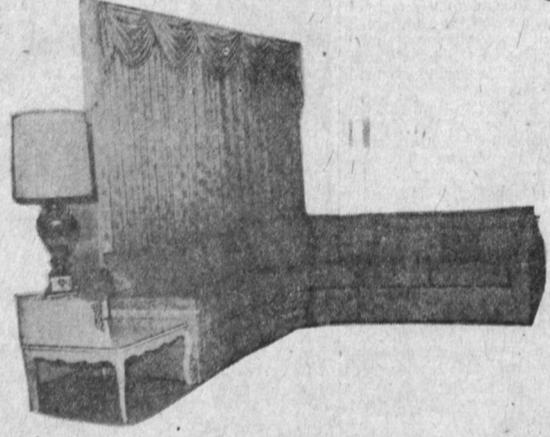
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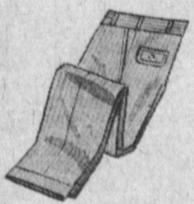
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