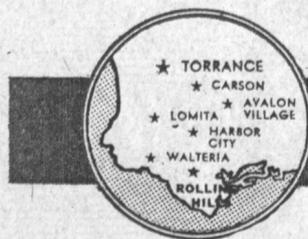


Lynn Hits at 'Privilege' of Incumbent

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'Single District Plan' Would Not Affect South Bay Court



READY FOR TOUR—Representatives of business, industrial and educational circles met Friday morning in the South High School gym before touring local business firms. Hundreds of teachers as well as school and plant administrative personnel heard Dr. Stuart Marsee, president of El Camino College and

keynote speaker, tell of advances in both commercial and educational fields during the past decade. Above, crowds file into gym bleachers before start of the kickoff meeting. B-I-E Day activities were termed "highly successful" by sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce officials.

Visitors Watch Death-Throes of Doomed Ship

Deah knell is being tolled for the 10,000 ton freighter Dominator, aground on a reef off the wind swept coast of Palos Verdes.

Two splits in the hull of the Liberty ship caused by the cargo, a million dollars worth of Canadian wheat, which seeps out of the ripped seams into the sea, are settling the huge ship into the depths of the sea as it tips on its side.

Water poured into the engine room and the number three hold after the pounding surf battered the vessel for almost a week when it went aground in the heavy fog.

Abandoned by the 29-man crew after hours of efforts to get it off the reef, the Dominator has attracted many adventurous youths who have spent a night in the Palos Verdes jail after their rescue from the doomed vessel by helicopter.

Sheriff's officers and the curious are keeping watch over the Dominator. Salvage estimates are being accepted by the owners.

No Changes Seen In Operation of Courts

A proposal to consolidate the 23 municipal court districts in Los Angeles County into one single district, offered to the Board of Supervisors last week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, would not have any major effect on the operation of Torrance's South Bay municipal court, local officials and attorneys believe.

Fears that the municipal court might be removed from the Torrance civic center and that attorneys, clients and witnesses might be required to go to down-

town Los Angeles for court actions, were alleviated by board statements this week.

3-2 VOTE
Following a split 3-2 vote, by which the board postponed for 30 days a final decision on whether or not to proceed with a plan to reorganize the municipal court districts into nine court districts, Hahn served notice to board members that he would press for a roll call vote of approval to consolidate all districts into a single County district.

Plan, which was developed by Municipal Judge William H. Rosenthal, would save the taxpayers more than \$70 million over the next 19 years, Hahn stated, and would retain all of the advantages of the present system.

The Supervisor explained that the only major change which the consolidation would make would be to provide the administrative "tools" to improve the administration of justice by equalizing work loads of judges.

CAMPAIGN BATTLE BEGINS . . .

Candidate for School Board in Protest Against Incumbent 'Personal Privilege'

Opening gun, in what promises to be a hot battle for three vacant school board seats, was fired yesterday by Bert M. Lynn, candidate, who condemned points of personal privilege taken by incumbents and demanded to know, "Where is the Citizens' Committee Report?"



BERT M. LYNN

In the first charge Lynn stated that one incumbent made what "can only be termed a campaign speech" at the Yikon School PTA meeting Thursday evening.

"The incumbent took personal privilege in making the speech in the guise of being a private citizen. This is contrary to all PTA policy and if the school administration permits personal privilege to incumbent candidates it should extend the same privilege to the other candidates."

Commenting upon the

controversial Citizens' Report, Lynn said, "I would like to remind the school administration that the members of the school board are elected officials, and as such are, or should be, representatives of the voters of Torrance Actions of the school board and the reports made by any citizens committee are not privileged communications to be viewed by the officials of the school district only. Such actions and reports are public matters and as such should be made known to the public.

"To date, what the school administration has condescended to release of the report has been piecemeal and out of context. This has been accompanied by disjointed "explanations" phrased largely in bureaucratic gobbledegook."

Lynn concluded with the statement, "I say to the Torrance school administration and to the members of the school board . . . You are selling the intelligence of the citizens of Torrance short by not making public the full contents of this citizens report!"

Absentee Ballots Ready Soon for April 18 Vote

Absentee ballots for the April 18 Torrance School Board election may be obtained between March 29 and April 13, either through the Torrance Board of Education or the County Superintendent of Schools.

Applications for the ballots will be sent to those requesting them. After returning the applications, voters will receive a ballot. These must be returned within five days after the election.

HIGHEST LIVING STANDARDS . . .

Business - Industry - Education Leaders Hear El Camino College President Tell Technical Advances of U. S.

Representatives of education, business and industrial circles Friday morning heard community leaders laud the cooperation between these

three phases of professional life. Dr. Stuart Marsee, El Camino president, told more than 1,000 teachers and Torrance

businessmen that free public education for all and a free enterprise system have combined to bring America greatness.

Scene of Marsee's address was the preliminary session of the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Business-Industry-Education Day held in the South High School gymnasium.

Co-sponsored by the Torrance Unified School District, teachers toured 67 businesses and industries in the city as a part of the overall program.

ALTERNATE TOURS
Teachers tour firms, on alternate years, to learn how they operate. On the opposing years, businessmen tour local schools.

"When the history of our times is written 500 years hence," Marsee said, "the greatest contribution of our civilization could well be our system of universal public education."

Citing some of the achievements of both business and industry he noted:

Americans have won 35 Nobel prizes in science, Russians have won two.

Some 70 percent of American 16-year olds are in school while only about 40 percent of European 16-year olds still attend.

Informative reports indicate that America has almost as many students in school honor societies as Europe has in its entire school system.

More than three million students were enrolled in colleges and universities in 1957, 45 percent more than in 1951.

BUSINESS ADVANCES
Speaking of business, he noted these points:

The U.S. has six percent of the world's population, seven percent of its land areas, but

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VETERAN RETIRES — Arthur Moore, 65, senior plumbing inspector for the city of Torrance, retired this week after more than a decade in the same position. Councilmen

congratulated Moore during the Council session Tuesday night. Here Councilman George Bradford presents a plaque to the retiring department head, while Mrs. Moore looks on.



EARLY SHOPPERS formed a long line Thursday morning awaiting the opening of J. C. Penney's newest store in the Del Amo Shopping Center. Ann Gordon, extreme left, of

24215 Park St., Torrance, began her wait at 8 a.m., an hour and a half before the emporium opened its doors. Thousands of shoppers visited the department store's opening.

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