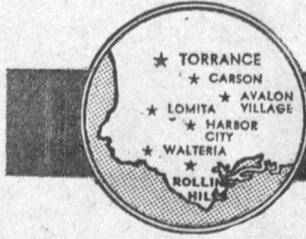


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Thousands of Viewers Line Armed Forces Parade Route



GRAND MARSHAL WELCOMED—Dr. Joseph V. Charyk, undersecretary of the Air Force, is welcomed by William Shawger, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, during a press conference held yesterday morning.

Charyk announced that the Air Force has just ordered 22 more Thor missiles from Douglas Aircraft to implement space probe programs.

Display Areas Crowded By Visitors

The city of Torrance yesterday morning launched its annual Armed Forces Day Parade with uncounted thousands of spectators watching either personally or on television.

Bands, armed forces displays, tanks and mobile equipment rumbled along the parade route, which started at the corner of Carson and Cabrillo St., north to Torrance Blvd., and terminated at the corner of Torrance and Madrona.

Only two such parades are staged annually in the United States; the first in Washington, D.C. and the second in Torrance.

SPEAKER

Grand Marshall and keynote speaker at the local Armed Forces Day festivities was Joseph V. Charyk, undersecretary of the Air Force.

In an announcement made yesterday morning at the Armed Forces Day Breakfast, Charyk said:

"The Air Force has ordered 22 DM-21 Thor rockets from the Douglas Aircraft Company for use as boosters in United States space programs.

"Vehicles are slated for additional Air Force Discoverer firings, the Navy's Transit navigation satellite program, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Nimbus meteorological satellite program and other projects.

"Thor also has been selected by NASA to boost its polar orbiting geophysical observatory satellites. The multimillion dollar purchase will extend Thor production through June, 1962."

Participating in the parade were two battle units of the 63rd Infantry Division, its band, and some of its heavy mobile field equipment including missiles, mechanical weapons and tanks.

Units from the Army, Navy, Air Forces, Coast Guard and Marine Corps were featured in the parade.

Following the parade component displays were shown in an exhibit area directly north of the Torrance civic center. Displays included exhibits of missiles, rockets, engines, ground based weapons, electronic and mechanical systems, instruments and devices. Exhibits were open to the public and covered more than 30 acres.

Outstanding in the display was a full scale Thor-Able ballistic missile set up by an Air Force team from Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino.



WEAPON DISPLAY — Part of the Armed Forces display that rumbled through Torrance streets yesterday was this mighty Regulus II missile, complete with launching platform.

Here the mighty missile competes for the spotlight with South High flag twirlers and parade marchers Bobbie Moton, 17, Sue Larson, 17, and Marie Leitner, 17.

SEEK INEQUITIES

Councilmen Will Demand Special Survey Of Torrance's Municipal Tax Structure

A request for a survey of the municipal tax structure to find out whether or not special groups are profiting at expense of the property-tax payer will be made by Councilman J. A. Beasley, he announced yesterday.

Beasley's decision followed his attendance last week end at the annual conference of the Institute of Industrial Relations, a department of UCLA. The conference, held at Lake Arrowhead, was cosponsored

by public employee organizations. Beasley attended as a guest of the Torrance Police Officers Association.

The councilman praised the police group for assisting in bringing the possibility of tax inequities into focus. "Government cannot continue to provide inspections, regulations, licenses, and services such as trash collection at a fraction of the actual cost," he declared.

ANTIQUITY TAX

At the institute it was brought out that a modern society no longer can subsist on an antique tax basis. Dr. J. A. Stockfish, associate professor of business administration at UCLA, said many municipal charges do not begin to cover the costs entailed. He noted water, power, regulatory functions, and rubbish collections as principal examples.

He declared that placing these services on a business basis is the alternative to imposition of higher taxes or requesting help from the federal government or state for such standard commodities as schools, police agencies, and fire departments.

Dr. G. N. Rostvold, chairman of the department of economics at Pomona College, said the property tax is not geared to the needs of expanding communities. He said the citizen must become reconciled to more taxes or accept congestions, air pollutions, double sessions at schools, inadequate police and fire departments, and underpaid public employees.

Beasley said his first step will be to find out what the conditions are in Torrance. "There may be inequities of which we are unaware," he said. "Also it is possible that prices of some services, such as licenses, inspections, and other work provided by the city, will have to be raised so that those who get the benefit pay the full cost—not the property-tax payer, who always has a big enough load to carry."

NEW ADVENTURE

Veteran Administrator Named Advisor to Turkey

George Stevens, retiring Torrance city manager whose 15½ years in office will close next Friday, late last week announced that he will go to Ankara, Turkey as a representative of the U. S. government.

Scene of the announcement was a testimonial dinner Friday night at the Jump N' Jack Restaurant.

Stevens said that he will report in Washington, D.C. on May 29 for briefing sessions before his assignment to the International Cooperative Administration.

Attending the testimonial dinner were representatives from the city's government, Chamber of Commerce and service clubs throughout the area.

Stevens said, "I shall be an advisor at the municipal level for the United States government. It's something I've wanted to do for a long time. Messages from Governor



GEORGE STEVENS
... Off to Turkey

Edmund G. Brown, Congressman Cecil King, and resolutions from the State Senate, Assembly, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles City Council and Torrance City Council, were read.



HUGGING A MOVIE STAR—Debbie Levine and Leo Henchcliff, students at Parkway School, get to hug a real movie star—Sonja the Cheetah, who appears in the movie "Hatari." Sonja and her handler, Jan Oelofse, game catcher from South Africa, appeared at an assembly at the school Friday,

where he described African animals. A Parkway parent, Frank Stanley, worked with Oelofse in Africa. Oelofse also is custodian of 28 other movie stars—four elephants, two lions, three leopards, three cheetahs, a hyena, baboon and other animals.

Summer Camps

Torrance YMCA camping officials announced Friday that advanced registrations have reached the halfway mark this week. More than 500 local boys and girls have signed up for spots in the sixteen camp sessions conducted by the Torrance YMCA.

Four camps are reported "filled to capacity" at this time.

EDITORIAL

Taxes, Tumbleweeds, Future of Torrance?

Future growth of Torrance, known nationally as the fastest growing community in the United States, could be "stunted" by "nearsighted" thinking of key officials and planners.

This thinking, which insists that the holding of large expanses of undeveloped land waiting for a possible industrial development is "progress," could be a deciding factor in Torrance's future as the population center of the southern portion of the county.

Yet this "industrial" land, in its present undeveloped state, is bringing virtually no revenue to the area and none to its owners.

It just lies there, gathering taxes and tumbleweeds, waiting for some unnamed "industry" to appear over a distant horizon and put it to some constructive use.

A proposal, now being studied by the Planning Commission, which asked that one portion of the city's industrial land be rezoned for residential use, has aroused the ire of antagonists of the measure.

COMMERCE O.K.

Yet similar measures, converting this type of land to commercial use, were passed with virtually no voices raised against them. Shopping centers and commercial houses have popped up like mushrooms throughout the city and more are on the way.

But where are the customers for these shopping centers to come from if not from new residents of the community?

Expanding industry and commerce are vital ingredients in a city but, equally important, is an expanding population to serve it, to utilize it, and to benefit from its existence.

An expanding population in Torrance, assuming its fair share of the tax load, contributing its share of sales tax money into the city's coffers, is the most vital ingredient in the future growth of Torrance.

The investor, businessman and homeowner alike, in the future of this city should not stand idly by and watch his investments go up in the smoke of well-meaning but mistaken ideas.

Park and Recreation, Airport Commissions Cancel Meetings

Two Torrance City Commissions, which had previously scheduled meetings during the coming week have canceled, it was reported Friday. Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission, previously scheduled for Wednesday will be held over until June 14.

Thursday's regular meeting of the Torrance Airport Commission has also been canceled, reported Airport Manager Jack R. Egan.

Egan stated that the Commission has taken care of all work at hand and there is no reason for a meeting.