

Turkish IBC Contestant Tours Torrance



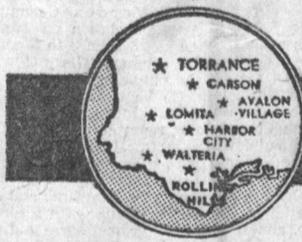
VIEW OF THE CITY — Councilman Willys Blount and Airport Commissioner Joe Doss this week had the envious task of escorting two beauties, one an IBC contestant and the other her friend and interpreter from Torrance. Top, Blount points out some of the beauties of the city to the two girls, Aydan Bemirel, Miss Turkey, and friend Donna Larue of Torrance. In bottom photo, Miss Bemirel gets some instructions in the finer points of flying from "Slim" Kidwell at the Torrance Municipal Airport. (More photos of Miss Bemirel's whirlwind tour of Torrance appear on Page D-1 of this issue)

Two pretty misses toured Torrance Monday with the gracious help of a city councilman and the newly elected president of the city's airport commission. The two girls, one of whom confined her comments to "oh's" and "ah's" were Aydan Bemirel, Miss Turkey in the recently ended International Beauty Congress in Long Beach, and her friend, interpreter and companion, Donna Larue of Torrance. City Councilman Willys

Blount, as chairman of the Torrance City-to-City program, which maintains lines of communications with Konya, Turkey, sister city of this community, served as host on the tour. Tour was arranged by Joe Doss, president of the airport commission, and head of the educational promotion division for Mayfair Products. CITY HALL VISIT Girls visited first in city hall, where they met the personnel of this communi-

ty and admired the beautiful building that houses the city government. Next a quick trip through the nearby court facilities, out to the municipal air terminal for a few pictures with airport employees, a quick stop for a cup of coffee, and the end of the tour at the Sepulveda offices of the Torrance Press. Asked, through her interpreter, Miss Larue, what her immediate impressions of the city were, she said: "I think I am most im-

pressed by the gracious way that you people live. Eastern countries. But the freedoms that women in this country have are greater than women of Turkey would ever dream of." Miss Bemirel, who is the daughter of a general in the Turkish Army staff, will remain in Southern California for at least two weeks before heading back to her own country. She expressed a desire to return and meet as many Torrance people as possible before she returned home.



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Council Action Will Slow Rezoning Case

Petitions May Be Circulated Asking Ballot

City councilmen Tuesday night effectively negated action of the previous week when they okayed a 30-day delay before voting on the ordinance that would rezone from M-2 to R-1 the controversial Marble Estates tract.

Motion was made by Councilman Willys Blount and was immediately seconded by Councilman George Vico.

Councilman Nickolas Dale, who opposed the move, stated that he "couldn't understand the viewpoint of people who had moved to Torrance in the past 10 years, have professed to enjoy its opportunities and magnificent school system, and yet would deny these same advantages to other people who would like to move here."

Blount stated that he would like to have the city manager's office use the interim period to make inquiries concerning the cost and the time involved in conducting a professional survey of the available industrial and commercial land in Torrance and the proper utilization of it.

PETITIONS RUMORED
Opponents of the plan to

rezone the Marble Estates property are rumored to be circulating petitions seeking the necessary signatures to call a referendum on the issue.

Mayor Albert Isen, following the council's okay of the delay, noted that the tabling of the issue for 30 days would allow the opposition time to get the necessary signatures.

Isen, who has favored retaining the industrial zoning of the property, has been outspoken in his opposition to rezoning the property for residential use.

Request for the zone change was made by builder Don Wilson, who planned to build more than 600 homes on the 155-acre tract.

To date, no interest has been shown in the tract by industrial developers. Proponents of the plan to rezone the area point out that plenty of industrial land remains in the city should any industry register its intention to move here.



SUMMER SCENE—Thousands of youngsters headed for the beaches and pools when the blistering wave of summer weather hit the area last week. The placid waters of Benastead Plunge, shown above, was dotted with the heads of swimmers and lifeguards had to be on the watch to protect the crowds from the antics of the divers above. Municipal pool, located at Torrance and Madrona, has listed new records for attendance during the past two weeks, city park and recreation officials reported.

\$99,251 PRICE TAG . . . County to Purchase Land For Lomita Area 'Center'

Creamery Uses Unusual Idea to Promote Torrance

An effective idea, which will promote and advertise the city of Torrance, was instituted this week by Mayfair Creamery.

Henceforth all cartons of milk produced by the Torrance firm will carry printed on both sides a 53-item question and answer section relating to vital statistics of the community.

Items include, for example, that the average age of Torrance residents is a lustrous 25½ years; that there is a total of 187 miles of water mains and 205 miles of sewer mains.

Most frequently asked facts were compiled by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for use on the cartons, reported "Tip" Lackey, sales manager of the firm.

Three parcels of land totaling \$99,251 will be purchased by the County of Los Angeles for use as a part of the Lomita Administrative Center, county officials reported this week.

In three separate actions, the board of supervisor authorized purchase of the following properties:

Property to be purchased is on W. 242nd St. and is owned by Jess C. Salcido and Marie Salcido; and two additional parcels owned by Alvaro Lopez.

All of the properties involved are unincorporated territory or in the local community of Lomita.

Plans for the Lomita Administrative Center, which will be located at the corner of 242nd St. and Narbonne Ave., are progressing on schedule.

Approval of the purchase was given by the Regional Planning Commission April 11, 1961.

Youth Injured, Hospitalized in Weekend Crash

A Long Beach youth was seriously injured late last week in a head-on collision in Carson.

Daniel Chadwick, 19, of 5836 Garford St., suffered severe lacerations and bruises and possible internal injuries in the crash near the intersection of Figueroa and Chadwell St.

Chadwick was forced to undergo surgery the same evening after diagnosis by Harbor General Hospital physicians.

CHP officers said that the youth was driving south on Figueroa when his auto was struck by another vehicle driven by Seliciand Munar, 31, of Los Angeles.

Munar suffered minor injuries and was released after treatment at Harbor Hospital. He was later booked at the Firestone Sheriff's station on suspicion of felony drunk driving.

WORK COMPLETED

Construction of Hawthorne Blvd. between Silver Spur Road and Palos Verdes Drive North is in its final stages and is tentatively scheduled for completion during the latter part of this week.

5 Years to Life For Torrance Man

The 28-year old convicted killer of a Long Beach Navy wife, whose body was found in a vacant Carson field, was sentenced to a five years to life term last week.

James Edward Blackwell, of 2011 W. 220th St., had previously pleaded guilty to strangling Mrs. Helen Margaret Johnson, 29, on April 4 after he picked her up in a Long Beach bar.

Blackwell, who worked for a Torrance rug cleaning plant, was arrested two days later in Medford, Oregon. He had been identified by witnesses who saw him hit the woman and throw her into his car.

The victim's partially disrobed body was found in a lot in the 1200 block of E. 223rd St.

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UP AND OVER—A little too much speed on the Palos Verdes stretch of Western Ave. Sunday evening and the two occupants of this car were hospitalized for serious injuries. Driver Gregory Puckett, 21, San Pedro, and passenger Jackie Losee, 20, 1414 W. Carson, were rushed to San Pedro Community Hospital for emergency aid. Investigating Highway Patrol officers reported that the car left skid marks for 215 feet before nosing over the embankment and landing on its top.