

Delay Court Hearing in Rezone Hassle

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Torrance Joins Beach Cities in Battle Against Dredging Plans

Schools to Honor UN Day Tuesday

Parental Boycott Threat Fails to Halt Celebration

Despite threats by some parents that they will not allow their children to attend school on UN Day, October 24, Torrance teachers will read President Kennedy's United Nations Day proclamation in all classes of the local district on Tuesday.

Original request that the President's message be read to students was made Monday at the regular school board meeting by the Reverend Gilbert Zimmerman, minister of the First Methodist Church of Torrance.

The Reverend Richard Seebode, minister of the Pacific Unitarian Church of Torrance added his support to the motion.

3-0 VOTE

Although several protests were heard from the audience, the board voted 3-0 to approve the request. Board member Bert Lynn abstained.

Following the announcement that the day would be observed in Torrance schools, several parents contacted the district's administrators and the editors of the Torrance Press protesting the action and affirming that they would keep their children out of school on that day.

They also suggested that the board schedule a special meeting to rescind their motion.

A spokesman for the parents who oppose the action, William Wilbur, 5503 Hallison St., said that he will keep his children out of school in order to impress upon district administrators his objections to the observance.



LETHAL DISPLAY—Torrance Police officers Friday laid out a display of weapons that had been taken away from mayhem-minded individuals during the past 30 days and impounded at the station. Collection included sawed-off shotguns and rifles, pistols, knives and clubs. Shown above inspecting a part of the lethal collection are Officer Art Fuller, Captain John Maestri and Officer Henry Pupkoff. Weapons were taken from robbery suspects, gang members and from individuals picked up on a variety of charges.

Bi-Partisan Committee to Host Governor, Mrs. Brown At Dinner Meeting Nov. 2; Special Presentation

A huge sterling silver water pitcher will be presented to Gov. and Mrs. Edmund G. Brown at a reception scheduled for Nov. 2. Pitcher, which symbolizes the new state-wide water project sponsored by the Governor, will be presented by pioneer civic leader Sam Levy.

The presentation will be made before the Bi-Partisan Committee of Torrance, 7 p.m. at the Jump 'N Jack Restaurant, 2900 Pacific Coast Highway. A social hour starting at 6 p.m. will precede the dinner.

A capacity attendance of 250 persons is expected at the affair, according to co-chairmen Mrs. John Shidler (Rosemary de Camp) and Boris Woolley. Only a few reservations are available now.

MEMBERS

Committee members include Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Jay Beasley and Nick Drale, Fred Mill and John Barton, Torrance; James M. Hall, Redondo Beach; Mayor Ray Slaney, Rolling Hills Estates; Joseph Deeble, president, Palos Verdes Estates Chamber of Commerce; and Walter Reese, Palos Verdes Estates.

Anyone wishing to attend may call Russell Lund, FAirfax 8-3567, for reservations.

Off-Shore Operations May Ruin Play Areas, Say City Leaders

Representatives of four local beach cities joined forces last week to oppose off-shore mining and prospecting operations.

City leaders from Torrance, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates and Hermosa Beach, met with representatives of the State Lands Commission at Torrance City Hall, to oppose strenuously the application of a Downey organization to prospect for the mineral magnetite in off-shore locations.

Meeting with the city delegates was F. J. Hortig, an executive officer of the commission. Meeting was called to express the views of the involved cities prior to the scheduled hearing

before the commission this week.

Commission will meet Thursday morning in the State Building, Los Angeles to consider the application, submitted by C. Edward Christofferson and Howard P. Ritsch, to prospect over some 3000 acres of ocean floor for the rare mineral.

PROTESTS

Each of the four involved cities have now lodged official protests on the prospecting proposal.

Councilman J. A. Beasley told Hortig that the technical objections to the plan had been expressed by city engineers and attorneys but that "we have to act on political levels

because we are going to have to answer to the people for what happens."

Beasley reported that, if the application is granted, the beach cities should be guaranteed indemnity if the prospecting or dredging results in water pollution or beach damage.

Commissioners who will have the final say in the decision are Lt. Gov. Glen Anderson, State Controller Alan Cranston and Finance Director Hale Champion.

Commercial and pleasure fishing interests as well as Torrance area service clubs and civic organizations have registered vigorous protests against the mining operation.

QUESTION PETITIONS...

Restraining Order Hearing Continued For Two Weeks; November 8 Date Set

The restraining order, halting verification of signatures on the Torrance Marble Estate rezoning referendum petitions, will remain in effect through November 8, it was reported Friday by attorneys representing the city and the 150-acre Marble property.

November date has been set for the hearing testing the legality of methods used in tabulating petitions to qualify the issue for the April, 1962, municipal election ballot.

Stipulations in the case were filed Friday morning

in Superior Court 65, Los Angeles, before Judge Gordon L. Files.

Court action was sought by owners of the Marble Estate property and by Builder Don Wilson, who plans to build some 600 homes in the tract.

COUNCIL OK'S

City Council last month approved rezoning of the property, located on Crenshaw, between Sepulveda and Lomita, and the action precipitated circulation of the petitions calling for an election on this issue.

Injunction, filed against personnel in the Torrance City Clerk's office, alleged that circulators of the petitions had been allowed to remove the lists of signatures from the city vaults and alter them, adding dates, precinct numbers and addresses.

Injunction prohibits the filing of a certificate of sufficiency with the city council, which would make mandatory the calling for an election, until such time as the court decides on the validity of the petitions.



PRESENTATION PITCHER—Councilman J. A. Beasley and Torrance merchant Sam Levy inspect silver water pitcher that will be presented to Governor and Mrs. Edmund G. Brown at the Nov. 2 meeting of

the Bi-Partisan Committee of Torrance. Pitcher symbolizes the vital water projects the Governor has sponsored throughout the state.



PATRIOTISM, EDUCATION—Fond parents and troop leaders look on as Mayor Albert Isen present copies of the Declaration of Independence to Girl Scouts Sandy Pietz, Debra Doyle and Lynne Turner. Scene is at the American Patriotic

Week booth set up in the Sav-On Drug store, at the corner of 190th St. and Anza. Booth is sponsored by the Southwest Park Civic Association and other community groups. Week will extend through October 28.