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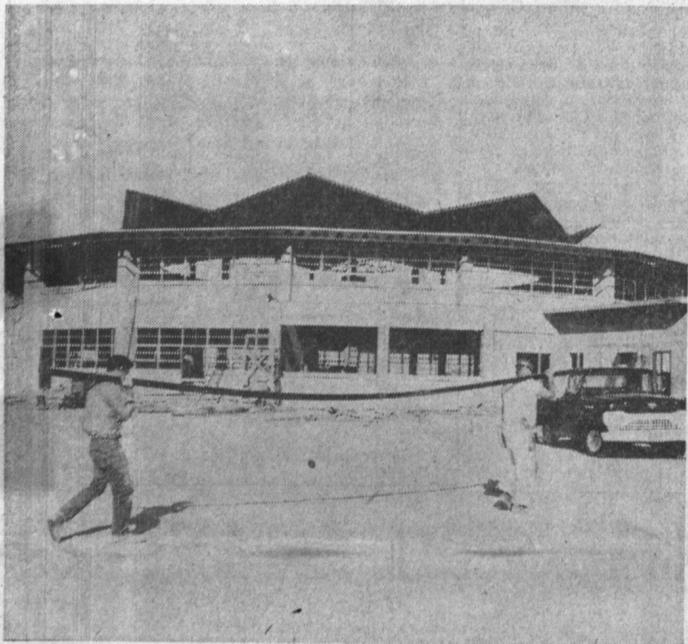
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JUDGE RAPS MAYOR

New WHS Campus 'Going Up'



PROGRESS REPORT—First building on the new West High School campus, award-winning circular library, is nearly completed, it was learned yesterday. School officials said that all of the buildings in the first increment, which will cost \$2,286,000, will be up on schedule and ready for occupancy by the fall semester of 1962.—Press Photo

Unique Circular Library Nearly Completed, Say School Officials

Center structure of the award winning West High School campus, the circular library building, is nearly completed, school officials reported yesterday.

Landmark of the new campus, the library will house 86 individual study cubicles, offices and research areas for educational consultants. It will ultimately have stack space for 60,000 books plus storage and repair facilities for films, sound tapes, models and other teaching aids.

Other buildings in the \$2,286,000 first increment of the new secondary school, considered by designers to be one of the finest examples of school construction in the nation, are going up on schedule.

NOVEL CAMPUS

Roy Donley and Associates developed the novel campus, fourth in Torrance's senior high school system, for a "package high school by increments," based on a special two-year study by a planning committee educators cooperating with the architect. The three-stage plan will ultimately accommodate 3,000 students; and each construction phase will provide all essential educational high school facilities for an

additional 1,000 students. Centrally located library will feature a center open to the roof surrounded by the circular mezzanine.

First increment will be finished by September, 1962, in time for the opening of the fall semesters.

Council Repeals Marble Estates Ordinance, 7-0

Torrance city councilmen last night speedily nullified their own ordinance, which had changed zoning of the controversial Marble Estates property from industrial to residential use, and returned the property to its original status.

Repeal of the ordinance changing the zone will keep the issue off the referendum ballot in April. Vote favoring repeal was unanimous.

In a second action, the city, on a motion by Councilman Willys Blount, directed City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer and city engineers to investigate possible safeguards that could be erected on bridges crossing the Dominguez Channel.

One of the seven bridges crossing the flood control drain in Torrance was the scene of tragedy last week when a four-year-old boy fell to his death on the cement-lined bottom of the channel.

City officials felt that the issue should be continued on the county administrative level after Flood Control District authorities denied any responsibility for the accident, claiming that, although the channel itself belonged to the district, the bridges crossing it were the responsibility of the city.

Upholds Injunction After Lecture on Constitution, Law

A Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Monday granted a preliminary injunction prohibiting interference with the distribution of the Socialist Labor Party publication, the Weekly People, in Torrance by Mayor Albert Isen.

Judge Gordon L. Files also administered a judicial rap on the knuckles to Isen when he stated that "it is perfectly clear that he doesn't understand the law or the Constitution," before granting the injunction.

The jurist also gave the mayor and his attorney, Clifford L. Peterson, 20 days in which to answer

the complaint brought by Robert Long, distributor of the newspaper, and his wife, Helen, organizer for the party.

STATEMENTS

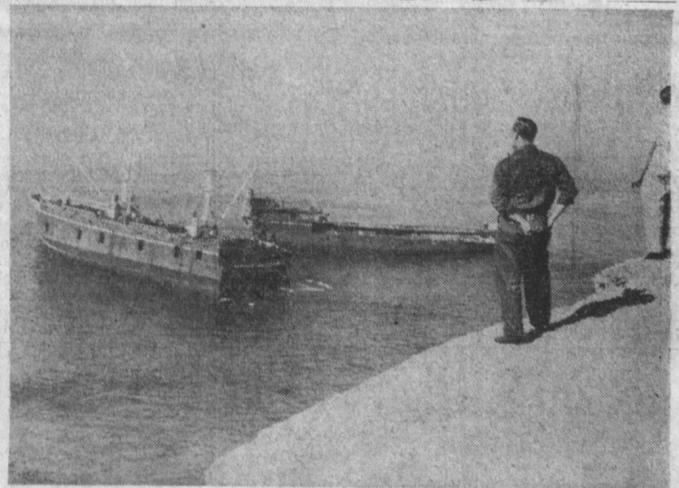
In granting the injunction, Judge Files stated that public statements that he would see to it that the two contested newsracks were removed were in contradiction to his denial of any part in the action after the request for a restraining order was filed.

Action was brought by the American Civil Liberties Union, representing the Longs, which will also seek \$5,020 in damages for the alleged removal and destruction of two

newsracks from the streets of Torrance.

Peterson, representing Isen (who is also an attorney), took the stand that the mayor was not violating Constitutional guarantees of freedom of the press because the publication "advertised Socialism" and did not carry legitimate news. He was, the attorney said, merely implementing existing ordinances which prohibit posting advertising on city streets.

Representing the Longs at the court action were A. L. Wirin, chief counsel for the ACLU, and Fred Okrand, ACLU attorney.



SHATTERED HULK — Ruins of the Greek freighter "Dominator," which ran aground off the Palos Verdes peninsula several months ago, broke in two during severe windstorms last weekend. Nature, in the form of crashing waves, did a job that salvage crews and the force of a wet and swelling grain in her holds had been unable to do. Above, the two parts of the ruined ship are shown, the bow still fast aground, while the stern floats free in the background.—Press Photo

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ORAL VACCINE

Torrance Area to Be 'First' in Nation For Mass Polio Immunization Program

A mass polio immunization program using the new Sabin oral vaccine will be launched in the greater Torrance area early next year by the Southwest District of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, it was announced by association President Dr. William Taylor.

Utilizing the facilities of some 25 Civil Defense centers, Dr. Taylor believes 100,000 inoculations of the new vaccine can be administered in one day.

Local vaccination program is one of the first in the nation to use the Sabin vaccine since the Federal Government granted a license to the Charles Pfizer Company last August.

In urging full participation in the program, Dr. Taylor said: "While there has been a dramatic decline in the number of cases of para-

lytic polio in the nation since the advent of the Salk vaccine, the disease is not yet licked as evidenced by such sporadic outbreaks as occurred this summer in Syracuse, New York.

"The Sabin vaccine may be the final answer in the fight against the disease," Dr. Taylor continued. "The oral vaccine is easy to ad-

minister—no needle; it provides rapid immunity—in about one week, and it breaks the chain of transmission by affording intestinal resistance to the infection."

Exact date of the program will be announced by the medical association after details of staff and equipment are finalized.

Bloodmobile Here Tomorrow

All persons who made appointments to donate blood at the next Torrance community Red Cross bloodmobile are reminded by Branch Chairman George Post that the mobile unit will be here tomorrow.

Blood donors may visit the mobile, to be stationed at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., 2:30 to 7 p.m.

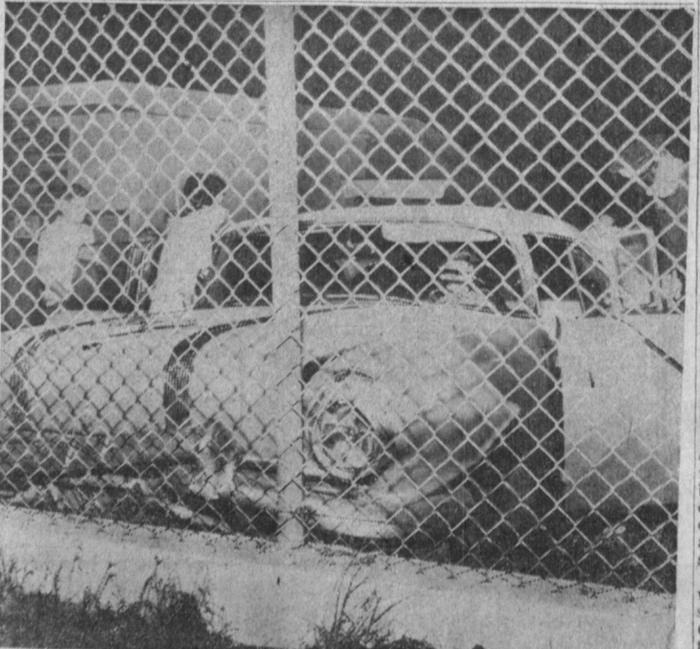
Persons who wish to replace blood used by family and friends in hospitals may telephone FA 8-0510 for an appointment.

Businessmen Will Head Drive for C-of-C Members

With the theme "Partners in Progress," the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will kick-off its 1961-1962 membership drive next Tuesday when 40 volunteer workers will make personal visits to prospective members in the central Torrance area, it was announced yesterday by Robert K. Richardson, membership campaign chairman.

"Tuesday's all-out one day campaign will mark the first of five separate membership drives to be conducted throughout the city. The date of future drives will be announced later," Richardson stated.

"The men and women who have volunteered their services for the one day drive are all members of the Torrance business community. They will seek to enlist the support of fellow businessmen in building a stronger and more progressive Torrance through membership in the Chamber of Commerce," he said.



FENCED IN—Two women were hurt last weekend when their car went out of control, leaped over a curb and smashed into a fence surrounding the Parkway School at Calle Mira Mar and Via Riviera. Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital were Fay-

oma Mackey, 35, of 5203 Doris Way, driver of the runaway car, and Mrs. George Beck, 1907 Vista del Mar. A police car, stalled at the scene, was also struck by a passing auto.

—Press Photo

Dower, Bramhall Confirm Rumors They Will Resign Top Torrance Exec Posts

Two top Torrance officials, Assistant City Attorney Robert Dower and Assistant City Manager John Bramhall, last night confirmed rumors that they would resign their posts.

Dower, who reported that he is interested in returning to private practice, stated that he is presently negotiating for a position with a Los Angeles law firm.

"Since I've been with the city," he said, "I've become

quite proficient at drafting "cat-trapping" and "anti-cat-trapping" ordinances and I feel that it is time I went back to practicing the law."

Dower has not yet submitted a letter of resignation to the city, explaining that he had not intended to terminate his position with the city until after Christmas.

TOP POST

Bramhall who, in his one year with the city, has risen from a relatively obscure position to the top executive post and then been supplanted, also has not yet submitted a letter of resignation. He stated that rumors reported in other publications were "embarrassing" but denied that they had influenced him in making his decision.

Bramhall came to Torrance slightly over a year ago from Pomona to take the position of senior administrative assistant for the city.

In the period following the resignation of former city manager, George Stevens, he was elevated to the position

of acting city manager until the appointment of a permanent top executive could be confirmed.

Following the appointment of Wade Peebles, former public works department head, as city manager, Bramhall was immediately named to the assistant city manager's post.

Majority of councilmen queried felt that the two posts were vital and should be filled at once.



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