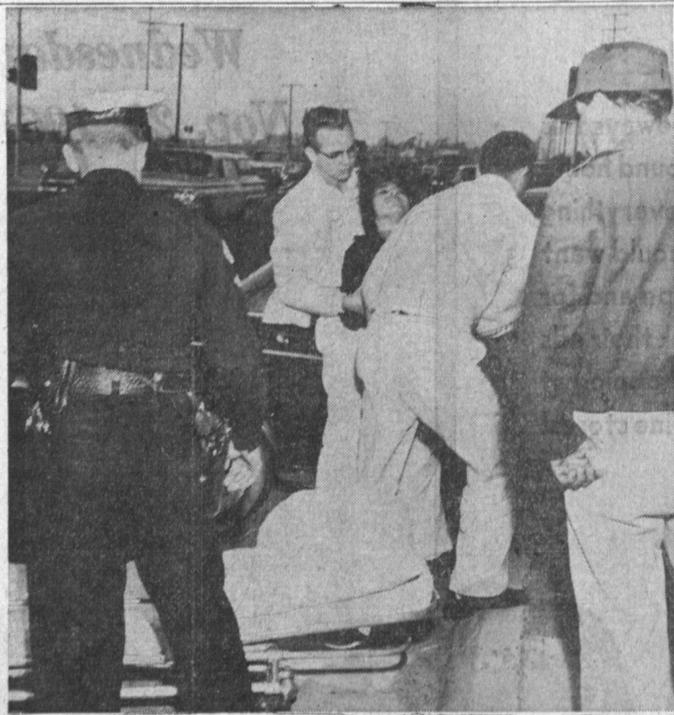




POLITICAL STORM BREWING OVER CITY'S BUS SERVICE



INJURED PASSENGER—Injured when their compact auto was broadsided Monday afternoon at the corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda, two girls, Lupe, 22, and Mary Estrada, 18, of 947 Lomita Blvd., Harbor City, were treated for abrasions at Little Company of Mary Hospital, and then released. Driver of the second car, Mary G. Caluori, 64, San Pedro, was not held.

Physician Named to Local School Board

Dr. Kurt Shery, 53, one of the outstanding candidates in the recent school board elections, was nominated Monday night to fill the unexpired term of former board member Clinton Cooke, who resigned last week.

Shery, one of the four strong candidates for the three empty board positions, missed election by the narrowest of margins. All of the four candidates decisively defeated the three incumbents to the office.

The Torrance physician, who has long shown an interest in educational problems and the community's youth, will be sworn in at the December 4 board meeting.

A former resident of Palos Verdes, he was a member of the special committee that brought about unification of that district.

Father of two children, a son in medical school and a daughter attending El Camino College, Shery maintains his medical office at 1104 Sartori Ave.



KURT SHERY M.D. Named To Board

Demands Would Add 15-Cents to Tax Bill, Declare Councilmen

A committee of North Torrance residents last night submitted petitions bearing 1500 signatures to the city council demanding that the municipal bus lines overhaul existing services and conduct surveys aimed at increasing present public transportation services.

Petitions, which were turned over to the city clerk by Margaret Clark, chairman of the group, called for a ten-point program aimed at refurbishing the sagging city lines and providing better public transportation for the community.

Proponents of the measure indicated that the lines could be better managed by a committee or commission composed of successful local businessmen, although confidence was expressed in the abilities of Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain.

Herma Tillum, another

spokesman for the group, felt that "pressures" on the superintendent's administration of the bus lines were responsible, in part, for the cutback in service.

EXCEPTION

At this point members of the city council took exception to the approach of the group and it was pointed out by Mayor Albert Isen that the correct procedure would be for organization to try to work out problems with the city's bus commission and the Chamber of Commerce's transportation committee before coming to the council.

Councilman Jay Beasley, who serves as chairman of the bus committee, said that, as the attack was aimed directly at him, he would step down from his chairmanship while the issue was being studied by the commission.

"This group has expres-

sed confidence in the administration of Chamberlain," he said, "and I can say right now that the commission nor the council has ever vetoed any suggestion that he has made toward improving service on the line."

Councilman George Bradford queried representatives of the organization concerning alleged "pressures" brought to bear on the bus superintendent and then pointed out that the comparisons drawn between the city's lines and the municipal bus service in Santa Monica were unfair because of the different natures of the two communities.

Beasley pointed out that Torrance is a city of diversified population with scattered shopping centers and that the recommendations of the committee would add about 15 cents to the city's tax bill. Entire matter was turned over to the bus committee for study.

BRAVE THE RAIN . . .

Torrance Area Residents, 300 Strong, Attend Week-end Freedom Rally

More than 300 South Bay residents braved the rain last Saturday to attend a freedom rally at San Pedro High School, sponsored by the South Bay Crusade for Americanism. Several eminent speakers stressed the importance of awakening Americans to the danger of the "Communist threat within and without."

William Opie, coordinator for the National Torchbearers, said, "there is a

Communist conspiracy within our gates. We are at war and we must act as though we are at war."

Opie showed propaganda posters which he smuggled out of Moscow and gave a brief history of Communism and its leaders. A highlight of the all-day program was a panel discussion conducted by Dr. Leslie Koltei, Hungarian Freedom Fighter; Dr. Tirso Del Junco, and anti-

Castro leader, and Brick Neighbors, African patriot.

10,000 AGENTS Dr. Del Junco, who attended school at the University of Havana with Fidel Castro, said the Cuban dictator has 10,000 agents in the United States and that the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" is a "Communist front organization, which has infiltrated 82 of our colleges and universities."

Annual Bicycle Auction Slated For December 9

Bargains in bicycles will be offered for local youngsters next week when the Torrance Police Department stages its semi-annual bike auction.

Bicycles, placed in storage by the police when they are found lost or abandoned, are auctioned off twice yearly if not claimed.

This year's auction will be held December 9, 9 a.m. at Torrance Park, Arlington near Sepulveda.

Police officials, announcing the sale, stated that they had picked the December 9 date because it fell just before Christmas and because, "well frankly, we need the room."

City to Erect Safety Fences on Channel Bridges

City councilmen last night agreed to pay up to \$4000 for safety fencing on six bridge crossings of the Dominguez Channel after it was pointed out that they did not thereby accept responsibility for accident that had occurred on the crossings.

Four year old youngster died three weeks ago in a fall from the Arlington St. crossing of the channel.

Controversy continues between the city, Board of Supervisors, and the county flood control over which of the three bodies should be responsible for maintaining safety factors on the bridges.

Elks Memorial Service Slated For Next Sunday

Annual memorial service of the Torrance Elks will be held Sunday, 2 p.m. at the new Elks home at 1820 Abalone Ave., it was reported yesterday.

On this day members of the fraternal organization pay tribute to their departed members.

Exalted Ruler Charles Marquand extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend this outstanding program.

HURT IN ACCIDENT

Resting comfortably in Harbor General Hospital is Roy L. Ansley, 26, of 1414 Hickory Ave. following an accident Monday night when a car in which he was a passenger went out of control and struck a tree. Crash occurred on Carson St. near Torrance High School. Driver of the car, William E. Webster, 18, Los Angeles, was unhurt.



HOT WIRE DOWN—A snarl of hissing and snapping "hot wires" fell across the north-bound lanes of Western Ave., at 234th St., during the rain and wind squall Saturday morning. Bureau of Power and Light work-

men immediately answered the emergency call and cleared the lines so that traffic could be routed through. Patrolling officers reported that the fall blocked traffic for more than 30 minutes.

Service Clubs Give \$1500 To Parade Fund

Bob Vroman, chairman of the Junior Chamber's Rose Parade Committee, yesterday accepted a check for \$1500 from Chuck Stack of the Jaycees, to be used for defraying the cost of this year's entry in the Pasadena tourney.

Money was collected and donated to the fund by service clubs in the community.

Organizations making contributions included the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Moose Lodge, Welcome Wagon, Civitans and the Torrance Junior Women.

Service club members will also donate time selling 2,000 roses to Torrance citizens this Saturday. Roses will be sold from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at various shopping center locations throughout the city, Vroman said.

Sale of the roses will help pay the cost of the \$4,000 float, titled "Torrance By The Sea," in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Mayor Albert Isen has proclaimed December 2 as Torrance Tournament of Roses Day and encouraged citizens to wear the red roses signifying they have donated their dollar to the cause.



DOLLAR DONATIONS—Red rosebuds will be sold at more than 15 locations throughout Torrance Saturday with proceeds from the sale going into the Rose Parade entry war chest. Service club members will donate their time to man the booths. Here Mar-

garet Clark, decorations chairman, outlines plans for the sale to Mrs. Stephen Boyko, Evelyn Carr PTA, Hazel Moore and Mrs. Henry Glenn of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

READY FOR SANTA . . .

Torrance Shopping Areas Install Annual Yule Decorations, Announce Store Hours

Torrance merchants this week launched their pre-Christmas decorating and promotional projects as Santa Claus and special programs for youngsters and adults.

In the downtown Torrance area some of the shops have already rearranged schedules to allow them to remain open late while Christmas decorations have already gone up along the main thoroughfares of the area.

At Del Amo Center, corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda, the festive spirit of Christmas will become very noticeable after this weekend when the yule decorations will be completed. Majority of stores

in the center will remain open until 9:30 p.m. starting Saturday.

Instead of one Santa in the center, the good saint will be found in several of the larger stores, where he will accept the Christmas lists of youngsters.

Merchants at Southwood Center, corner of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd., are presently completing their plans for Christmas decorating and store schedules. Decorations have already been purchased and will be erected within the next week.

At Pacific Plaza shopping center, corner of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Calle Mayor, workmen are presently erecting the yule

decorations in front of the shops while committees of merchants are planning special programs for the youngsters. Programs will be announced at a later date.

At Rolling Hills Plaza shopping center, corner of Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Hwy., plans have already been completed. Schedule of stores hours at the center will be from 9:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Programs for the youngsters include supervised child care centers, rides, a Christmas tree and visits from Santa Claus.

All Christmas decorations will be up and ready for inspection by this evening, center officials reported.



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