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**ANGRY MOTHERS MEET**—A horde of angry parents living in the vicinity of 178th St. and St. Andrews Place met Wednesday afternoon to protest unfenced sump area in their neighborhood. Councilman J. A. Beasley, arrow, told area residents that he was "only

one man on the council" but that he would do everything possible to see that drainage area was fenced and filled in. Six-year-old youngster was drowned when he fell into the sump early last week.

—Press Photo

## JUNE PRIMARY ...

### Attorney Will Seek Post Vacated by Judge Bowron

Torrance attorney, Harold Thomasian, has announced he will run on the June primary ballot for a Los Angeles Superior Court judgeship. He will seek the post to be vacated by Judge Fletcher Bowron.

Also running on the same ballot, is Judge J. A. Shidler of Torrance, who will be seeking re-election to the post he was appointed to by Gov. Edmund G. Brown in 1960.

Thirty-nine year old Thomasian, was born in Massachusetts and graduated from Hope High School in Providence, R.I. in 1941. He attended the University of Southern California and received his law degree from Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles.

Serving as a radioman-gunner during World War II, Thomasian was discharged by the U. S. Air Corps as a corporal in 1946.

A member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the South Bay Bar Association, the attorney has served as chairman of the 46th Assembly District Democratic Delegation. He

### Approve Widening Of Local Beach

Additional widening of the county's Clifton beach, which adjoins Torrance beach, was authorized Tuesday when the Board of Supervisors, on the motion of Burton W. Chace, agreed to accept 25,000 cubic yards of excess sand from a nearby developer.

Board called for bids to move the sand to the beach area.

This will augment the placement of 100,000 cubic yards of sand which the county recently acquired free of charge from another local company.

At that time, county buildings and service roads valued at \$100,000 were in jeopardy because of erosion.

According to County Engineer John A. Lambie, the material is "very high in quality, being original beach sand of large median diameter, with very little dirt binder. Therefore, only a small initial loss will occur from washing out of this fine material by wave action," Lambie concluded.

Chace said placement of the latest yardage will add at least another five years to the life of the present restoration project and will enhance the life and use of the county beach.

### Defendants In 'Loss-Leader' Case Will Be Tried Here On April 5

Three defendants in a loss-leader grocery case will be tried in a jury trial April 5, at 9:30 a.m. in Judge Donald Armstrong's Court.

In an amended complaint filed Feb. 14, the trio was charged with violating section 17043 of the State Business and Professional Code, which bans loss-leader sales made for the purpose of destroying competition.

Pleading not guilty, the defendants who were arrested Dec. 11 at the Consumer's Mart of America, 20225 Western Ave., are Thomas R. Hughes, 22722 Marjorie Ave., manager of the grocery department; and clerks Ellison G. Murray, 22, of 1324 W. 215th St. and Arthur G. Valdez, 19, of 20919 Jamison Ave.

### Lions Schedule Guest Speaker For March 6th

Mr. Jack Whiffen will be the guest speaker at the March 6 meeting of the Torrance Lions Club.

Whiffen, representing the Braille Institute of America located at 741 No. Vermont Ave. in Los Angeles, is a member of the Venice Lions Club.

### Smash and Grab

Burglars Friday night or Saturday morning smashed a window at McMahan's Store, 1306 Sartori, and made off with three television sets and three radios, according to Jimmy Pinkston, assistant manager at the store.

Culprits apparently threw a brick through the window to gain entry. Brick was retrieved by the burglars after they entered the store.

### Huge Crowd Takes Part in Bank's Groundbreaking Ceremony Friday

A huge crowd of well-wishers, civic dignitaries and banking officials took part Friday noon in the official groundbreaking for the new First Western Bank, corner Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Highway.

New facility will be located directly across Hawthorne from bank's present location.

Bank officials reported that work on the structure will begin immediately. Cost of the facility was not announced.

J. Arthur Taylor, chairman of the board, reported that the larger building for the Torrance office of First Western, was just a part of the overall expansion program of the bank.



**OPENING CEREMONIES**—Crowds of civic dignitaries, public officials and bank representatives were on hand Friday morning for the official groundbreaking ceremonies of the new First Western Bank in Torrance. On hand were Hal Frenzt, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Councilmen



Willis Blount, J. A. Beasley, George Vico and Nickolas Drale, Mayor Albert Isen, Fred Spangler, candidate for city treasurer; Paul Moore, representing Supervisor Burton Chace; J. Arthur Taylor, chairman of First Western's board; and Ed Talbert, the local manager.

# MEDIATOR CALLED TO SETTLE STRIKE

## Talks Resume Tues.

Federal mediators will call the first of what is expected to be a lengthy series of talks Tuesday, in all-out attempts to settle a strike at a Torrance plant.

Spokesman for Vickers Co., a division of Sperry Rand Corp., will be Len Coker. Spokesman for the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, Local 1512, will be Robert Drury.

Walkout was staged shortly after midnight Friday morning. Some 145 of the company's 196 employees are members of the union.

Mediator at the meeting will be D. K. Fleishman, of the Los Angeles office.

### MISSILE PARTS

Located at 3201 Lomita Blvd., the company manufactures parts for the Minuteman missile.

Union spokesmen stated that the organization is seeking better working conditions, a union shop, sick leave and retention of present "cost of living" schedules.

Company has countered with an offer of nine cents cost of living hike over a three year period, to begin in 18 months. Offer was made by the company at a meeting held Wednesday night.

Pickets went on duty early Friday morning. Torrance police said that picketing has been "orderly" and that no violence is expected.

### Don Whann, Wife File \$6500 Suit Against City

Damage to their home from passing trucks brought a \$6,500 suit against the city by a Torrance couple.

Donald E. and Margaret Whann filed the suit after appearing repeatedly at city council meetings waging protest against the use of Madison and Newton Streets by dirt-hauling trucks going to the San Diego Freeway. Councilmen halted the truck traffic in January.

In addition to the city, defendants in Whann's suit include:

Torrance Sand and Gravel Co., Hess-Mace Trucking Co., Griffin Construction Co., Charles Sheppard, John Doe Mackey, Roe Partnership, Doe Corp., and Does one through forty.

Permission for trucks to haul on Madison and Newton Streets had been previously requested by Sheppard, head of the Torrance Sand and Gravel Co., when he appeared before the city council.



**PROBE DEPTHS**—Ken Halbert, Torrance motor officer, points to six-foot hole dug by children at Paseo Arena and Via Colusa. Cave jutted downward for six feet, then was hollowed out, and had apparently been intended for a "clubhouse." First child into the crumbling hole, officers said, would have been buried alive when it collapsed. City crews filled in the hole with a skiploader.

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## Two Torrance Area Men Dead In Tragic N. Y. Plane Crash

Two Torrance area men were among the 95 passengers and crew members who perished Thursday morning in a tragic New York plane crash.

Chief Pilot James H. Heist, 58, of 9 Blackwater Canyon Road, Rolling Hills, and Co-pilot Michael Barna, 34, of 1200 Via Gabriel, Palos Verdes Estates, were at the controls of the American Airlines jetliner when it crashed on takeoff.

Plane was en route, non-stop, for Los Angeles International Airport.

Majority of passengers aboard were from either Los Angeles or New York areas.

Observers said that the plane successfully lifted into the air, faltered, then plunged into Jamaica Bay.



**JAMES H. HEIST**  
... Captain



**MICHAEL BARN**  
... Co-Pilot



**SMOLDERING RUINS**—Firemen battled for more than an hour Thursday afternoon to save a home at 5320 Doris way after a blaze broke out in the carport. Fire was discovered by Mrs. Patrick Brady, a next-door neighbor, whose husband grabbed a garden hose and fought the blaze until firemen arrived. Damage was finally confined to the carport and to articles stored there. Owner of the home was away at the time.

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