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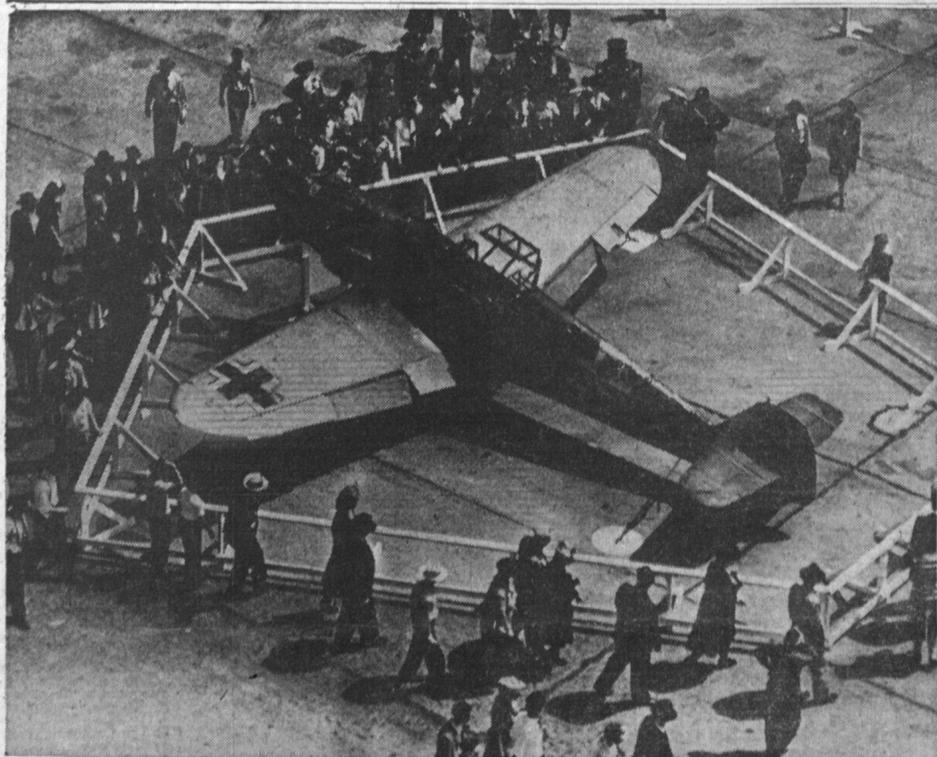
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CITY FACES 2 THEATER DECISIONS AT AIRPORT MEETING TUESDAY



WAR ACE—The Air Museum displays the Messerschmitt 109G-U4, the standard Luftwaffe fighter. The plane first entered the German service in 1937 and was active on all fronts. Many versions were produced.

Superior Court Arraignment to Be Held Aug. 10

Witnesses who came to Emil J. Zirbes' defense when he faced a preliminary hearing for the alleged slaying of his wife Margaret, 48, included a son and a daughter. His wife was found dead at 3 p.m. July 13 when police arrived.

At the conclusion of the hearing Friday Municipal Judge Otto Willett ordered that Zirbes be arraigned at 9 a.m. Aug. 10 in Superior Court. The arraignment will be held in Division B of the Southwest Court in Inglewood.

Joseph Zirbes, the son, appeared on the witness stand at the preliminary. He gave his address as 5518 Calle de Ricardo, Torrance, the residence in which the tragedy occurred.

LOUD BLASTS
Upon the questioning of Defense Atty. C. Ransom Samuelson of Long Beach, Joseph Zirbes reported hearing one or two loud blasts and that he did not know what had happened until his father said, "Call the police."

He said he couldn't remember exactly the words that were spoken shortly after the shooting. Young Zirbes reported he and his two sisters were in the house when the police were called.

"He (his father) was drinking, and he was crying," Joseph Zirbes stated. "His coordination was poor."

DOMINANT TYPE
Joseph Zirbes said his mother was the dominant type. He could not recall any angry outbursts the evening before the tragedy, or any time before that.

Judith Zirbes, a daughter, also spoke sympathetically

Bargaining Continues On Fair Market Value

Even though the City Council turned down a proposal for a 1000-seat walk-in theater at its last meeting, the problem will be compounded this Tuesday.

There will be two proposals: one for the 1000-seat theater, and a second for a 600-seat show.

The dual dilemma faces the council as a result of Airport Commission action last Thursday evening.

Under oral communications, the commission recommended the approval of the 1000-seat theater on the Rolling Hills Plaza lease, and the 600-seat show on the Airport Plaza property. The two proposed motion picture houses will be located across the street from each other at Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway.

FACES COUNCIL
However, before either theater can be built, the issue must face the City Council. Torrance officials anticipated the matters will be brought up for councilmanic discussion sometime after 5:30 p.m. when the group goes into session.

Jefferson Inc., which holds the Rolling Hills Plaza lease

made the first request to the Airport Commission for permission to establish the theater. The group offered the city additional money if it would be allowed to construct the show.

The commission upon the motion of Commissioner Joe Doss passed a recommendation in favor of Jefferson Inc., which stated in part that the City Council be given the right to negotiate the exact location and rental. The motion was seconded by Thomas Abrams.

600-SEATS
Following this Airport Plaza requested a right to build a 600-seat show. Earlier reports had circulated that the plaza group wanted an 800-seat facility, but this was discounted when the actual proposal was submitted.

Commissioner Doss moved on the theater, requesting the same right for the Airport Plaza leaseholder. The move was seconded by Commissioner Homer B. Morgan.

Last Tuesday, the City Council turned down Rolling Hills Plaza on its 1000-seat show by a 4-3 vote. Councilman Ross Sciarrotta stated that he would be willing to change his vote in favor if the plaza group would be willing to pay the market price for the land.

He pointed out that he felt he owed a responsibility to the Torrance taxpayers and that he believed some additional funds should be offered to the city in lieu of sales tax monies.

Air Museum Proposal to Be Studied

An Air Museum proposal to house one of the world's most extensive collections of historical aircraft at Torrance Airport will be considered by the Airport Commission.

The commission listened to a presentation by museum promoters Thursday. After a motion picture and other facts on the historical aviation facility were shown, members of the commission asked for more detailed information.

CIVIC LEADERS
Civic leaders have been looking for a project which will promote the cultural aspects of Torrance. Some members on the council have expressed the belief that a project of this type would fit in provided that it is properly restricted against commercialism.

The request to locate the museum at Torrance was made by Walker M. (Bud) Mahurin, one of the nation's leading wartime fighter pilots and chairman of the board, and Ed Maloney, head curator.

Presently the non-profit museum corporation is located at 923 E. Foothill Blvd., Claremont. The collection includes 15 flying aircraft and 50 planes which are on static display.

Mahurin, assistant director of Advanced Programs Development at North American Aviation's Space and Information Systems Division in Downey, said Torrance was selected as the site for the museum because of its proximity to a major arterial highway.

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City Proclaims Ranchero Days

"Ranchero Days" will be officially recognized by the city from Aug. 1 to 5.

The City Council issued the proclamation Tuesday to call attention to the rodeo and carnival which will take place on a 10-acre parcel of land east of the Del Amo Shopping Center between Carson St. and Sepulveda Blvd.

In addition plans call for crowning a queen and a dance at the Elks Hall, 1820 Abalone St.

Fate of Construction Depends on Planners

The future of the Victor Tract and the Torrance Knolls development will depend upon Planning Commission action.

The commission, which meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the City Hall employees' lounge, must make a decision on the two subdivisions, which will include both residential and industrial construction.

As an effort to give the commissioners a framework for which they could make

their decision, Planning Director Charles Shartle has prepared a master plan.

Victor Tract development will include some 600 acres bounded on the north by Del Amo Blvd., on the south by Torrance Blvd., on the east by Hawthorne Blvd. and on the west by the westerly city limits.

In this area the westerly half will be subdivided for residential units, according to Shartle. He said the easterly portion which already is mostly developed will be in an industrial zone.

The Torrance Knolls development will be bounded on the east by Crenshaw, on north by Sepulveda Blvd., on the west generally by Madrona and Madison and south by the railroad track that parallels Lomita Blvd.

Torrance Knolls will be subdivided into three areas, about one-third for single family, residential; one-third for multiple family and commercial and one-third for industrial.

Prison Bus Fare Help Sought

A mother of six children is appealing to the public for aid so that her youngsters may see their father before he is deported to Mexico.

Mrs. Socorro P. Velasquez, 2327 Del Amo, appealed to this newspaper to let the public know about her plight. Her husband, Eugenio Velasquez is in prison on a narcotics sentence. His term ends next year, and then he will be sent back to his native country.

Mrs. Velasquez, who has been on relief, needs \$270 to take her children to McNeil Island, Washington so that her children may see their father.

GOOD MAN
"My husband is a good man, and the children love him," Mrs. Velasquez said. "I feel he was framed on the possession of narcotics, but I didn't have the money to hire a good attorney when the trial came up, and that is a matter of the past," she pointed out.

Her present concern is to find some way of raising the \$270 for the trip to Washington. The ages of her children are 2, 4, 6, 9, 11 and 12.

"I can't save any money from my monthly relief



MRS. VALAQUEZ
... seeks aid

check," she said tearfully. "It takes all of the \$291 we receive from the state, and then some. If it weren't for the Fern School PTA helping us out with clothes, we might not make it," she reported.

TORRANCE NATIVE
Mrs. Velasquez said that she would not go to Mexico when her husband is deported next year.

"I am a native of Torrance," she declared. "Life is too rough in Mexico. Jobs are too hard to find."

British to Hold Dance Aug. 11

Natives of Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries will sponsor a dance Aug. 11 at the Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave.

The event scheduled at 7:30 p.m. is being held particularly for British residents residing in Torrance, Lomita and the South Bay.



EXPERIENCING the feel of the "good earth" is bronc rider Bill Hicks as bucking Eight Ball wins contest. Along with the rodeo, Torrance's annual Ranchero Days carnival will offer 20 game booths and many fun-

packed rides. The event will start Aug. 1 and run through Aug. 5. The rodeo will be on Aug. 4 and 5 at 2:30 p.m.