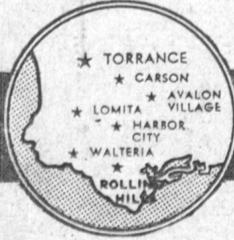


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Laws 'Not Soft,' Mosk Says in Narcotics Talk

Reform Needed In Treatment

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TORRANCE — Denial of charges that California's narcotics laws are "too soft" came from Attorney general Stanley Mosk at a luncheon-meeting of the Beach Cities Kiwanis Clubs here yesterday.

Mosk, a candidate for re-election, made a stop in Torrance during his day-long Southern California campaign tour via helicopter. He arrived here from

San Pedro and departed for Santa Monica.

"Narcotics laws of California are tougher than those of most states," Mosk said. "No state has narcotics legislation more strict than ours," he added.

'SHOULD CONFINE'

Mosk said he believes narcotic addicts and pushers should be confined. However, he said something should be done while they are imprisoned to condition them—physically and psychologically—for their return to society.

"There are now 1000 patients at Chino being treated for use of narcotics," he said. "They can be held as long as required—for a lifetime if necessary — until they are ready to be put back into society. I don't call this 'soft.'"

During his term as attorney general, Mosk said he has personally met with Baja California's attorney general to establish cooperation with that Mexican state about narcotics.

'EVEN TOUGHER'

He continued that during the next session of the California legislature, he shall seek even tougher state laws on the possession, use and sale of dangerous drugs, new laws relaxing rules for searching automobiles and a law placing the drug Percodan on triplicate prescription.

In other areas of crime prevention, Mosk said, "Large-scale, legalized draw poker is an open invitation to civic decline. I have campaigned against legalized gambling in every area where it showed signs of spreading." He said he has spoken against Gardena's poker palaces.

King Bill Blasted by Local Foes

John Christman, director of the campaign for Congressional candidate Ted Bruinsma, today called on Congressman Cecil King to explain a bill which he introduced last year designed to provide relief for a single taxpayer, a corporation in Minneapolis, Minn.

The measure in question was designed to provide tax relief for losses sustained in converting from straight railway to bus operations.

STRONG MESSAGE

President Kennedy, in a strong message, vetoed the bill, declaring the measure was calculated to provide relief for a single taxpayer, the Twin City Rapid Transit Company of Minneapolis, from difficulties resulting from fraudulent management and was unfair.

'RAISES QUESTIONS'

"The fact that our Congressman who has repeatedly demonstrated a lack of interest in this district should introduce such a bill raises questions that should be answered," said Christman.

"It's amazing how few bills this man does introduce, and we would suggest that his time would be spent more profitably keeping in touch with and working for the interests of our district."

terested, too, in their son's activities as a junior businessman.

Get more information by calling Davenport 5-1515 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.



FIRST LIBRARIAN in Torrance library system is Mrs. Mollie Dowd (right), now librarian at the new Waveria location. Participating in ribbon-cutting ceremonies Saturday, Mrs. Dowd accepted \$100 check from Southwest

Torrance Kiwanis Club president Don Carlson (left). Also taking part in ceremony is Wade Peebles, city manager. Kiwanis donation will go toward purchase of books.

—PRESS Photo

Fireworks Break Out Over Fireworks Sales

TORRANCE — Fireworks broke out over fireworks last night as city councilmen lit the fuse on a potentially explosive subject.

Controversy started when Gale Whitacre, city license inspector, issued a report of the profits made by philanthropic groups in the sale of fireworks last July Fourth.

Some figures showed a 50 per cent profit, but others showed profits ranging to less than 10 per cent. One group showed sales of \$11,690 and a profit of \$3150. Another, however, showed sales of \$2037 and a profit of less than \$30.

"Something is radically wrong in cases such as this,"

said Councilman Ross Sciarrotta.

What is wrong, according to Whitacre, is the failure of some organizations to meet provisions of the law. Sciarrotta asked fellow councilmen to approve a motion which would prohibit organizations not complying with the law from selling fireworks next year.

"But we should take into account 'excusable neglect,'" said Mayor Albert Isen.

"You're just afraid you'll lose some votes," Councilman George Vico countered, referring to major incomes derived from fireworks by various fraternal and civic organizations throughout the city.

The matter was held until Oct. 27, when Whitacre will present a detailed report.

ATTENTION, JUNIOR BUSINESSMEN

Hey, kids! You can make that extra pocket money — and more if you're enterprising — as a carrierboy for the Torrance Press.

Openings in established routes are currently available, and a quick phone call to circulation manager L. C. Robertson will provide additional details. Mom and dad will be in-

1052 ENROLLED

Dedication Ceremony Set for West High

TORRANCE — Ceremonies dedicating this city's newest and most modern high school will be held Thursday.

The program will officially mark completion of West High School, enrolled with 1052 students since Sept. 12. Projected enrollment is 3000.

Program begins at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Kenneth Edwins, West High PTA president, acting as master of ceremonies. Presentation of the colors by a student body group will precede an invocation by the Rev. Maynard Midthun, president of Torrance Ministerial Association.

rolled, 496 are girls and 556 are boys. There are 326 sophomores, 251 juniors and 135 seniors.

Dr. Robert Ford is principal, under whom there are 42 teachers and 10 other employees.

Funded in a 1957 bond issue, the school includes a cafeteria-auditorium, library, industrial arts building and major academic building.

Construction of the campus was begun in April, 1961. A national school magazine cited West High for

careful planning, creative design, and excellent site treatment.

The citation said:

"These things have added a distinctive quality to a relatively low-cost school." Notable features of the plan are outdoor eating patio, indoor dining space, cubicles for study, a comprehensive library, faculty workspace and flexible assembly areas.

A language laboratory permits students to obtain expanded study in the uses of language.



HELPING CANDIDATE with campaign during a visit to Torrance Tuesday are (front, l-r) Mrs. William Piercy, Mrs. Doris Robinson, (back, l-r) J. A. Beasley, councilman; At-

torney General Stanley Mosk, candidate for re-election; and Nick Drale, councilman. Mosk, who arrived here via helicopter, spoke on narcotics legislation. —PRESS Photo

NEW EQUIPMENT SOUGHT

CD Monitoring Devices 'Inoperable,' Chief Says

TORRANCE — Present equipment used by the Fire Department for detecting radiological contamination is inadequate and, in some cases, totally inoperable, Fire Chief J. J. Benner has charged.

Speaking before the city's Civil Defense Commission,

Benner said the job of determining how much deadly contamination would be present in case of an atomic emergency cannot be done with present equipment.

"The equipment we had was issued some years back by the government," Benner said. "and it doesn't do the job I think should be done." He said one test period with the equipment, in which radiologically "hot" material was used, failed to produce even a slight reaction with some pieces of equipment.

He said the city should buy the most expensive type of monitoring equipment to facilitate proper corrective steps in case of emergency. "What is a few hundred dollars when you're talking about life?" Benner said.

With the equipment Benner recommends, a trained fireman could check contaminated persons and tell immediately the degree of radiation.

Subsequent corrective measures could be taken without delay, he said.

The Civil Defense Commission will be asked to study Benner's request Wednesday night and make a recommendation to the City Council.

NEWS BRIEFS

Smut Foes Win Battle

TORRANCE — An estimated 250 angry women converged on City Council last night, demanding stricter enforcement of anti-smut laws.

The appearance, a surprise to councilmen and an already-crowded chambers, brought Mayor Albert Isen's promise of a Police Department investigation at newstands.

Isen said police will be ordered to request removal of any literature not meeting legal standards.

Injured Boy Returns Home

TORRANCE — Sebren Reeves, 2, injured critically in an auto accident Sept. 21, was released from Harbor General Hospital Tuesday.

Doctors said the boy, of 17524 S. Figueroa St., suffered major injuries in the accident, in which a car backed over his head.

He was unconscious two days after the accident.

Shooting Victim Still Critical

TORRANCE — Antonio Soto Jr., 25, remains in critical condition today at Harbor General Hospital after being shot in the stomach by an unidentified assailant.

Police say Soto, of 155 E. 208th St., called a girlfriend from a phone booth at Sartori and Arlington Aves. after being shot Sunday night. The girlfriend notified police.

Drake To Welcome Lt. Governor

TORRANCE — Councilman Nickolas O. Drake will be part of a 10-man delegation greeting Lt. Gov. Glenn Anderson when he arrives at International Airport Sunday.

Anderson will be escorted to a reception being held in his honor at 3244 El Dorado St., Torrance. More than 100 persons are expected to attend.

Flu, Polio Clinic Held

TORRANCE — A \$1 flu and polio clinic will be held at two market locations here Oct. 12.

Clinics are set at Foods Co. markets, 17500 Crenshaw Blvd. and 2655 Pacific Coast Highway, from 7 to 10 p.m.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING at West High School features circular design which won mention in nationwide school publication. School will be dedicated in ceremonies Thursday, already has enrollment of 1052.

School board members, city officials, school representatives and other dignitaries will participate in program. Estimated 3000 students will be enrolled at maximum stage of operation.