

DISASTER PLAN TOLD IN WAKE OF CRISIS

Downtown Parking District Wins Approval

A JOB THAT NEEDED DOING

(An Editorial)

The Los Angeles Times did a job Sunday that's long needed doing.

It pulled the mask of so-called "Freedom of the Press" from a Redondo Beach newspaper and exposed it for what it really is.

Perhaps you missed Paul Coates' column on the editorial page. You should not have. For not only did it defend the humanitarian aims of UNICEF, but it silently (and perhaps unknowingly) struck a long-overdue blow at yellow journalism.

Mr. Coates spoke for the thousands of American newsmen who abhor half-truths and blackmail in the editorial columns.

He spoke for the score of local readers who already have seen through the veil of phony freedoms behind which this newspaper hides.

And, most significant of all, Mr. Coates landed a mighty defensive punch for those steadfast public officials whose refusal to become newspaper puppets has brought down on them the wrath of a vengeful pen.

It is with hesitation that we attack the aims of a neighboring newspaper, for we feel, as does Mr. Coates, that everyone is entitled to his opinion.

But when a newspaper, through subtleties and vicious half reporting, casts the shadow of distrust on a profession where trust is paramount — then we must rally our defense.

Submit Plans First

TORRANCE — Downtown shoppers will get expanded parking some time next year under provisions of a \$100,000 assessment district authorized tentatively Tuesday by City Council.

Councilmen indicated favor of the project, which would add approximately 68 parking spaces in the downtown area, but said they wanted to approve final plans before granting actual approval.

William H. Tolson, chairman of the Downtown Redevelopment Committee, had requested councilmen to transfer money from an earlier-approved fund in order to get an off-street parking and beautification project under way.

Tolson said the \$100,000 would be used to redesign and widen existing streets in the downtown area, including an increase in the number of parking spaces from 239 to 300.

He said the proposal will provide center street and curb parallel parking in addition to the planting of trees and other landscape architectural improvements.

Councilmen Ken Miller said he approved of the project, but wanted "some degree of assurance the district would go forth." Final authorization for the money will be withheld until plans are studied by the council.

Wider Range Of Products To Be Sold

TORRANCE — A wider range of structural steel products for the Western construction industry now available from its local mill was announced today by United States Steel Corp.

J. D. McCall, president of Columbia-Geneva Steel Mill, said beams, channels, and angles in several larger sizes already have been added, and other new sizes also will become available shortly to fabricators and steel service centers from this key Southern California location.

The plant also has added a substantial number of hot rolled bars and bar shapes to its product range in the past year.

In addition to expanding the firm's schedule of sizes and grades, out of Torrance, McCall said new production facilities are under construction at the mill to meet changing customer requirements in quality and service.

Part of this will be accomplished by building a new continuous billet reheating furnace.

The plant is at 840 Border Ave.

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Success Told in Plan To Better CD Program

People Must Act

TORRANCE — Steps to bring this city's civil defense program up to par were launched this week with apparent success.

In a report submitted Tuesday by City Manager Wade Peebles, councilmen were told the program — although still far short of adequate — is undergoing constant improvement.

Said Peebles: "The program has been so nebulous and lacking that we could not give the people information until we had checked with Area G" (CD headquarters for Torrance).

"We are advised that according to the most recent figure on shelter spaces, we can house approximately 3000 of the 115,000 Torrance residents."

Peebles said the number could be expanded to 10,000 or 15,000 — "if the people want it."

He said that only by their interest can the people decide if a CD instruction plan is warranted. "There is no purpose in spending the people's money for a program if they aren't going to support it," he said.



TRICKS OF TRADE in hair coloring and bleaching are given (l-r) Yoshikoe Oishi and Emiko Amazumi, Japanese hair stylists who are visiting the United States to learn Western methods. Demonstrating for visitors

are (right) Joe Hgmachi, student in cosmetology, and Flavio Bisignano, world-famous hair style consultant and owner of beauty colleges in Torrance and Redondo Beach. —PRESS Photo by Carolyn Perko

Civil Defense Plan Outlined, Policies Told in Newsletter

(EDITOR'S NOTE: With news of the Cuban crisis, Torrance City Hall and police headquarters were flooded with inquiries regarding defensive measures in case of attack. As a public service, the Torrance Press publishes the following newsletter from Mayor Albert Isen and City Manager Wade Peebles.)

Dear Citizen:

The following brief outline of your Civil Defense and Disaster Organization has been prepared for the purpose of informing the citizens of the City of Torrance of our plans and poli-

cies in the event we are visited by a major disaster.

In accordance with City Ordinance, your Civil Defense and Disaster Council has been organized to plan for actions which will be required in time of disaster. A Civil Defense plan has been prepared and approved by the California Disaster Office. Due to the changes brought about by nuclear development, weapons, and the degree of protection required, our Plan is under constant scrutiny by Civil Defense officials and civic leaders such as the Torrance Civil Defense Commission. At the present time, for example, the Plan is under careful and continuing

study and is being revised in the light of recent international developments. The basic principle of Civil Defense is the action taken by the individual to help himself when disaster strikes. Knowing what to do and how to do it may well determine you and your family's survival. Your City Government can and will assist you by careful planning, by organizing, and augmenting its resources, and by joining with other communities on a mutual aid basis. These measures have been taken and no effort is being spared to improve and expand our Civil Defense

structure. The City of Torrance has joined with other communities in the Centinela Valley and South Bay in integrating our resources and mutually helping each other. This concept has been extended through the Los Angeles Basin, the State, and the Nation.

Every employee of the City is a Civil Defense worker. We are constantly endeavoring to strengthen our Organization to the end that we can meet with and overcome the effects of a disaster as quickly as possible. You can participate in our efforts by understanding the problem and by taking

measures to protect your family. To assist you in determining what steps you should take now, our Plan is based on the following: **Assembling the Family Group** — In the event of a disaster or threatened disaster we believe the best procedure is to assemble the family at home or in a predetermined place, if at all practicable. If movement to another safer area is required later, due to Torrance becoming unsafe, you will be so advised. If unable to assemble the family prior to a disaster, establish a rendezvous where you can gather when conditions permit. (Continued on Sunday)

Soldiers Call Torrance Home

FORT BUCKNER, OKLAHOMA — Torrance is a far-away "plance name" for PFCs Lacombe C. Gregory and Donald D. McClanahan who are participating with other members of the 2nd Airborne Battle Group, 503rd Infantry, in Exercise Sky Soldier II on Pormosa.

Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Lacombe, 525 W. 214th St. is a radio telephone operator in the battle group's Company D regularly stationed on Okinawa.

He attended Banning High School in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey L. McClanahan, 20817 S. Margaret St. He attended Gardena High School and was employed by Dasher Business Machines before entering the Army in Oct., 1962. Like Gregory, McClanahan is regularly stationed in Okinawa.

The combined Nationalist Chinese-United States Army maneuver is providing field training for airborne soldiers against aggressor forces. The exercise is receiving air support from the Nationalist Air Force and elements of the U.S. Pacific Air Forces.



OFFICIAL GROUP proclaims November as City Beautiful Month, slogan for which will appear on sign in foreground. Group includes (l-r) Mrs. Tony Santaella, chairman of citywide cleanup drive; Mrs. Frank Sciarotta, member of City Beautiful Commission; Mayor Albert Isen, who proclaimed month; and Mrs. Roy Apsey, chairman of beautification commission. —PRESS photo

November: City Beautiful Month