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UNRUH SNUBS TORRANCE AS COLLEGE SITE

City Retaliates; Slaps 'Public-Be-Damned' View

(See Page A3)

Jesse M. Unruh, speaker of the California Assembly, and "Mr. Big" of the Democratic Party, snubbed Torrance as a site for the new four-year college by ignoring the existence of our site in his defense of the politically-favored Fox Hills Golf Course site.

Unruh spoke unctuously of a "college of the people," while ignoring the most populous city of the area to be served by the college.

In listing his reasons why the plum should fall in the lap of the wealthy, powerful owner of Fox Hills, Unruh spoke of the Palos Verdes Peninsula as the only other site under consideration.

Unruh defended the location of Fox Hills as "being somewhere near the center" of the geographical area of the three existing state colleges — San Fernando, Los Angeles, and Long Beach.

What, in effect, he is asking is that three colleges be placed to serve the north and only one — Long Beach State — to serve the southern part of Los Angeles County.

Unruh even went so far in his insistence that politics must decide the site of the new college to say that it wouldn't matter if the new college was placed "across the street from UCLA."

Meanwhile, last night the City Council voted to censure Don Muchmore, vice-chancellor of California State Colleges, for his expressed "public-be-damned" attitude at the recent meeting of Ladera Heights citizens.

The Council also said the minutes of the meeting should be demanded.

Muchmore, reported Councilman Nickolas O. Dralle, refused to permit the meeting to be tape-recorded and insisted that his secretary take notes on the meeting. It was at this meeting that Muchmore is reported to have said that the northern boundary of the area to be served by the new college had been moved north to the Santa Monica Mountains.

At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees of California State Colleges at Humboldt State College, up near the Oregon border, the question of the location of our college will be considered.

Councilman Dralle proposed, and the Council agreed, to request that either a special hearing on the college site be held in this area before the May meeting, or that a delay be granted and a hearing be set here after May.

Drale said this would save the considerable expense of our people journeying nearly to Oregon to attend a hearing to decide the site of the college originally intended to serve the people of the Torrance area.

A Shortage of Money, or, A Shortage of Foresight?

(Fourth of a series of letters to readers)

Planning for the future is very difficult, because we never know just what the future will bring.

The best way we can assess what the future will bring is to look about us and see what has happened in the past.

That is why what is happening today at Los Angeles State College is very significant in the light of the short-sighted plans being made for our own four-year college, which good common sense says should be located in Torrance.

Los Angeles State College is 16 years old. It was built on a small site of 100 acres. The college enrolls 17,750 students and still grows by a thousand students per year.

Completed projects and those planned will bring the state's investment on that 100 acres to \$40 million by the end of 1968.

Today, there is a critical shortage of parking. The state is negotiating to buy 42 parcels of land adjoining the college site on the north.

Forty-one of those 42 parcels of land are residences, the other is a three-acre tract west of the theater building.

The state has \$900,000 earmarked for buying the extra land and a commitment of another \$1 million to develop the land for access roadways and parking.

In California, it is just good common sense to plan for growth when we plan for the future.

That is especially true in our area where we are growing in population by the

addition of 13 persons per day in Torrance alone.

In the light of the significant history of Los Angeles State College and its critical shortage of space for parking and new buildings, it is curious that the Board of Trustees of California State Colleges switched from a 300-acre site for our college to one of 100 acres, the same as that bought for Los Angeles State 16 long years ago.

The reason given was a "shortage of money."

We believe the real reason was only to favor Fox Hills Golf Course as the new site.

A "shortage of money" doesn't seem to hinder politicians when they want something.

A shortage of money seems to enter the picture only when politicians are considering something the PEOPLE want.

What will happen 16 years from now if our college is built upon the Fox Hills Golf Course?

Where will the state get the extra land the college needs to grow?

How much will it cost? Where will the state get the extra land to alleviate the critical shortage of parking that will come at Fox Hills as surely as it did at Los Angeles State?

How much will that extra land cost? The land cost today in the Fox Hills area is said to run as high as \$100,000.

What will that land, with high-rise buildings upon it, cost 15 years from now? The rich and powerful owner of Fox Hills is said to have cut the price to \$50,000 per acre to fit the ap-

propriation of \$5 million to buy a site for our college.

Why cut \$100,000 per acre land to \$50,000?

From a concern for the people of the state of California?

Or to spearhead the high-rise rezoning that Los Angeles County so far has not granted?

Land in the Torrance site costs \$30,000 per acre, \$70,000 less than the value of the Fox Hills land, \$20,000 less than the "cut-price" value.

There are enough acres of land available now to provide for the 16 year growth of our college — or 20-year growth, or 30-year growth.

Where does good common sense tell us to locate our college?

At Fox Hills where it will be hemmed in and have no place to grow in the future except at an outrageous price for land or buildings?

Or in Torrance, a city that's big enough to grow in, but not big enough to get lost in?

(Next: The original site specifications)

Council Praises Action Of Central Merchants

The City Council last night praised the efforts of central Torrance merchants in getting agreement for revitalization of the downtown area.

City Manager Wade Peebles said bids would be advertised tomorrow, Thursday, March 28, for the necessary work in widening streets and providing nearly a hundred extra parking spaces.



A BOY AND A MACHINE eloquently tell the story of a park to provide play-space for our children today and in the years to come. The little boy's name is Mark Bohn. He said he is five. Mark came to Victor park Thursday, the day it was dedicated, to

sit entranced by the huge monster, his play-pistol forgotten for the moment by his side. City Manager Wade Peebles says Victor Park, and others, will be green by summer. (See Story, Page A-2.)

PRESS photo by William Schell, Jr.



A LITTLE LEAGUE QUEEN will be chosen at McMaster Park, Saturday, March 30, between 10 a.m. and noon, for the North Torrance Little League West. Girls from 8 to 12 are eligible, providing they live within the league boundaries. Information can be obtained by calling Sherril Hatfield, at

DA 4-5983. Contestants should wear bermudas and tucked-in blouses. The two prospective Little League queens shown above are (left to right) Gail Hatfield and Sharon Young. For "big league" queens, see below.

—PRESS photo

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Miss Torrance To Be Chosen On April 19th

Our Miss Torrance for 1963 will be chosen on the evening of Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the Torrance Recreation Center.

The winner will reign as a representative of the City of Torrance at various civic functions. The first event the new winner will take part in is the Armed Forces Way parade, on May 18.

To be eligible, a young lady must be single, at least 17, and not more than 25 on the date of the contest, and have been a resident of Torrance for at least 90 days.

As a salute to those young ladies who enter the contest, The Press is publishing their photographs. The first three to appear are at the right.

Those who enter may arrange to have their photo taken by calling The Press at DA 5-1515 and asking for the editor.

Carrier Boys Wanted
DA 5-1515



JO ANN GUNGURA, 19, lives at 5614 Ruby Place, and attends Long Beach State College. She is a graduate of Bishop Montgomery High School, and is taking drama at college.



BAMBI MILLER, 23, who resides at 21605 Red Bean Ave., is a restaurant hostess who presently is "at liberty." Bambi also does part-time modeling and is a graduate of Venice High School.



NAN SHIRLEY, 19, of 1640 Post Ave., works at Sears and does part-time modeling. Nan is a graduate of Torrance High School of the Class of 1961. PRESS photos

Librarians To Visit West High

The library staff of the Torrance Unified School District will be hosts to more than 400 expected guests and members of the School Library Assn. of California (Southern Section) in the facilities of the new West High School Library on Saturday, March 30, 1963.

Panel discussions will center around the theme "The role of the Librarian in New Plans for Staff Utilization." Dr. Inglis, teacher, La Habra High School; Mrs. Dorothy Ashby, librarian, La Habra High School; Roy Donley, architect, West High School; and Eugene Fischer, librarian, Los Angeles City Schools, will be panel members.

Highlighting the meeting will be specially conducted tours of the new West High School Library which has been built to accommodate new ideas in the use of materials, accommodations for team teaching, and individual study stations for students.