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## Homeowners Tell Fears to Council

More than 250 angry and disturbed home owners crowded into Torrance city hall last night to register their protests with the city council over racial picketing in the Don Wilson Southwood tract and the side results in the neighborhood.

In a petition campaign launched after 5 p.m. yesterday, the leaders of the homeowners obtained well over 100 signatures in less than two hours — and presented petitions to the council calling for the council to use its "good offices in an effort to resolve the dispute between CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) and Wilson by taking an active part in a satisfactory settlement of said dispute."

The petitioners went on to ask the council "to instruct the chief of police to institute whatever measures are reasonable and proper to limit the flow of vehicular traffic into the area and to prevent or limit the parking of vehicles within the immediate area."

**Tract 'Overrun'**  
Council was also asked "to render all possible assistance to the petitioners in their efforts to secure for themselves and their families the peaceful enjoyment and use of their property and property rights."

The petition said that the Southwood Riviera residential area "has on recent weekends been overrun with demonstrators, anti-demonstrators, pro-Wilson advocates, anti-Wilson advocates, pro and anti CORE advocates, hecklers, onlookers, sightseers and similar non-residents."

The homeowners also said the "influx of people

into the area has created problems affecting the well-being of the petitioners with particular reference to the safety of the children and other residents" and that the petitioners "have been unable to secure for themselves the full use and benefit of their individual property rights, peace and quiet."

**'Dangerous Situation'**  
Don Foyle, a telephone company technician, of 4303 W. 234th Pl., one of two spokesmen for the group, told the council "We want to make you aware of a very dangerous situation in our area."  
"We live in the Southwood tract. The demonstrations by CORE and the publicity have brought us to a dangerous and precarious point. We are sitting on a powder keg with a short wick. We don't know who's going to ignite it."  
"We want to protect our property and secure safety for our children and ourselves. We want to take all steps to prevent a riot."

George Marx, an accountant, of 23447 Leyte Dr., another spokesman, showed the council films of heavy traffic, of the pickets, the sit-ins, and of the Easter Sunday counter-picketing by the American Nazi party.

**3 Steps Urged**  
Marx urged three steps on the council:  
1 — a program of permit parking for area residents, plus 30 minute parking zones.  
2 — every available police support to break up people congregating in the area. Marx said there were at least 150 spectators Sunday night opposite the Don Wilson office on Evalyn Street, taunting the CORE people and

hoping for some reaction. Marx said "We're afraid someone in the neighborhood will get hurt."

3 — stop signs on Evalyn at 234th Place and 238th Street to slow the heavy traffic in the area.  
The council agreed to the stop signs and to instruct the police to continue to do their regular job of keeping the police peace and enforcing all applicable ordinances. The city attorney was instructed to check into the legality of permit parking and to report back to the council next week.

A plea was made by Robert L. Brigham, representing Torrance members of the Centinela-Bay Human Relations Committee, that the council use its influence to induce the Southwood tract officials to "afford all economically qualified buyers the same opportunity regardless of race, religion or national origin."

**Hooted Down**  
He also suggested the council investigate what he termed "alleged overzealousness on the part of police officers who made arrests of demonstrators." He was hooted down by the audience.

Marx told the council "All we (the residents) want is to live in Torrance seven days a week, not five."

Mayor Albert Isen told the residents "this is essentially a private dispute. There is no problem in other areas of Torrance. No one has been refused food, drink or accommodations."

"The parties to this dispute — Don Wilson and CORE — are in the courts now, and the courts will have to settle it. All the city can do is see that the law is observed and the peace is kept."



UPRAISED HANDS show Southwood tract residents indicating to city council their support of plea to

restore peace and quiet to their area, which has been hit by racial demonstrations.

—PRESS Photo by William Schell Jr.



BEATNIK type marches with CORE pickets at Southwood.

—PRESS Photo

### ANDY BROWN, BEAUTY CHAIN OPERATOR, DIES

Funeral services for Andy Brown, 54, of 3907 W. 176 St., proprietor of a chain of Torrance beauty establishments, will be conducted at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Pierce Bros. Southwest Chapel, 3918 Compton Blvd., Lawndale.

Dr. Maynard Midthun of Christ the King Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

A native of Peekskill, N. Y., Brown owned a beauty supply business in addition to the commercial establishments. He was a member of the Lawndale Rotary Club.

Besides his widow, Jeranda, he is survived by a son, Patrick, of this city; a sister, Beatrice Douglas, and two brothers, Harper and Harry Brown.

### Town Meeting Set for Lomita

Lomita Chamber of Commerce will hold a town meeting July 11 at the Retail Clerks' union hall on Belleport Street, Harbor City. A social hour at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a deluxe buffet dinner for \$3.

Ethan Haslage, chamber manager, says the meeting is to invite suggestions or criticism of Lomita's public affairs. He urges organizations and individuals to get their suggestions in to him by July 3 at chamber offices, 24834 Narbonne Ave., Lomita.

### BAR MEETING SET

Rosemary De Camp (Mrs. John Shidler) will entertain at the South Bay Bar Assn. meeting Thursday night at the Jump 'n Jack on Pacific Coast Highway. Ladies are invited to the 6:30 social hour and 7:30 dinner.

### CHAMBER ASKED TO DOUBLE ITS OPERATING COST

Torrance Chamber of Commerce was asked yesterday by its new manager, J. Walker Owens, to double its operating budget to \$69,500 next year.

Owens told the chamber's breakfast meeting at International House of Pancakes that the figure would be less than the state per capita average. The Torrance chamber is "extremely handicapped," Owens said when it competes for industry, and cultural advantages. A per capita investment of 60 cents would raise the \$69,500, he said.

Projects outlined by Owens for 1963-64 include a better business bureau, sales clinics, public relations and courtesy schools, promotional activities involving classes of businesses and a council to improve relations between Torrance districts.

### Robert A. Mosher Is Promoted by U. S. Air Force

Robert A. Mosher has been promoted to airman first class in the United States Air Force.

Airman Mosher is a jet aircraft mechanic assigned to the 93rd Organizational Maintenance Squadron here at Castle AFB.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Mosher of 2914 Palos Verdes Blvd., and a graduate of North High School.

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EAT-IN IS STAGED by CORE group as part of demonstration Sunday at Southwood tract in Torrance. Biracial

group brought in lunches in paper sacks, thermos bottles, sleeping bags, and settled down for night.

—PRESS Photo by Gordon Akers

### SISTER CITY GROUP TO HEAR TURKISH LADY

A general meeting of the Torrance-Konya Sister City Committee will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, July 1, in the employee lounge at city hall.

Featured guest will be Mrs. Charles LaRue, a native of Istanbul, Turkey. She has lived in the United States for four years and recently became a naturalized citizen. A resident of Hollywood Riviera, Mrs. LaRue is a representative from the Hollywood Riviera Senior Citizens

Club, which meets in El Retiro Park. The group has expressed its desire to help with the sister city program, joining with several other civic and parent teacher associations.

Mrs. LaRue will present movies from her country and will participate in a question and answer period. She will also exhibit a native costume and other items associated with Turkey.

Torrance councilman Ross Sciarrotta has also arranged to provide a film on Turkey. Refreshments

will be served during the meeting.

### Open House Slated for New Apartments

A special open house for the public is scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at a deluxe eight-unit 2-bedroom apartment at 639 Fourth Street, Hermosa Beach. Refreshments, drinks and door prizes will be available, says Joseph B. Waddle, president of Superior Construction Co., Lawndale, builder of Better Bilt Homes.

### CITY BUDGET OK'D; PAY HIKES ARE DEFERRED

Torrance city council tentatively adopted its \$9 million 1963-64 budget last night after a second public hearing brought no public protests except by city employees seeking pay raises.

The budget made no provision for increasing salaries, and did not raise the rubbish collection fee from \$1 to \$1.50 as had been proposed. Proposals by police and fire departments for pay increases and revisions in pay scales were referred to committee.

The city has offered a 2½ per cent boost to police and firemen and a 3 per cent boost to other city employees. The city manager and city prosecutor were both granted increases. The city prosecutor will receive \$750 monthly and the city manager \$1797 monthly.

### SCHOOL BUDGET \$14.5 MILLION

Torrance board of education adopted a tentative \$14,543,749 budget for 1963-64 at its Monday night meeting, slashing nearly a million dollars from the original \$15.5 million proposal.

The tentative budget includes some \$7,000 to add a full-time nurse, providing each high school with its own nurse.

Estimated income of \$14,062,232 will leave a deficit of about \$481,000, to be taken up from the reserve fund. The board cut administration by \$22,000, operations by \$130,000 and maintenance by \$10,000. No increase in salaries was provided for, except normal increments.

The board also approved minor report card changes. The card will be smaller, will be in black and white, and will be entitled "student report" instead of "progress report."

### Integrationists Map Big Protest Parade

Torrance city officials and residents girded today for a threatened mass demonstration and march on Torrance this Saturday by integrationists in the wake of last week-end's racial pickets and sit-ins that resulted in 24 additional arrests, bringing the total to 40 in two week-ends.

Twenty-four CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) demonstrators were arrested at 1:33 a. m. Sunday by Torrance police on complaint of developer Don Wilson after they staged a singing, eating, "sit-in" at his sales office in the Southwood tract at 23448 Evalyn St.

The group included one juvenile, nine male and seven female whites, and four male and three female Negroes, mostly from Los Angeles, with a few from Beverly Hills, Pasadena, Van Nuys and San Pedro. Only South Bay area resident was a 34-year-old Lawndale divorcee, Lois Goetz.

**Began Singing**  
Wilson had said he didn't intend to make complaints or citizen's arrests of the demonstrators unless neighbors complained or were disturbed. When the pickets began singing and playing guitar music at 1 a. m., police, who had the area under heavy surveillance the whole week-end, were requested to make the arrests.

All but one of the 24 were carried into the police van after the group refused to walk. One man walked into the van.  
The group was booked for disturbing the peace and will face arraignment Friday. The earlier group of 16 arrested will be arraigned July 5, as well as one picket arrested at the Vickers plant.

Meanwhile, a group of in-

tegrationists has asked for a loudspeaker permit to stage a parade in Torrance Saturday, and it was reported that the NAACP as well as CORE would be involved in a massive demonstration here, starting downtown and culminating in a march against the Southwood tract in protest of alleged refusal by Wilson to sell to Negroes.

**'Don't Have Money'**  
Spokesmen for Wilson said meanwhile that no bona fide application to buy a home in the Southwood tract had ever been made by a Negro.

Wilson asked the CORE pickets Saturday, "What is it you people want?"

They told him, "We want to buy a home for a Negro here."

Wilson told them, "All right, come in; I'll sell you a house." The reply reportedly was, "We don't have any money."

An attempt by residents of the jammed, tension-laden block to talk with CORE leaders on the scene and present their side of the controversy was rebuffed by the CORE group.

And Torrance remains in a turmoil.

### FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS OFFERED HERE

A 20-week course of free-square dance lessons will be offered to the public starting Saturday at 8 p.m. at Vel's Ford, 20900 Hawthorne Blvd. This will be a brand new beginners class that will carry all participants through a 20 week course. Upon completion, all students will be well qualified to dance with any group in the nation.