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GRAND JURY PROBE SLATED

Jury Group Orders New Investigation

Up to three weeks have been set aside on the Grand Jury calendar for an investigation into allegations against former City Manager Wade Peebles. Sept. 29 has been set for the start of hearings before the Grand Jury.

The decision to make a presentation before the Grand Jury followed a meeting Monday between the criminal complaints committee of the jury and representatives of the Attorney General and District Attorney.

Dep. Atty. Gen. Jack Goertzen and Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Richard Caballero went before the criminal complaints committee Monday to present evidence which they have compiled during a year-long investigation of city government.

GOERTZEN told the Press-Herald yesterday the jury had expressed chief interest in allegations that Peebles may have improperly received a swimming pool and that he reportedly placed a former city councilman under surveillance by Torrance police until the former councilman broke a law and could be arrested.

Peebles quit his post under fire last winter following the first progress report on the investigation.

The investigation by the Attorney General's office began after Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Manley J. Bowler had announced plans for a probe following the arrest of three Torrance police officers on felony charges. The City Council and Bowler requested that the Attorney General join the investigation.

BOWLER ALSO announced Monday that an inquiry involving three police officers who admitted substituting (Continued on Page 3)

Population Estimated At 125,480

Torrance has moved a step closer to becoming the number three city in Los Angeles County, according to population estimates released this week by the Regional Planning Commission.

The commission estimated a population of 125,480—an increase of 1,713 persons since the last estimate of April 1. During the same period, Glendale, the county's third largest city, gained 868 persons.

Torrance became the fourth largest city in the county when it passed Pasadena in the people race earlier this year. Prediction are that Torrance will glide by Glendale early next year.

THE COMMISSION estimated that 34,626 persons live in the section of Torrance north of 190th Street. An estimate of 37,336 dwelling units in the city was made by the Regional Planning Commission.

Lomita, which became a city June 30, has an estimated population of 19,181. There are 6,961 dwelling units in Lomita, according to the commission. The rate of increase for Torrance was nearly twice that of any area city.



FOREIGN VISITOR . . . Faruk Sukan, right, a member of the Turkey Grand National Assembly, through his interpreter, Ahmet Dudas, left, presents Torrance Mayor Albert Isen a letter of greeting from Torrance's sister city, Konya. The foreign dignitaries toured the Torrance city hall, police station and attended last night's city council meeting. (Press-Herald Photo)

SISTER CITY WISH

Visitor to City Brings Hope for Understanding

"We send our hopes for a better understanding between your people and ours," the mayor of Konya, Torrance's sister city, said in a message delivered here yesterday by a Turkish politician.

Faruk Sukan, a member of the Turkey Grand National Assembly, delivered the mes-

sage to Mayor Albert Isen, Konya's Mayor, A. Hilmi Nalcaci, added in his letter, "We believe that Dr. Faruk Sukan's visit will be a factor to renew and strengthen the connection and contact and is going to bring the people of Torrance closer together with the people of Konya."

DR. SUKAN has been traveling in the United States since July 28 as a guest of the Department of State. His prime interest here is the observance of governmental functions at all levels. He visited the Torrance City Council meeting last night and attended a city council meeting in San Francisco when in that city.

He is accompanied on his trip by Ahmet Dudas, an interpreter and official of the State Department. In addition to observance of government, Dr. Sukan is also interested in such groups as the Red Cross, labor unions and PTA. He is a past president of the

MRS. NAOMI Mc VEY and Councilman Ross Sciarrotta met Dr. Sukan and his interpreter Ahmet Dudas yesterday morning at a hotel in Los Angeles.

Dr. Sukan received the customary key to the city from the mayor during the City Council meeting.

Bloodmobile Slates One-Day Visit at Local Elks Lodge

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Torrance Elks Lodge, 1820 Abalone St., tomorrow from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Persons between the ages of 21 and 59 may donate but minors between the ages of 18 and 21 may also give providing they have the written permission of a parent or guardian, according to Mrs. Robert Orsini, Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch blood program chairman.

To avoid waiting, appointments may be made by calling her at FA 8-0647 or the Red Cross office at FA 8-0510. "Those dropping by without an appointment will be welcomed in the schedule and are welcome," she added.

A medical staff is stationed at every bloodmobile operation to determine whether or not a person wishing to give blood may do so. Giving a pint of blood takes about 45 minutes.

Auditorium, Golf Course Studies Set

City Councilmen authorized the expenditure of city funds for studies of both a municipal golf course and the proposed civic auditorium at their meeting last night.

Acting on the recommendation of its public buildings committee, the council voted to contract with Economics Research Associates for an economic and feasibility study for the auditorium at the civic center. The firm submitted a low bid of \$15,000 to conduct the study.

Economics Research Associates is presently conducting a similar study for the City of Redondo Beach. That city also has been studying the feasibility of building a large municipal auditorium.

THE FIRM will seek to provide specific recommendations for the city on:

- Whether or not an auditorium should be built in the civic center.
- The potential uses and support for such a facility.
- The type and size of any building which might be built.
- Estimated revenues and expenditures connected with the operation of an auditorium.

The study will be divided into two phases, and the city will not be obligated beyond the initial phase should it decide to junk plans for a civic auditorium.

FUNDS FOR a preliminary layout study of the proposed golf course also won the councilmanic stamp of approval. Architect William P. Bell was authorized to make the study at a cost not to exceed \$500.

Bell will draw a preliminary design for an 18-hole (Continued on Page 3)



AFTER 20 YEARS . . . Dr. Robert Schaeffer, representing Dr. James Lees, Chief of the Medical Staff at Torrance Memorial Hospital, presents a plaque with the traditional lamp of the nursing profession to Miss Theone C. Thomas, a night supervisor at the hospital. Miss Thomas retired last week after 20 years on the hospital staff. Looking on are Mrs. Viola Anderson, Director of Nursing, and Henry Creeger, president of the board of the hospital. (Press-Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think a boy or girl should receive an allowance for doing household chores?" the Pennies inquirer asked five girls.

Nancy Preston, 3821 W. 183rd St.

"No. I think parents should give kids an allowance to teach them to manage money and not for doing chores around the house. Managing money has to be learned. You have to learn to control impulses and not go out and spend money for things you don't need."

Chris Tsutsui, 3939 Thornburgh Pl.

"I get an allowance now for doing the dinner dishes and cleaning up my room. You shouldn't get too big an allowance for doing household chores. I get 50 cents a week and I think that's fair for what I do. I don't think kids should get much of an allowance until they are big enough to handle the money intelligently."

Patricia Burch, 3922 Thornburgh Pl.

"I think when you are about seven-years-old you should get the allowance and know you are getting it for little chores, but when you are older I think you should be getting the money with the understanding you are to learn how to spend it wisely. When you are older you might get more money but should also be doing different type and more varied chores."

Sharon Dunn, 17416 Falda Ave.

"I think that at about age 12 or 13 you should go out and earn money working for people you know. If you have a steady job I don't think you should get an allowance from your parents but otherwise you should get a small allowance. I think you (Continued on Page 3)

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