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WINS NEW TITLE . . . Veronica Chaco, who has reigned during the past year as Miss Lomita and Miss Southern California Recruiter for the Air Force, has a new title today . . . Miss PPG of 1964. Charming Veronica, employed in the Pittsburgh Plate Glass plant here, won the title in competition with finalists from plants throughout the United States. She is the third Torrance contestant to win the title in recent years.

School Too Small

Board Wants North High Master Plan

Development of a master plan for North High School was authorized by the Board of Education Monday evening during a session held at North High.

Trustees approved the recommendations of S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, for the preparation of a master plan and working drawings for several new facilities at North High. Facilities at the school are presently inadequate for the size of the student body.

On Thursday

Blood Donors Sought

Blood donors are needed Thursday for the Red Cross Bloodmobile's visit to the Elks Lodge, 1820 Abalone.

This is one of the four annual public collections scheduled by the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross Branch for the convenience of donors here. The bloodmobile, staffed by Red Cross nurses and a physician assisted by local volunteers, will be in operation from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Robert Orsini, blood program chairman, asks persons wishing to give a pint of blood to call her at FA 8-0647 or the Red Cross office, TE 2-8321 for an appointment.

"THOSE WHO drop in without appointments will be taken too," the chairman says, urging participation. Mrs. Orsini points out that donations of blood will be credited to the personal accounts or group accounts specified by the donors.

Waldrip said major points to be considered are the expansion of the food service area, expansion of gymnasium facilities, and the addition of several classrooms. Also planned are modifications to the administration building, paving under the stadium bleachers and relocation of several fences.

Total cost of the modifications and expansion project is estimated at \$1,404,500.

NORTH HIGH was first opened in September, 1955, to relieve crowded conditions at Torrance High—then the district's only high school. The buildings were actually occupied before they were completed.

Beginning with a student body of 1,200, the school had grown substantially each year and now has a student population of 2,524. District officials estimate an enrollment of 2,950 by 1969-70, based on elementary school enrollments in the North High area today.

The school was originally designed for a student body of 1,500. While additional classrooms have been added in the past 10 years, basic facilities such as the food services and gymnasium areas have never been substantially improved. Locker and shower facilities are equipped for a student body of 1,500. Actual capacity of the main cafeteria area for dining is 238—less than 10 per cent of the students.

A MASTER plan will provide for the construction of an industrial arts building, an additional two-story classroom facility, additions to the gymnasium and food service (Continued on A-2)

Congo Reds May Spare Life of Torrance Doctor

Mayor Protests

Hearings for New Statute To Be Held

Public hearings on a new Civil Service Commission ordinance were ordered by the City Council last night following a personnel session early in the evening on the matter. Mayor Albert Isen, who stands to lose his right to nominate the members of the commission if the ordinance becomes a law, promptly labeled the measure a "political football" and cast the lone negative vote.

Isen charged the ordinance provides for the "wholesale firing" of the present four members of the Civil Service Commission.

The mayor's charge brought a quick answer from Councilman Kenneth Miller, who said all four members of the commission would be reappointed by members of the council. The reasoning, it was explained, was to eliminate any guesswork as to who appointed whom when the terms expired.

THE NEW ordinance provides for each councilman to appoint one member of the commission, thus expanding the body to seven members. Each commissioner would serve a four-year term. Appointments would need approval of the Council.

When Isen called the ordinance a political football, Councilman H. T. "Ted" Olson replied, "When you name seven out of seven it's not political, but when we name one out of seven, it's political."

The mayor had submitted an ordinance—dubbed the yellow ordinance because it was printed on yellow paper—which called for a seven-

member commission, a four-year term of office, and appointment by the mayor with the approval of the Council. He asked City Clerk Vernon Coil to submit the ordinance to the commission for study when the voting ended.

"IF THE commission hears other ordinances, I want to be released from any obligation on appointments," Councilman J. A. Beasley announced.

Isen's ordinance would have retained the present commissioners, then named three new commissioners—Robert E. German Jr., Robert White, and Robert Mulford.

The council cannot act officially on the new ordinance until the Civil Service Commission has held the required public hearings.

IN OTHER matters, the Council:

• Formally established a building moratorium on land at the west end of the Municipal Airport. The area is part of the Urban Renewal project now being considered.

Service Set In Memory Of Kennedy

A memorial service for the late President John F. Kennedy will be held Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Kennedy Memorial in downtown Torrance. The service will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Father John P. Clemens of Nativity Catholic Church will offer the invocation. Dr. Frank Sullivan of Loyola University of California will be principal speaker.

A full military program is being planned. The Rev. Richard Wong, assistant pastor at the First Methodist Church, will give the benediction. The public has been invited to attend the memorial service.

'Y' Will Get JFK Serigraph

Sister Mary Corita, world famous artist from Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles, will donate one of her serigraphs, "The Life of JFK" to the Torrance Family YMCA, Dr. Wing Mar, board chairman, has announced.

The serigraph will be displayed in the new YMCA building, Wilcox said. The painting was done in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy and includes a tribute in the words of the poet, Robert Frost, as well as the black date of Nov. 22, 1963.

The YMCA will hold its second annual theatre benefit party Sunday at the Rolling Hills Theatre, 2535 Pacific Coast Hwy. The movies, to begin at 12:30, will be "When Comedy Was King" and "PT 109."

Tickets to the theater party are available at the door with all proceeds going to the "Y" athletic program. All seats are \$1.25 for the party.



TORRANCE PACESETTERS . . . James Becker (right), city chairman for United Crusade, and Dr. Eugene L. Cook, advance gifts chairman, display the Frode B. Kilstofte trophy awarded to Dr. Cook for obtaining 110.31 per cent of his quota in the fund campaign. The return was the highest in the Harbor Area for an advance gifts appeal, Crusade officials said.

Before Councilmen

Officers Win New Hearings on Jobs

Two former Torrance police officers seeking reinstatement to their jobs will get a hearing before the City Council Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Councilmen set that date to hear appeals from Stanley Ray Martin and John Paul Brady, who resigned from the force after admitting they falsified records in a narcotics case in August, 1964. The officers have claimed their resignations were submitted under a "threat of criminal prosecution."

The resignations were upheld by the city's Civil Service Commission, which ruled the two men signed the resignations "without threat or promise of reward."

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier ruled the council did have jurisdiction to hear an appeal during last night's session.

Both men are represented by attorney William J. McCabe, who said the resignations were the result of a "whim of an individual and in violation of the city code."

The council will convene at 4:30 Dec. 15 for the hearing.

U.S. Issues Protests to Rebel Chief

Hints that the life of a 36-year-old Torrance doctor could be saved despite the sentence of death imposed on him by his Congolese captors were read from sketchy reports issued from rebel-held Stanleyville this morning.

Dr. Paul E. Carlson, a Torrance resident for six years, was taken prisoner by the red-backed rebels in September and was reported to be sentenced to die at noon on Monday as a military spy.

A STRONGLY worded warning to the rebels was issued by U. S. Ambassador G. McMurtrie Godley, who reported that the United States would hold the rebels responsible for Carlson's welfare as well as that of 60 other U.S. citizens in rebel hands.

Broadcasts from Stanleyville monitored in Kenya indicated that demonstrating crowds had been demanding Dr. Carlson's death.

Carlson, his wife, and the couple's two children, Wayne and Lynette, went to Africa as medical missionaries two years ago under the sponsorship of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America.

Before accepting the assignment, completed his internship at Harbor General Hospital and had served as a surgical resident there for four years.

THE DOCTOR and his family fled the Congo as rebel troops of the Communist-backed "Congolese People's Republic" overran the area. He returned to his medical station after his family had been safely evacuated and

was taken as a hostage by the rebels on Sept. 20.

Charges that he was a military spy have been denied by U.S. officials, his family, and his associates. Dr. Carlson served as an enlisted man in the Navy between 1946 and 1948, but is not a member of any military organization now, nor any other government agency, it was declared.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Carlson, reside in Alhambra. His mother now is a patient in a Redondo Beach hospital.

Old Site Has Big Price Tag

Sale of a one and one-half acre surplus school site realized \$131,355 for the Torrance schools Monday evening—money which will be used in the building program at several schools.

Dan E. Butcher, through real estate broker Nicholas Draie, submitted the high bid during an oral bidding session. The trustees had set a minimum price of \$120,000 on the land.

Located on 242nd Street between Park and Ward streets, the site was the location of the original Walteria Elementary School. It has been vacant since the new Walteria School was opened in 1951.

The land is presently zoned for single-family and duplex homes. Butcher paid \$87,000 per acre for the land.

An International Junket . . .

Adoption of a new sister city, one close enough to Torrance to permit easier access to travelers than Konya, Turkey, may be a chance for some public officials to spin wheels on an international level, a Press-Herald editorial warns today. While expressing hope that the program with Guatemala City is a success, the editorial also recognizes that the program could be a vehicle for feeding local egos. Read this comment and others today on Page E-6.

Citizens Committee Set . . .

City Councilmen will name a 21-member Citizens Advisory Committee to assist in the Airport Redevelopment Program at their Dec. 1 meeting. The airport project involves land at the west end of the airport which the city hopes to convert to an industrial center through urban renewal projects.

Gunman Robs Clerk . . .

A gunman bound and gagged Mrs. Bill Johnson then robbed the liquor store where she was a clerk of \$117 early Tuesday. Mrs. Johnson said the gunman walked into the store at 2730 Cabrillo Ave. shortly before 11 a.m. Tuesday, threatened her with a pistol, and then taped her mouth and tied her hands with rope.

Redondo Sniper Held . . .

A 20-year-old Redondo Beach man has been arrested after he allegedly went on a sniper foray throughout the city early Tuesday. Robert Tousseint, who lived at 716 Opal St., was booked by Redondo Beach police. Officers said they had received complaints of shooting at a trailer court near Prospect and Torrance Boulevard; a dry cleaning shop at 900 Torrance Blvd., and at 204 S. Alberta Ave.

Fund Drive for Torrance Rose Float in High Gear

The annual fund-raising drive to pay for the Torrance float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade began this week when nearly 5,000 letters requesting financial support were mailed to Torrance business firms, it was announced by Robert H. Vroman, chairman of the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association.

This year's float will cost in excess of \$6,000, Vroman said.

In keeping with the tournament's theme this year, "Headlines in Flowers," the Torrance association has selected "Happy New Year To All The World" as the title of the local entry.

THE FLOAT will stand 17 feet high and will depict the New Year's infant sitting on top of the world and wishing everyone a "Happy New Year."

The flower decorating of the float will be done by volunteer workers from Torrance, thereby reducing the overall cost by about \$2,000.

The contribution letters were prepared and addressed by members of the Pilot Club of Torrance, the Torrance Jayettes and the Chamber of Commerce.

THE TORRANCE Tournament of Roses Association sponsors the float each year to publicize the city, not only

at the national level, but internationally as well. The Jan. 1 event is expected to be televised around the world.

Co-sponsors of the Torrance float are the City of Torrance, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Contributions to the float construction fund should be made payable to the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association and mailed to P. O. Box 479, Torrance.

Serving on the committee with Vroman are H. P. Atherton Jr., Mrs. Margaret Clark, John B. Hardin, Edwin W. Sullivan, and a member of the city manager's office.