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City Standing Pat On Boundary Lines

"That's Torrance and the Torrance flag is going to stay!"

That's how Mayor Albert Isen greeted a suggestion that the city might de-annex some territory adjoining Lomita last night.

Isen was reacting to a suggestion by City Administrator

Stanley Green of Lomita. Green and three Lomita councilmen met with Torrance councilmen last night to discuss some boundary problems.

Prime target is an area along Pacific Coast Highway which extends into Lomita as a "finger." Lomita is hopeful

that Torrance might relinquish the area in order to square the Lomita boundary in the area.

"I'm not in favor of giving up one ounce of Torrance," Isen declared. "Next thing, (Mayor William) Czuleger will want the Riviera."

Councilman J. A. Beasley recognized some "common problems" between Torrance and Lomita and hinted that a trade might be worked out to the advantage of both cities.

For his part, Green said he recognized several other problems existed and added that he had not intended that discussions be one-way. "We are trying to find mutual areas," he said.

Councilmen asked City Manager Edward J. Ferraro to meet with Green and determine the issue and problems.

But, warned councilmen, Ferraro is not to negotiate away any part of Torrance.



ONE SUSPECT . . . A police composite shows one of the two suspects sought for questioning in connection with the destruction of the KNX transmitting tower here Sept. 15. Witnesses say this suspect, 18 to 23 years old, had long, bushy hair. Both are of medium weight and build. KNX has offered a reward of \$5,000 in connection with the incident. Information should be sent to the Los Angeles FBI office or to Torrance Police.



NUMBER TWO . . . This police composite, made up from descriptions offered police by witnesses, is being circulated throughout the Southland today. Police say the hairline should be more on the Beatle-style, with long straight hair. Their hair selections for witnesses do not include Beatle cuts, police explain.

Role of Police To Be Explained

"The Police Officer and the Public," third in a series of lectures on "Law Enforcement in Action," will be given at the Torrance High School auditorium, 2200 W. Carson St., Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Police Lt. Gustav R. Rethwisch of the Torrance Police Department is the speaker.

The lectures are co-sponsored by the Torrance Police Department and the adult education division of the Torrance Schools.

Lt. Rethwisch will discuss the function of the police department, describing the capabilities and deployment of officers. Detective, juvenile,

and administrative departments will be covered, as well as special techniques employed by the department in its work.

The lectures are open to the public. Raymond Collins, principal of the Torrance Evening High School, said. There is no charge.

SCHOOL BOND VOTE SET FOR FEBRUARY

Ferraro To Help Parents

Efforts to restore bus service to Madrona School from the area north of Torrance Boulevard received the blessing of city fathers last night.

Councilmen instructed City Manager Edward J. Ferraro to add his voice to that of parents from the area in efforts to get trustees of Torrance Unified School District to restore bus service to the school.

The council also approved temporary measures designed to improve safety conditions for children who must walk along Madrona Avenue.

A temporary sidewalk, to be separated from Madrona Street by a raised asphalt berm, will be installed along unimproved portions of Madrona pending construction of a permanent sidewalk.

TO GET A permanent sidewalk, councilmen authorized Ferraro to begin negotiations with the Santa Fe Railway, which owns the right-of-way in the area. If negotiations fail, the council will enforce provisions of a 1911 Assessment Act to provide a permanent sidewalk, curb, and gutter along the street.

Parents of children living in area north of Torrance Boulevard and west of Madrona appeared before the Board of Education Monday and asked that bus service be restored.

Bus service was eliminated this year when new facilities became available at Madrona School, eliminating the need

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PRINCIPAL CITED . . . Sgt. Bruce Bishop of the Torrance Police Department is pictured writing a traffic citation for Raymond Collins, principal of the Torrance Evening High School. Collins volunteered to get the citation to publicize a series of lectures on law enforcement now being given by the Torrance Police under sponsorship of the adult education division of the Torrance Schools. The third lecture of the series will be given Monday at Torrance High School auditorium.



MOUNTING VOTER CAMPAIGN . . . Plans of the Torrance chapter of the League of Women Voters to enlist a bus load of potential deputy registrars to attend county classes on Saturday, Oct. 23, are hailed by City Clerk Vernon Coij; Mrs. B. E. Belzer, voter service chairman for the LWV; Mayor Albert Isen; and Mrs. Austin Woodward, member of the LWV voter service committee. (Press-Herald Photo)

New Deputy Registrars Recruited for Training

An all-out campaign to increase the number of qualified voter registrars here has been launched by the Torrance League of Women Voters with the backing of city officials.

A registrar training class for a Torrance delegation has

been scheduled Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. until noon by Benjamin Hite, County Registrar of Voters.

Torrance councilmen will provide free transportation for all prospective registrars of voters. A bus will leave from the city hall for Los Angeles for the class and return following the class.

Mrs. B. E. Belzer, voter service chairman for the League, is coordinating the Torrance Registrar Round-up. She may be contacted at 320-5301. Mrs. Belzer said any voter now registered in Los Angeles County is eligible for the registrar training class.

There are but 29 active registrars in the city, City Clerk Vernon Coij has reported. Registrars always are on duty at Coij's office.

Dedication Ceremonies Due Friday

Ceremonies dedicating the new County Probation Department Building at the Torrance Civic Center will be held at 11 a.m. Friday.

The new facility is located between the Torrance Police Department and the Municipal Courts Building. It will serve the entire Southwest area.

Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn will join civic officials from Torrance and surrounding communities for the ceremonies. A luncheon, to be hosted by Torrance officials, will follow.

Ponder Figure To Ask

Torrance voters will be asked to approve new bonds for school construction at a special election Feb. 8, 1966, following action by the Board of Education Monday evening.

Trustees voted to call the bond election for Feb. 8, but took no action on the amount of bonds which voters will be asked to authorize. A decision on the amount will be made prior to Nov. 20.

The vote on the issue was 3-1, with trustee Bert M. Lynn dissenting. Lynn said he was "not going to vote on a date until I get an indication of what we are going to ask and how it will be used." William Hanson was absent from the meeting.

GENESIS of Monday's decision is a report to trustees which Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, prepared some three weeks ago. Dr. Hull said present bond funds—about \$2,250,000—will be exhausted when projects now under construction or planned for the next year are completed. Two new elementary schools are included in the list of projects to be started with remaining bond funds.

Voters last approved a school bond proposal in April, 1963, when an \$8 million issue was authorized.

The possibility that two bond issues might be submitted to voters was discussed Monday when Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, president of the board, asked Dr. Hull if bonds for swimming pools might be included on the ballot apart from other school construction.

THE SWIMMING pools, which Dr. Hull said are on the district's "wish list," would cost about \$250,000 each. Several board members have put pools in the luxury item category and indicated

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Signals Due Near Freeway

Plans to install traffic signals at the San Diego Freeway off ramps at 190th Street and Western Avenue have been announced by the State Division of Highways. The signals will be financed by the state and will involve no city funds, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said last night. Construction is expected to begin within three months.

Retail Sales Computed

Retail sales in the Del Amo Center during 1963 totaled \$69,217,000, according to compilations just released by the U. S. Department of Commerce. A report called "Major Retail Centers—Los Angeles-Long Beach" included information on the 43 establishments in the center on Hawthorne Avenue and on Sepulveda Boulevard between Hawthorne and Ladeene Avenue. Long Beach sales totaled \$549 million; Glendale, \$231 million; and Pasadena, \$335 million.

Liquor Store Robbed

A customer's offer to purchase a half gallon of whiskey from Kelson Fortner, clerk at a liquor store at 23804 Crenshaw Blvd., was only part of his shopping plans, Fortner told police early Tuesday. The clerk said a customer entered the store, pointed to the bottle of whiskey, and said, "I'll take that." He then displayed a pistol stuck in his waistband and ordered Fortner to open the store's cash register. He took \$100 and the bottle of whiskey.