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NEW CEMETERY DELAY VOTED

Post-Election Date Selected For a Decision

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City Councilmen last night postponed until Nov. 22 any further action on plans for a proposed cemetery in the south-central section of the city.

The postponement, approved by a 4-3 vote, came after two attempts to end the 13-month debate failed.

The council, by the same 4-3 vote, rejected motions by H. Ted Olson and Mayor Albert Isen which would have denied the cemetery permit.

Voting to continue the matter until Nov. 22 were David K. Lyman, Ross A. Sciarrotta, Sr., George Vico, and J. A. Beasley.

COUNCILMEN, who previously gave tentative approval to the proposed development—a cemetery and some 135 homes on a 112-acre parcel located south of 235th Street and west of Crenshaw Boulevard—were considering the matter on an appeal from the Planning Commission.

The commission, two weeks ago today, turned down the application for a conditional use permit for the cemetery. Developers Dan Butcher and Don Wilson then appealed the matter to the council.

Last night's succession of votes followed nearly three hours of debate. More than two hours of that time was spent in a public hearing in which homeowners from the surrounding area voiced objections to the proposed cemetery.

HOMEOWNERS contend the cemetery will take valuable industrial land off the tax rolls and also cause the surrounding areas to depreciate in value. Other complaints against the cemetery were directed at a proposed crematorium, which residents say will cause a constant stench in the area, and at funeral processions, which homeowners say will add to already congested traffic.

Sciarrotta, who first asked for a delay on the matter, declared he will not vote for a conditional use permit if the development includes a crematorium.

He also asked that street patterns in the area be defined—the city is now studying the extension of Madrona or Maple avenues through

Clean-Up Days Set In October

The city's second "Clean-Up Days" will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 and 15. Walter M. Nollac, director of public works, announced last night.

Nollac said collections will be made in the area north of Torrance Boulevard on Oct. 8, while city crews will pick up rubbish in the remainder of the city Oct. 15.

It was decided to hold two days for the fall Clean-Up Days because of the "grand success" of the May Clean-Up Day. Nollac said. During the first Clean-Up Day more than 474 tons of rubbish was collected—and it took a week to do the job, Nollac reported.

Any item not normally collected by rubbish crews will be picked up on the specified day, Nollac said, provided they can be lifted by two men and are placed on the curb by 9 a.m.

Conference Slated on Industry

An industrial property conference designed to study the use of California property by industrial firms is scheduled tomorrow in Los Angeles, according to Harry L. Weaver, chairman of the Industrial Development Committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsors of the all-day conference are the California Manufacturers Association and the Society of Industrial Realtors in cooperation with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

"This program will be highly informative to chamber members as the speakers will come from the working force of the two sponsoring groups," Weaver said.

Emphasis will be placed on the determining factors in the plant location, transportation, distribution, taxation, community relations, pollution, and other points relating to industry's place in the state's future.

Dominguez Rehearing Asked

A new hearing before the Local Agency Formation Commission on an incorporation petition filed by backers of the proposed City of Dominguez was urged Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors in a 4-1 vote. The hearing request came after charges that the hearing board which turned down the Dominguez petition a week ago was a "stacked deck" against Dominguez because all the votes cast against the proposal came from Long Beach oriented commissioners. Long Beach has sought to annex parts of the area in recent years.

Betting Charge Nails Pair

Arrested on suspicion of bookmaking on warrants issued by Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett Monday were William Thomas Duval, 44, an unemployed bartender living at 1606 Gramercy Ave., and Harold Russel Magnuson Jr., 27, an unemployed machinist living at 1211 El Prado. Arresting officers reported finding betting paraphernalia and racing programs in Duval's room at the downtown apartment building.

Cyclist Hurt in Crash

Cyclist Dale B. Bloor, 39, a private patrolman living at 314 E. 238th St., was hospitalized in Little Company of Mary Hospital Monday evening with injuries suffered when his vehicle and an automobile driven by Laurie M. Ludlow, 18, of 23008 Arlington Ave., collided at Sepulveda Boulevard and Maple Avenue. Bloor received leg injuries, cuts, and bruises.

Crusade To Open In Area

The third annual United Crusade campaign for \$21,750,000 United Way and American Red Cross services will open tomorrow with a dinner meeting in the Hollywood Palladium.

Arthur M. Wood, vice president of Sears, Roebuck and Co. and chairman of the Crusade; Louis B. Lundborg, chairman of the board of Bank of America and president of United Way, and Daniel H. Houghton, president of Lockheed Aircraft and chairman of the American Red Cross Fund Raising Council, will be featured speakers.

Business, industry, labor union, professional, and educational leaders will unite to mark the official opening of the campaign which covers the county.

The dinner-show will feature stars from the ABC-TV "Hollywood Palace" show. The event signals the start of campaign assignments for 50,000 volunteers with a target date of completion by Nov. 22.

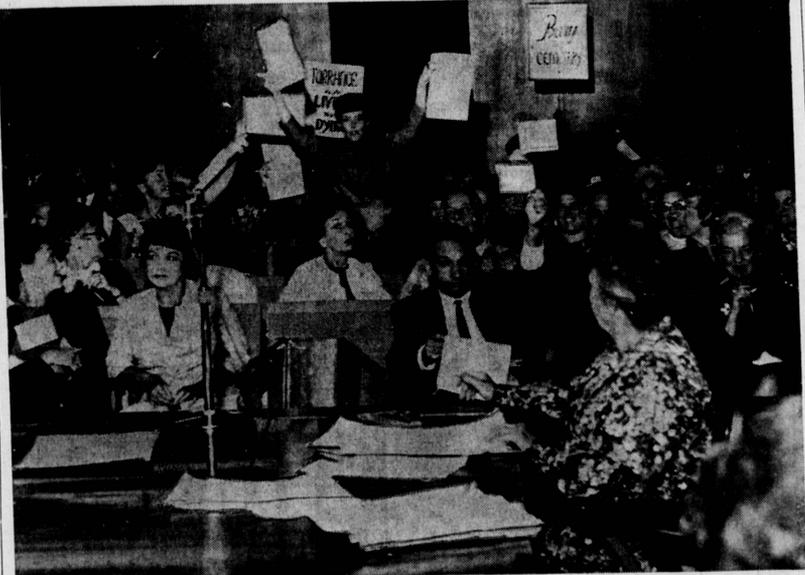
Funds Asked To Purchase Beach Area

County supervisors have applied for more aid to purchase a 2,380-foot long strip of Torrance Beach, chairman Burton W. Chace said today.

On the recommendation of the Department of Parks and Recreation, supervisors yesterday approved a resolution asking for state aid under the State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1964.

Earlier, supervisors adopted an application of funds from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. If approved, this application will provide 50 per cent of the necessary financing for the beach purchase.

The application to the state would provide the remaining funds necessary



JAMMED CHAMBERS . . . Homeowners from the New Horizons and Palo del Amo areas of the city packed the City Council chambers last night to voice objections to a proposed cemetery development near 235th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard. Some came with signs displaying their opposition, prompting

several other residents attending the meeting to make signs supporting proponents of the cemetery development. Councilmen, after nearly three hours of debate, voted 4-3 to postpone further action until Nov. 22.

(Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

League Against Try City Gets \$100,000 At Mayor-Go-Round For Roads

The Torrance League of Women Voters today announced it will oppose a charter amendment which would permit members of the City Council to elect the mayor of Torrance.

The measure will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot as Amendment Z. If approved, the amendment will provide for the election of a seven-member City Council and the council would then elect one of its members to serve as mayor at the pleasure of the council.

THIS MEASURE was prepared in haste, at a time when personal conflicts within the City Council prohibited a calm appraisal of the issue," Mrs. W. E. Radcliffe, president of the League, said.

"Our members are aware that changing times and conditions in this city makes a charter review desirable. However, piecemeal revisions made to accommodate political animosities are certainly not the answer," she said.

Mrs. Radcliffe said the League had called for a complete review of the city's charter in April, 1965, when the League completed a detailed study of that document. Officials of the League at that time urged that a citizens' committee to review the charter be appointed by the City Council and that professional advisors be hired to assist with the review.

COUNCILMEN, to date, have taken no action of the League's proposal.

"The present ballot proposal, Amendment Z, graphically illustrates the need for a serious and thorough study and evaluation of the entire charter," Mrs. Radcliffe said.

Mrs. Radcliffe said the charter is a basic governmental structure and that each proposed change must be considered in the light of its effect on the total government of the city.

"HASTE AND the heat of personal differences do not provide a sound climate for amending the city's charter," she said. "We urge the citizens of this city to defeat this measure at the polls and to support the formation of a citizens' committee for charter review. Only a properly conducted study will bring the city's charter up to date."

Mrs. Radcliffe stressed that the League's position is based on a desire to conduct a complete study of the charter and not on the specific merit of the proposed change.

An argument opposing the measure which the league adopted has been selected to appear in the voter's handbook which will be mailed to all voters with their sample ballots, Mrs. Radcliffe explained.

In addition, the League plans to contact other organizations in the city in an effort to secure support for their position.

Bradley Renamed To Commission

J. P. Bradley, president of the Dominguez Water Corp., has been reappointed to the county's Water Resources and Reclamation Advisory Committee. Supervisor Burton W. Chace, chairman of the board, made the announcement.

City Gets \$100,000 For Roads

County Supervisors have approved a \$100,000 allocation to the city of Torrance for the improvements of several key streets, Board Chairman Burton W. Chace said today.

The allocation is a portion of the \$9,010,000 currently budgeted by the Board of Supervisors to assist Los Angeles County cities in maintenance and construction of streets of general county interest.

"This type of cooperation makes possible the orderly development of highway projects across jurisdictional boundaries," Chace said. "It allows for continuity and efficiency of the over-all county road system."

The fund for this program is replenished annually in proportion to the amount of gas tax money the county receives. Funds are apportioned among the cities, according to population and County Master Plan of Highway mileage.

Los Angeles is one of the few counties in the state which provides financial aid to cities from the Gas Tax Fund. In 1966-67, the county budget includes nearly \$32 million for highway programs within cities — up 35 per cent over last year's allocation.

Work Ended On Crenshaw

Payment of \$211,126 for the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard on the Palos Verdes Peninsula has been authorized, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

County Supervisors Tuesday officially accepted the work and ordered payment to Oswald Brothers Company of Torrance.

Work on this segment of the projected Crenshaw Boulevard project was completed on Sept. 6 according to the contractor.



BOOST CANE SALES . . . Members of Torrance Lions Club get an assist from Pat Gaynor, who has been named "Miss Sight Conservation" for the annual White Cane Days fund drive Friday and Saturday. On the left is Jim Leggett, chairman of the Downtown Torrance Lions Club. Walt Keberlein, on the right, is club president. Sale of miniature canes provides funds for the club's sight conservation program.