

# Renewal Area Resident Reviews Project

(Editor's Note: The following resume of the Meadow Park Redevelopment program has been prepared for the Press-Herald by John E. Moseley, who lives at 23846 Ward St., within the area of the development project. Mr. Moseley, a longtime resident there and recognized spokesman for many of the residents in that area, has been intimately involved in the discussions from the start.)

To the average citizen the three subjects—Airport, Urban Renewal, and Housing Codes—are widely separated subjects, but in Torrance today they are so closely related as to be inseparable, and any attack on one is a stab in the dark to kill the other.

The Torrance Airport is one of the biggest and most valuable assets of the City of Torrance. This is an established fact and recognized by

almost all civic leaders in Torrance but not all agree 100 per cent on this. When the City of Torrance acquired the Airport, there were several restrictive clauses in the transaction, the principal one being that the property must be maintained, operated, and improved as an airport. If this provision is not carried out, then the Airport reverts to the Federal Government which in due course would give it to another agency to operate.

Presumably, Los Angeles County which has only recently taken over the Compton Airport and the El Monte Airport. In the case of the Compton Airport, it was hopelessly in debt and operating at a loss. If the County, in order to preserve an airport, will do this to a non-profitable operation, how long would they hesitate in assuming control of the Torrance field when it has so much po-

tential for profit? Is it not better that Torrance keep home rule by maintaining their hold on this property? If not, then another government agency will control a large area completely surrounded by Torrance, and Torrance will lose a large source of revenue.

To operate as an airport, it must maintain clear zones and safety zones at the end of the runways. Structures in certain areas must be compatible with airport operations. This is where Torrance ran into a snag. The area immediately west of the Airport runway was residential but zoned C-2 and was fast being converted by developers into a multi-unit residential. Almost every airport of any size in the United States today has found that residential construction is not compatible with airport operations in the end zones. And all have their problems. When the powers

that be woke up to the monster they had created, the changeover in property usage was already well advanced and property values were soaring.

The City immediately clamped a moratorium on all building, repairs, alterations, and construction in the area. Ostensibly this was for the purpose of giving the City time to examine the problem but really it was to prevent any further increase in property values if the City did have to purchase the property.

This moratorium has been extended from time to time and is in effect today.

The City attempted to resolve the problem by rezoning the area but abandoned this when it saw it would not solve the immediate problem. The property owners countered with a series of proposals which were examined and analyzed. After months of

meeting, one inescapable fact was apparent. The City must acquire title to this property by outright purchase. Any attempt to control it by edict was of dubious legality. From then on, it was just a matter of finding a means of raising the money to buy the area before a disaster occurred. The City did not have the funds in the general fund to purchase the property. The property has since been appraised in excess of 5 million dollars. To raise this sum by taxation would require an increase of \$1.8415 on a current tax rate of \$1.238. Obviously this is impractical.

As a last resort, the possibility of Federal funds was reluctantly examined. This is where the Urban Renewal entered the picture. It was found that the City of Torrance could qualify for the grant to purchase the property. Briefly, some of the requirements are that numer-

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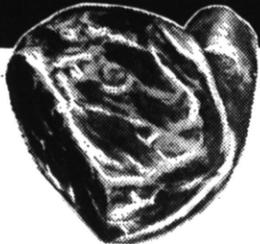
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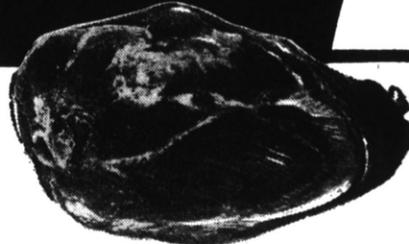
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