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## Charter Review Group to Hold Public Hearing

Torrance residents will have a chance to express their opinions about the city charter Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. when the Charter Review

Committee holds a public hearing. The meeting will be held in the City Council chambers.

Chairman Larry Bowman heads the blue ribbon citizens committee, assigned last June by the City Council to study the 20-year-old city charter.

Meeting twice a month since July, the Charter Review Committee has delved into such areas as city manager government; the need for an elected city clerk, city treasurer, and city attorney; charter fiscal requirements; election procedures; school board relationships; provisions for citizen commissions and committees; and council salaries.

Several civic groups have indicated that they will be present to offer their suggestions. Interested individuals will also be invited to give both written and oral presentations.

Members of the Charter Review Committee are Dr. Stanley Yanase, Mrs. Louise Radcliffe, Mrs. Betty Barnes, Stanley Dunn, Leonard F. Kane, Jack Lamont, William Poser, Vern Smith, and Lorne O'Brien. They have been asked by the City Council to complete their recommendations by Nov. 1.

## Murder Trial Venue Change Denied

Selection of a jury for the trial of Jerry Lee O'Brien, accused of murder in an Aug. 10 death of a Torrance police officer, was begun here Wednesday afternoon.

Questioning of prospective jurors was begun after Superior Court Judge Burch Donahue rejected a motion for a change of venue and ordered the trial held in Torrance.

Public Defender Al Calof, who is defending O'Brien, had asked for the change of venue out of Los Angeles County because of news reports which he said had prejudiced prospective jurors against O'Brien.

JUDGE DONAHUE said he felt the "news releases were of short duration and not inflammatory in any sense of the word." The judge did, however, indicate he would reconsider the motion if during the selection of jurors he felt too many had been unduly influenced by news reports.

A move by Calof to select two juries—one to hear the guilt phase and one for the penalty trial—was rejected by Judge Donahue.

O'BRIEN, 34, is facing a charge of first degree murder. He is accused of killing David N. Seibert, a 25-year-old Torrance police officer, during a robbery Aug. 10, 1967.

During the jury selection, Calof and Deputy District Attorney Robert Burnett, who will prosecute the case, will be able to dismiss any prospective juror who shows prejudice against O'Brien or the state's case.

## Delay in College Sought

A delay of some eight years in the construction of California State College, Dominguez Hills, has been recommended in a governmental efficiency report issued this past week.

The report, submitted by a committee appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan, said the state colleges should expand the existing 18 campuses before building any new schools.

The report noted that construction had not begun on the Dominguez Hills site and said it "should not do so."

A spokesman for the college, however, said Friday some \$2.5 million in construction is under way on the site. Last week, Dr. Glen Dumke, chancellor of the state college system, told Dominguez Hills officials funds would be available despite cutbacks in the state college budget.



FINAL DRILL . . . Les Eyestone (on the rope) goes through a final drill at the Torrance Fire Department's training tower before graduating from the class. Watching Eyestone go through the rope drill are (top window, from left) Dave Lindgren, Pete Friel, and Jerry Coburn and (bottom) Battalion Chief John Agapito, the instructor, and Tony Salce, who took the course as a refresher. The new firefighters will be assigned to duty shortly. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Senator to Speak at Lincoln Day Dinner

Senator John G. Tower, Republican of Texas, will deliver a major address Wednesday at the 46th Assembly District Republican Central Committee's Lincoln Day dinner.

The dinner will be held at the Officer's Club, Ft. Mac-

Arthur, San Pedro, at 8 p.m. Tickets for the dinner, at \$10 per person, are available at Republican headquarters, 4126 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

Tower, elected in 1961 at a special election following the election of Lyndon B. Johnson as vice president, will discuss "The National Scene."

Re-elected in 1966, Tower carried every Texas county of more than 10,000 population, with one exception, for a margin of more than 57 per cent. The 42-year-old lawmaker, a veteran of World War II, is a member of the Banking and Currency Committee, the Armed Service Committee, and the Joint Committee on Defense Production. He holds degrees from Southwestern University and Southern Methodist University and attended the University of London.

He was returned to the General Staff in 1957 and two years later was promoted to major general and assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea. In 1963, he became deputy chief of staff for the U. S. Army of the Pacific.

In 1965, General Woolnough also has commanded American units in Germany and headed the Base Section, U.S. Communications Zone, Europe.

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# Marshal Named for Armed Forces Day

## General To Lead Parade

Gen. James K. Woolnough, commander of the United States Continental Army at Ft. Monroe, Va., Friday was named grand marshal of the 1968 Armed Forces Day parade here.

Selection of the four-star general to head the city's ninth annual salute to the nation's military forces was announced by Larry Bowman, president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

The 57-year-old general, born in The Philippines, was named commander of the Continental Army last July. He holds numerous decorations and honors, including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Silver Star, as well as the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

OTHER HONORS include the Belgian Officer's Order of Leopold, the Legion of Honor of the Republic of France, and the Korean Order of Service Merit.

General Woolnough was on the staff at the U. S. Military Academy when World War II broke out. He was assigned to the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff in July, 1942, and served until he was named executive officer of the 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in 1944.

In February, 1945, he became commander of the 393rd Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division and three months later returned to the War Department's Operations Division.

GENERAL Woolnough also has served as commander of the Army's Personnel Center at Oahu, Hawaii, and with a joint task force which exploded the first nuclear bomb at Eniwetok. He also served as commander in chief of the Pacific, a post he held until 1949 when he became commander of the Corps of Cadets at the Military Academy.

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SAFETY FORUM . . . Looking over plans for Torrance's first Student Safety Forum are (standing, from left) Police Sgt. T. H. Wooldridge; James Becker, Torrance Safety Council; and Officer Ted Bradley, California Highway Patrol. Richard Schwanbeck (seated) of West High School will chair the event, to be held at the Torrance Family YMCA Wednesday, Feb. 21. Students from all high schools in the city will participate.

# Youth Safety Forum To Be Held in City

Fifty students from the city's six high schools will participate in Torrance's first Student Safety Forum, Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Torrance Family YMCA.

Patterned after the Governor's Safety Conference held recently in Los Angeles, the forum will provide an opportunity for students to work with experts on various traffic safety problems.

Co-sponsors of the event are the Torrance schools, the Torrance PTA Council, the Torrance Police Department, the city's Traffic Department, the Torrance Safety Council, the California Highway Patrol, the Automobile Club of Southern California, and the Torrance Lions Club.

FOUR PANELS, comprised of students and experts in the field, will discuss ways to improve safety and teach safety habits in connection with vehicles, roadways, drivers, and law enforcement.

Caucus groups in each area will work on development of

resolutions and recommendations. After being presented to the entire forum, recommendations will be transmitted to appropriate government agencies and schools.

Forum chairman is Richard Schwanbeck of West High School. Nancy Stephenson of Torrance High School and Lori Rotolante of North High School will chair the hospitality committee.

PANEL chairmen include:

Mark Hubert of North High School, vehicles; Pat Kealey of Bishop Montgomery High School, roadways; Dean Mont-

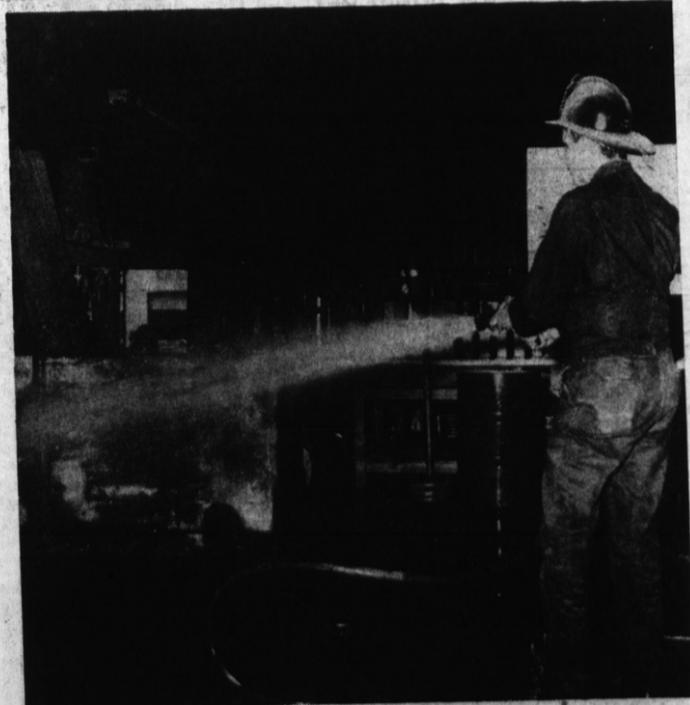
gomery of Torrance High School, drivers; and Duncan Brown of South High School, law enforcement.

Other students serving on the planning committee are: Michele Chiappetta of South High School, Clara Nonoshita of West High School, Don Whitney of Kurt Shery High School, and Don Satterlee of Bishop Montgomery High School.

ADULT coordinators include:

Dr. Donald Duncan, Torrance Unified School District; James Becker, Torrance School, roadways; Dean Mont-

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FIRE DAMAGES FIRM . . . A Torrance firefighter completes mop up operations following a fire at Automation Industries, 3501 W. Lomita Blvd., about noon Friday. The fire, which began when hot oil spilled from a tank onto benches and other equipment, did an estimated \$5,000 in damages. There were no injuries and most of the damage was a result of smoke, firefighting officials said. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Valentine's Day Event Will Honor Supervisor

Only a limited number of reservations remain for a Valentine's Day reception honoring Supervisor Burton W. Chace and his wife, C. Nelson Rucker, chairman of the event, said today.

"A limited amount of space is available, so anyone planning to attend should make reservations immediately," Rucker said.

The reception is scheduled Wednesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Latitude 20 Restaurant, 3901 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. Tickets, at \$2.75 each,

include refreshments and a buffet, Rucker said.

Tickets for the event may be ordered by sending a check to the Committee to Re-Elect Supervisor Burton W. Chace, Post Office Drawer L, Torrance 90507.

Chace, who represents the Fourth District on the Board of Supervisors, was appointed to the board April 6, 1953, by Governor Earl Warren. He was elected to office in 1954 and re-elected in 1956, 1960, and 1964.

The 67-year-old super-

visor was born in Nebraska and came to California in 1923. He and his father established a lumber company in Long Beach.

Chace began his public career in 1933 when he was elected to the Long Beach Board of Education. He served for eight years and in 1945 was elected to the Long Beach City Council. Two years later, he was elected to the first of three terms as mayor of Long Beach.

The supervisor and his wife, Polly, live in Long Beach.

### Safety Group Honors City . . .

Torrance has been ranked second in the nation in the lowest number of traffic deaths in the past three years, according to Police Chief Walter R. Koenig. Ranking is determined by the total number of traffic deaths which are the result of accidents on city streets, Koenig said, and based on the number of deaths per 10,000 registered motor vehicles. Torrance has a 0.9 per cent registration rate and a 4.7 per cent population rate, which is based on the number of deaths per 100,000 population. First place in the class of cities between 100,000 and 200,00 went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with 8 per cent and 3.7 per cent. The awards were announced by "Traffic Safety," a publication of the National Safety Council.

### Apartment Hit by Burglar . . .

A burglar took a portable stereo and some 50 recording albums from a Torrance apartment early yesterday while the victim slept, police have reported. Mrs. Mardi M. Proctor, of 1735 Lincoln Ave., Apt. 3, told police a camera and some jewelry also were taken. Police said the burglar entered through a sliding glass door which Mrs. Proctor had left open. She said she did not lock the door because her daughter was babysitting in a nearby apartment. The total loss was placed at \$350.

### Group Re-elects Chairman . . .

Attorney Larry Bowman has been re-elected chairman of the city's Civil Service Commission. Bowman, appointed to the commission in 1965, also serves as chairman of the city's Charter Review Committee and is president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Robert B. White was elected to a second term as vice chairman.