

# Townsend Supports Tax Relief Measures

Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrance) today called for immediate and meaningful property tax relief for burdened California homeowners.

Speaking to a group of constituents from the 67th Assembly District, Townsend said that substantial property tax relief is a vital necessity this year.

He cited two measures now before the Legislature "which are aimed in the right direc-

tion," and expressed hope that these would be supplemented by others to relieve the beleaguered taxpayers.

ONE OF THESE calls for one-half cent of the present state sales tax to be funneled to the counties. The net result will be approximately \$155 million in additional funds for the counties, permitting them to reduce local property taxes.

The other measure, recom-

mended by the Assembly Public Health Committee, would have the state take over the counties' share of Medi-Cal costs as a means of providing property tax relief.

TOWNSEND called the property tax "regressive" and said it places an unequal burden on lower income groups, many of whom are of retirement age. The tax as a percentage of the income of those who bear the ultimate

burden declines as income rises, he pointed out.

"We in the Legislature will take a long, hard look at this very real problem this year," the Torrance Assemblyman concluded.

ONE FOR THREE

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# First Exhibit to Show History of Queen Mary

The first major exhibit in the Museum of the Sea aboard the Queen Mary will be sponsored by the California Savings and Loan Association of Los Angeles.

The firm will sponsor a \$100,000 exhibit dramatically recounting the history of the luxury liner which was launched in 1934 and made

1,000 transatlantic crossings before being sold by the Cunard Line to the city of Long Beach last fall.

The sponsorship was the first to be announced for the multi-million dollar museum being developed by the California Museum Foundation, a nonprofit corporation, under a 40-year contract with the city. The Museum of the Sea

will be built from funds allocated by private industry and operated as a self-supporting museum.

The announcement of sponsorship was made jointly by J. Howard Edgerton, chairman of the board of California Federal Savings and Loan, and Samuel C. Cameron of Long Beach, chairman of the Foundation's special Mu-

seum of the Sea committee. Les H. Cohen, director of the museum, said three million persons are expected to visit the exhibit each year and promised that it would be ready for the planned opening of the ship to the public next January. "It will be one of our first attractions and one of the most outstanding," Cohen declared.



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