

Airport Should Bar Jets, Council Candidate Says

Opposition to jet aircraft being based at the Torrance Municipal Airport has been reaffirmed by William J. Uerkwitz, a telephone company executive seeking a seat on the City Council at the April 9 election.

Uerkwitz, however, called for continued development of the airport for use by non-jet aircraft and said the airport will become "an important aviation terminal for the entire area."

Traffic Deaths Decline

SACRAMENTO—A decline in traffic fatalities in California, as compared to 1967, continued through both January and February, the California Highway Patrol reported.

By the end of February, the has been 666 persons reported killed in California traffic accidents, compared to the 720 killed during the first two months of 1967.

For February of this year, 322 persons were reported killed, as compared to 353 killed during February of last years.

Arrests by the CHP for traffic violations and drunk driving continued their upward trend during February. During that month, CHP officers arrested 155,540 persons, up 18,527 from a year earlier. Drunk driving arrests jumped from 2,717 in February, 1967, to 3,480 in February of this year, a gain of 28.1 per cent.

For the first two months of 1968, arrests totaled 325,952 and drunk driving arrests 276,007 a year ago and drunk driving arrests of 5,508

Freeway Hearing Planned

SACRAMENTO—The California Highway Commission will hold a public hearing in Lynwood April 16 to consider the location of about nine miles of the future Century Freeway (Route 42).

The section under consideration extends a previously adopted freeway routing easterly from Central Avenue near 118th Street in Los Angeles to the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) in Norwalk.

The hearing will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Auditorium, 4200 Imperial Highway, Lynwood. It was requested by the cities of Compton and Norwalk.

A Correction

In a story which appeared in Wednesday's editions of the Press-Herald, it was reported in error that all 11 candidates for the Torrance City Council had been invited to address the Del Amo Republican Women's Club.

By-laws of the National Federation of Republican Women, with which the local club is affiliated, requires that only Republican candidates may address member units — even in non-partisan elections.

As a result, only those candidates who are members of the Republican Party had been invited to address the luncheon meeting last Thursday.

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based at Torrance Municipal Airport."

UERKWITZ called the local airport "one of the finest and most active light plane general aviation airports in the country," and said it is ideally suited for use by private pilots and small plane owners.

"We are entering an age when STOL and VTOL aircraft will play an increasing-

ly important role in transportation," he said. "Torrance Municipal Airport is well set up now to accommodate these types of non-jet aircraft and there is no doubt that we will become an important aviation terminal for the entire area."

"I am in favor of this development. It leads to progress, additional income, and more business for Torrance."

UERKWITZ said he real-

izes that pressures to base jets here will be increased since the Van Nuys airport denied jet franchises. He also noted that Los Angeles and Long Beach airports are equipped to handle all types of commercial jets and added, "It makes no sense whatsoever to destroy property values here by permitting jet aircraft to come screaming in and out of Torrance Municipal Airport."

"Not only would we open ourselves up to millions of dollars of lawsuits, but more important, the peace, tranquility, and comfort of thousands of Torrance homeowners and property values would be thoroughly destroyed," he said.

"As a councilman, I will do everything possible to see that jets are not based at Torrance Municipal Airport," Uerkwitz concluded.



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