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AIRPORT IS MENTIONED IN LETTER

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not show even reasonable courtesy to the government in this matter.

You as mayor have a double responsibility in connection with this airport. This field represents a parcel of land which is the equivalent of a large subdivision, a parcel of land that has been taken off the tax rolls, and from which no further taxes can be obtained by the city. This is all the more reason why steps should have been taken long ago to obtain from this facility all of the revenue it is possible to obtain.

Yet to this day the city has no more than a temporary contractual arrangement with the operator which gives the city 25 percent of the revenues, and which last year netted the city some \$1000 from a \$2,000,000 facility! The present arrangement does not give the city a percentage on the oil and gasoline sold on its own property!

Since I refused to approve the carefully-drawn lease presented by the operator in the agenda session of a council meeting months ago—a lease that would have permitted the spending of public funds without due process of law—there has been no better arrangement obtained for the city, and no call for bids to ascertain whether a lease more advantageous to the city could be obtained.

Some of our large industrial taxpayers might well ask "Why?" on this one.

This is brought up at this time because the new city budget, which shows an increase of some \$240,000 over last year's budget, is ready for final adoption as soon as the new assessed valuation is obtained from the county assessor.

Second, there is the 10-cent tax which you propose to levy next year on each \$100 assessed valuation for parks, music and advertising. I have warned you that you have not as yet obtained the proper legal authority for such a levy now that Torrance is a chartered city, yet you have set up this item in the new city budget and propose to proceed to levy a 10-cent tax.

The law in this instance states:

The Council, board of trustees or other legislative body of any city or municipal corporation within this state, EXCEPT FREEHOLDERS' CHARTER CITIES, may levy and collect a tax not to exceed 15 cents on each \$100 for the purpose of providing and maintaining parks and music and for advertising purposes; and use and expend the money realized from such tax in any manner that may be deemed best by such council, board of trustees or other legislative body.

The manner of using such tax, and the time of collecting the same shall be provided by ordinance levying such tax; provided however, that such ordinance shall not become effective until the same shall have been submitted to the electors of such municipal corporation at a special election to be held for that purpose; and such legislative body shall give notice of such election by publication at least once a week for a period of four weeks prior to such election in a newspaper printed and published in such municipal corporation. Such notice shall contain a copy of said ordinance and the electors shall be invited thereby to vote for or against the same. If upon canvassing the votes at such an election it is found that a majority of the votes so cast are in favor of said ordinance the same shall become effective, and said tax shall be levied and collected and used in the manner provided therein.

The city of Torrance is a freeholder charter city as you well know, and became such on the 7th of January 1947 when the state Legislature by joint resolution of the Senate and Assembly approved said charter and the charter was filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of California.

Inasmuch as the law just quoted specifically eliminated charter cities of the privilege of using said 15-cent tax or any part of it, how come that you determined to make a 10-cent levy for your 1947 budget before complying with the law by calling a special election, and thereby invite the vote of the people to authorize such a levy.

Because no such authorization has been obtained from the electorate, it is illegal for the Council to levy such a tax.

You have qualified legal counsel retained at the taxpayers' expense to advise you in such matters, yet you persist in levying such a tax when there is no legal authority for it.

Ten cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation is not "hay" when you consider that we have several individual tax bills paid by corporations to whom this levy will mean between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Since industry pays more than 85 percent of the taxes in this city it is probable that this item will receive careful scrutiny by their counsel.

Mr. Mayor, the city cannot afford to do business in other than a legal manner. In all my 45 years of legal practice as a county prosecutor, corporation counsel and in private practice I can truthfully say that I have never encountered such an attitude in municipal affairs where the mayor deliberately disregarded the advice of counsel and steered his ship without a legal rudder.

Sincerely,
C. Douglass Smith
City Attorney

Auto Accident Injures Girls

While waiting for a signal light to change at Pacific Coast Highway and Garnett street in Redondo Beach, two Torrance teen-age girls were injured when an automobile collided with an ambulance on an emergency run and careened into them while they stood at the curb.

Treated at the Harbor General Hospital, the girls gave their names as Lois Cominski, 16, of 1619 Greenwood avenue and Alene Folmer, 14, of 2804 Andro avenue.

SMALL FARM FRUIT GROWERS TO MEET HERE SATURDAY

A meeting on irrigation and the general care of avocados will be held by the agricultural extension service next Saturday, July 24, at 10 a.m. for small farm fruit growers.

The meeting will be held at the small farm orchard of Dr. R. F. Belle, 25131 Narbonne avenue. Anyone interested in avocados is invited.

CATCHING CATFISH

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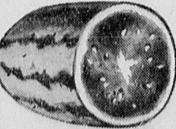
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