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Residents Enter Battle on Signs

Firm, Residents Tiff Over Signs

Traffic and signs were the bones of contention as angry residents clashed with representatives of the Palos Verdes Riviera Corp. this week.

Angered by what they termed excessive truck traffic during the week and sightseeing traffic on week ends, several residents of Calle Mayor, Via Los Miradores, and Avenida Atazada tore down signs directing traffic to the new housing development.

Some of the points at issue were discussed at a Tuesday night meeting between Sylvester Morning, representative of Developer Harry Kissel, and about 20 residents of the area. Police Chief Willard Haslam also attended the meeting.

At the meeting, Morning assured residents that he would try to get trucks delivering construction equipment to take a route other than that which follows the 24-foot streets past Riviera School. He suggested that the trucks might follow Calle Mayor up to Via Monte D'Oro, south to the wider Calle de Arboles, and then to the new housing development, located at the eastern end of Calle de Arboles.

Residents asked that the trucks be routed along Pacific Coast Hwy. to Palos Verdes Blvd., back along Calle de Arboles, which is wider than the present route. This would avoid both Riviera and Newton Schools.

Morning also said that he would try to speed work on an access road from the east, which would furnish another route for trucks. Known as Vista del Montana, the road would lead to the new tract from a point near Newton St. and Anza Ave.

Ask New Road Meeting at the home of Herbert Shirley, 31 Via Los Miradores, residents claimed that the Kissel company had delayed work on the access road unnecessarily, and asked that the road, a requirement placed in the tract by order of the City Council, be constructed as soon as possible.

Morning claimed that work on the road had been delayed by a lack of sewer pipe. The pipe has arrived, he said, and he hoped that the road could be completed within 12 weeks. Last Saturday, several residents took down signs pointing the way to the new housing development, claiming that the signs created an unnecessary traffic hazard and that they were forbidden by terms of deeds to all property in Hollywood Riviera.

Children's Safety Sought Residents said that they feared for the safety of their cars and especially their children when Riviera School opens again in two weeks. Mrs. Robert Holden said she had taken down a sign at the corner of Calle Mayor and Via Los Miradores, by her home Saturday, when she was stopped by one of the company's security guards. He threatened her with arrest and called an officer, who declined to arrest her, she said.

According to nearby homeowners, the Palos Verdes Riviera Corp. had erected signs both in parkways and on several city-owned strips in front of residents' homes. After the clash over removing the signs Saturday, cars bearing signs directing prospective buyers to the new tract were parked up and down the area in question.

Battle Starts In retaliation, nearby homeowners parked their cars in front and back of the City Council, Tuesday night, asking for help in their fight against the signs and traffic. Councilman Victor E. Benstead, Jr. moved that an ordinance restricting the placing of signs on city-owned property be drawn up, and the matter studied further.

'Y' Secretary Resigns, Hunt On for Snipers Stanley G. Roberts, executive secretary of the Torrance YMCA for several years, has resigned to accept a teaching assignment with the Torrance Unified School District. Police have opened an area-wide search for snipers who have ambushed four motorists along Sepulveda Blvd. in a July 19 "big-time" robbery. "Thunder" Stern, Mildred Baker has been named chairman of the Torrance Area Youth Band-Artists Concert series for this fall.

These were three of the stories carried in detail last Monday in the first of the Torrance HERALD. These stories were published along with interviews with two new foreign students who have arrived in Torrance to enter school here this fall. Also reported in Monday's HERALD was the appointment of Dr. Joseph Bay as chairman of the advance gifts committee in Torrance for the Community Chest, the proposed promotion of two veteran police officers, the establishment of a scholarship honoring J. A. Kirby, a CAP flyer who died following a plane crash in Rolling Hills.

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Freak Wind Hits Peninsula Area

Torrance residents hunted up electric fans and cool drinks yesterday as the city noted its hottest day in two years, and it wasn't all generated by the Nashua-Swaps race either.

Thermometers at the Torrance Fire Station hit 96 degrees, recording the hottest day since the mercury registered a sizzling 103 degrees on October 5, 1953. This marks the first time this year that temperatures have topped 90 degrees.

Weather earlier this week gave no indication of the heat to come, as Monday's and Tuesday's highs were 74 and 79, respectively.

At the same time, a freakish southeast wind whipped the area, ripping limbs from trees and scattering debris through the streets. Worst hit was the Palos Verdes area, where streets were nearly impassable at times during the morning gales.

By noon, the sun won out over the wind as easily as Nashua took Swaps, and the mercury rose steadily higher. Torrance temperatures, usually 10 to 15 degrees cooler than downtown Los Angeles, weren't that way yesterday, as the city of the Angels reported a high of 97.

It would make local residents a cooler, they think back to the coldest day this year—Jan. 9, when the thermometer dropped to 35 degrees.

Escapée to Face Trial Ralph Withrow faces trial today in South Bay Municipal Court, as a result of recent allegations with his former wife, a Torrance resident.

Withrow escaped June 15 from a Pennsylvania mental institution. It is not known whether or not he will be returned to Pennsylvania authorities.

He had originally been reported as missing for eight years and presumed dead, by his former spouse.

Flooded Areas Need More Aid

With thousands of persons from Torrance and Southern California opening their hearts and purses for sufferers in six eastern states, Torrance's Red Cross chairman, Mayor Albert Isen, reported that contributions to the emergency relief fund early this week had approached a total of \$180,000, leaving only another \$25,000 to raise before completing the latest quota of \$175,000.

The Los Angeles Red Cross chapter goal jumped from \$150,000 to \$175,000 following a report from National headquarters which revealed that more than 10,000 families have applied for Red Cross rehabilitation assistance "with the figure climbing steadily as disaster specialists continue the slow and painstaking job of tabulating known damage."

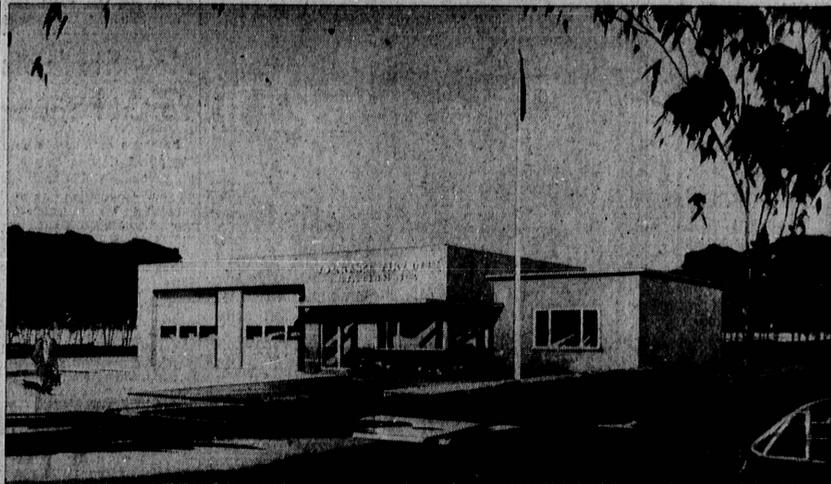
Homes Destroyed Isen said the report disclosed that 922 homes are completely destroyed, with 5035 additional homes suffering major damage.

The "generous and swift" response to Red Cross's appeal on behalf of afflicted neighbors in the United States was reflected all over the world, according to the local chairman, who pointed out that efforts of financial assistance accompanied notes of sympathy from a half dozen foreign country representatives.

"This international response," he said, "attests to the extent and strength of the Red Cross creed—'people helping people in time of need.'"

Aid Extended Nations which extended aid and sympathy through the international Red Cross were Great Britain, Netherlands, Austria, Canada, France, Australia, and Venezuela, while 1,000 emergency kits containing personal items for use by disaster sufferers were being shipped by air from members of the Austrian Junior Red Cross.

Urging those who wish to help to send gifts into "The Red Cross Disaster Fund," 1200 So. Vermont, for immediate transmittal to the disaster areas, Isen concluded his report by saying "most of the headlines on the flood are gone, but Red Cross today is in the midst of rehabilitation surveys and work which will keep trained crews on this job alone well into 1956."



NEW NORTH TORRANCE STATION—Bids will be called soon for the remodeling of the North Torrance Fire Station No. 3 which is shown above in the architect's drawing. City Council this week approved final plans for the remodeling which will add to the dormitory and kitchen facilities of the station as well as remodel the exterior. This project will wind up the modernization of the Torrance Fire Department from bond monies voted last year.

Danish Student Will Live Here

In Denmark, if somebody tells you that your slip is showing, nobody gets at all excited. That's because a "slip" in Danish is a "tie" in English.

This is one of the differences in language which faces Ole Askhave, 17-year-old student from Aalborg, Denmark, who will live this year with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harvey, of 23044 Doris Way.

Although he will live in Torrance, he will attend Hawthorne High School, where Harvey is a counselor and teacher. He arrived in Torrance last week under the American Field Service program, and will be one of two foreign students studying at Hawthorne High.

Language difficulties, although there are some, aren't really very serious since Ole has taken five years of English in school, as well as four years of German and one of Swedish. Another difference in American and Danish terms, Ole noted, is the use of the word, "athletics," which here refers to all sports, but in Denmark means only track and field events.

From his father, a wrestler in the 1924 Olympics, Ole inherited a love of athletics. Ole himself placed second in all-Danish competition in the shot put for his age group last year. His toss was a healthy 13 1/2 meters, or about 47 feet.

Likes Athletics He is looking forward to competition in high school athletics here, although they are set up on a little different basis than in Denmark. Danish schools have no athletic program, although many people there belong to athletic clubs on the outside. Since he was seven years old, Ole worked out daily at the gym taking part in gymnastics and various track and field events.

He is also an amateur photographer and took many pictures enroute to America. Ole learned about the American Field Service program through his school, from which he graduated last year. Having heard of America as a "great paradise," he decided that he would like to see the United States and study here.

Hopes to Go to School After his year here, Ole, who hopes to become an electrical mechanic, will return to Denmark to serve his four-year apprenticeship in a factory there. Then, he will serve 18 months in the Danish Army. If finances permit, he hopes then to be able to attend a university.

His father is a cement factory employee, and he has a brother, 27, and a sister, 22. Ole has made himself at home at the local beaches, where he finds the air warmer, but the water colder than in his homeland.



CHAMPIONSHIP FORM—Ole Askhave, Danish exchange student, shows his little "brother," Neal Harvey, his shot put form, which last year won him second place in all-Danish competition for his age group. Askhave is living in Torrance, but will study at Hawthorne High School.

Torrance Family Struck By Polio

Life took a decided turn for the worse for a young Torrance couple Friday when the husband, an employee of Longren Aircraft Co., was taken to Los Angeles County General Hospital with bulbar polio, leaving his wife and two small children without a means of support.

When Robert Grout, 23, was rushed to the contagious disease ward of the county hospital Friday it was the second time in 10 years that he had become afflicted with polio. He had suffered an attack of the dreaded crippling when he was 13, in his former hometown of Des Moines, Ia.

Grout and his wife, Nona, and their two children ages 11 months and 2 years, arrived in Torrance barely two months ago from their native Des Moines. For a while they stayed with some friends, then took Jack Gardner, 30, of 1860 Torrance in the Seaside area.

Rent Now Paid The young couple had paid their rent to landlord Pat Partridge, 4722 Reynolds Dr., through September. Mrs. Grout is wondering how she can pay the rent after this month, and how she can clothe and feed her two wee youngsters.

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Banks to Close Monday, Friday

Torrance banks will be closed for two days next week, according to officials of the California Bank and the Bank of America.

The banks will close Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day, and again Friday, Sept. 9, in observance of Admission Day.

Both banks will be open Thursday evening until 6 p.m.

Most Torrance merchants also will close their doors Monday, according to Carl C. Duncan, president of the Retail Merchants Assn. The stores will remain open Friday evening as usual, however, he said.

The HERALD office will be closed Monday, Labor Day.