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A RECORD PLEDGE . . . A. E. "Tommy" Thompson (left), manager of the General Petroleum Refinery here, hands his company's pledge for \$100,000 to Sam Levy for the Little Company of Mary Hospital to be built in Torrance. Levy was named chairman of the drive yesterday. (Story on Page 9). (Herald Photo)



A LIGHT MOMENT . . . Industrial Chairman G. L. Revell (left), applies liberal quantity of bandages and patches to General Petroleum's R. L. "Bob" Plomert Jr., for his part in securing the firm's \$100,000 pledge for Little Company of Mary Hospital. Revell pledged to be a Mobil booster hereafter. (Herald Photo)

Samoan Governor, Wife Visiting Local Relatives

Colemans Return from Washington Ceremony

Torrance has visitors from paradise this week end. They aren't angels from heaven, but instead, Gov. and Mrs. Peter Tali Coleman, visiting here from Samoa.

Enroute back to Samoa from attending the inaugural ceremonies in Washington, D. C., the Colemans are visiting his sister, Mrs. Max Hannemann, 22819 Madrona Ave.

The governor's descriptions of his home would make most Americans drool. A tropical group of five islands, Samoa has a climate not dissimilar to that of Los Angeles.

Simpler Life
Life on Samoa is much freer and easier than in the United States, Gov. Coleman reported. There are fewer worries, fewer heart attacks, and the average person doesn't start to gray until his late 50's. Crime is virtually non-existent

among Coleman's land of 21,000 happy people, with almost no traffic problems created by the 150 cars there. There is no smog either.

Coleman said his land is one of happy, trusting people. Complete strangers on the island are often invited to dinner by the natives, he said, and it is considered an insult to refuse an offered favor.

First Native Governor
The first native governor of his island, Coleman was appointed last October by President Eisenhower, after previously serving as attorney general and public defender on the island. He holds a law degree from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

Law practice in Samoa is much simpler than in the United States, Coleman reported. Cases are confined mainly to disputes with the many

clans on the island, boundary disputes, and marital troubles. Criminal cases are virtually non-existent, he reported.

Growing Old
Nobody worries about growing old in Samoa, because the older a person is, the more he is respected, the governor reported. Coleman himself is an exception, since at 37, he is the island's governor. He gained considerable prestige through his rise from private to captain in the American Army during the last war.

Although Samoa is but eight hours away from Los Angeles by jet plane, its economy is still rather simple. Production of coconuts and copra and fishing are among the main occupations there.

The Navy played an important part in development of his homeland, Coleman said. His

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THE GOVERNOR AND HIS LADY . . . Gov. Peter Tali Coleman of Samoa, admires the costume which his wife wore at the recent inauguration ceremonies in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Coleman modeled the dress for Torrance relatives during their stay here. She reported that the dress was probably one of the least expensive, but most discussed dresses at the inaugural ball. It features a black velvet top with a red skirt covered with hand-painted Samoan designs. She also wore native jewelry. A Samoan print is in the background. (Herald Photo)

Committee Eyes School Bus Need

Investigators from the Los Angeles Board of Education surveyed the transportation situation in the newly-opened Stephen M. White Junior High School District, as some 150 students remained "on strike" until the matter is settled. A seven-member committee made a tour of the area between Western and Vermont Aves., from 212th St. to Francisco St.

Residents from that area have presented a petition to the Board of Education, asking that buses be furnished to transport their children to school. There are no sidewalks

west of Normandie Ave. and children have to walk along the side of the road to the school, which is located at 22101 Figueroa St.

No Decision
Headed by Roy Arnheim, assistant superintendent in charge of junior high schools, the committee announced no recommendation Friday. Cartwright said a decision was expected early this week, however.

Mrs. J. W. Marley, 20911 Denker Ave., representing the group of parents who are keeping their children out of school until the matter is settled, said that the group would not relent until a decision on the transportation is reached. She expressed hope that the decision would be made soon.

Children Transferred
The children in the area formerly were taken by bus to the Robert Peary Junior High School in Gardena, but were transferred to White Junior High last Monday. Since their homes are within 2½ miles of the school, no transportation will be furnished, the board decided.

Hearing Called
A public hearing on the city's condemnation stand has been called by Mayor Albert Isen for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the city hall. Clubs and organizations throughout the city have been asked to present their views on the matter at the public hearing.

Cost of the proposal is apparently the theme to be used by opponents to the project. A bond issue of several million dollars would be needed to acquire the land and develop it. It will cost about \$1,000,000 to acquire the property, and according to official recreation

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NEW SCOUT HALL . . . Looking over the new Walteria Scout Hall, 25000 Madison St., which will be dedicated this afternoon are Don Matthews, vice president of the Walteria Business Men's Club, and Marilyn Jensen, Torrance Recreation Department leader. The new building, reserved for use of the area's Scouts, was built and finished entirely with volunteer labor and donations from local residents, organizations, and businessmen. (Herald Photo)

Dedication of Walteria's Scout Hall Planned Today

Buttons will be busting out all over the place this afternoon as proud community leaders dedicate the Walteria Scout Hall, 25000 Madison St., for use of the area's Boy and Girl Scouts, and their younger brothers and sisters, the Cubs and Brownies.

The public dedication ceremonies from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today will climax more than 18 months of cooperative community activity to get the new Scout building. Since most of the work was done on a volunteer basis, the cost was only about \$3500.

Wagner to Preside
Robert Wagner, president of the Walteria Business Men's Assn., will preside at the ceremonies, expected to be attended by leading Torrance officials. It will be dedicated to Charles Shepherd and Tommy Block, of the Torrance Sand and Gravel Co., which donated land for the structure.

The building itself contains a meeting hall, stage, kitchen, and rest room facilities. Situated on a hillside overlooking South Torrance, the building also contains a large stone fireplace. Plans are now being made to make camp sites for Scout troops in the hill area surrounding the building.

Started in 1955
The project originally started in October, 1955, when the Walteria Business Men's Assn. enlisted the support of various civic organizations and individuals to build the hall. The group got the old recreation building in Walteria Park and arranged to have it moved to its present site.

Volunteer members of the club and Scout fathers and leaders spent week ends and spare time in revamping the structure and various local firms donated much of the material used in its construction—concrete, stone, bricks, window frames, and lumber.

The area surrounding it was graded free of charge, and the rest room facilities were put in for cost. The city helped solve the problem of getting water up the slope to the building, and electricity was installed free.

Money Gathered
Money for the work was obtained by sales of Christmas trees which, in 1955, netted nearly \$1200 for the building. An "Honorary Mayor of Walteria" contest last summer also added to the funds, as well as many donations from individuals and firms.

The building will be reserved for the exclusive use of youngsters, club officials said. The nine Scout troops in the Walteria area will be able to use the hall for their meetings and other activities.

"The Business Men's Club is grateful to all the people and organizations who have supported this project through material, cash, or labor," Wagner declared. "It will be a wonderful thing for the Scouts of this area."

Annexation Gets Planners' Okay

Studying a busy agenda Wednesday night, the Torrance Planning Commission:

1. Recommended annexation of the Crenshaw area of Rolling Hills to the city of Torrance.
2. Recommended approval of an exploratory oil well on the south border of the city, just west of Crenshaw.

3. Recommended approval of apartment zoning for 17 lots along Redondo Beach Blvd., east of Ainsworth, after a heated debate.

4. Recommended a variance allowing Torrance Sand and Gravel Products to extract sand from part of its south Torrance property now zoned for residential purposes.

Annexation Recommended
The planners recommended annexation of the area bounded by Palos Verdes Dr. N., Crenshaw Blvd., and the present Torrance and Palos Verdes Estates city boundaries, but took no action of the discussed annexations of Lomita, Redondo Beach, or the Narbonne section of Rolling Hills.

One exploratory oil well will make its appearance in south Torrance if a recommendation by the Torrance Planning Commission is approved by the City Council.

K. S. Senes's petition for a variance and conditional permit to drill a well just west of Crenshaw Blvd. on the south Torrance boundary received an OK from the planners, providing he takes necessary steps to prevent noise or other nuisance.

In a heated hearing, the planners finally approved an (R-3) apartment zoning for 17 lots along Redondo Beach Blvd. east of Ainsworth. The vote was 7-2, with Commissioners John Mulvihill and Thirvin Fleetwood dissenting.

Residents of the area had attacked plans to erect the apartments on the property and some declared they had been told that the property was zoned for single residences.

Jack Spahn, representing the Barclay Engineering Co., told the planners that his client, Wayne L. Nelson, couldn't get financing on anything smaller than four-unit apartments.

Residents had agreed to have three-unit apartments at the location, with no rear windows, off-alley garages, and solid fences and doors to insure privacy.

Angry Exchanges
There were angry exchanges between residents and officials representing the petitioner.

Planning Commissioner Bert Lynn said that the property should logically be zoned for commercial use, as it is the only strip along Redondo Beach Blvd. from Hawthorne to Arlington Aves. which is not so zoned.

In other action, the planners held first hearings on two rezoning cases, with no serious objections presented.

Changes Sought
The first case involves commercial zoning for property south of 182nd St. from Hawthorne Ave. to Ashley Ave. The second involves commercial

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JOHN FEDOR
... Heads Newest Union

Rome Cable Union to Sign Pact

Ratification of the first contract here with Rome Cable Corp. was announced yesterday by John Fedor, president of United Steelworkers of America Local 5493.

Membership of the new union, which won a Nov. 8 election to represent workers at the plant, voted to accept the terms of the new contract yesterday. It will be signed this week.

Plans to put the city's newest labor organization on the official AFL-CIO rolls have been mapped out by Fedor and other officers of the new local. An installation of officers and presentation of the union's charter has been scheduled for Saturday evening, Feb. 23.

Officers to be installed with Fedor include Loren Dawes, vice president; Robert Brown, recording secretary; Robert O'Toole, financial secretary; Thomas Henry, treasurer; David Parker, guide; Patrick Spino and Jerome Connelly, guards; and Ahti Olavie Ahlgren, Tony Schell, and Lionel Livingston, trustees.