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# U. S. SAYS TRUJILLO AIDE IS NOT 'IMMUNE' TO TORRANCE ARREST

## A Penny for your Thoughts

With the cry, "Play Ball," thousands of Torrance youngsters recently dashed onto the baseball fields for the start of the 1958 Little League season.

The organized ball program has been criticized in many quarters, so The Torrance Herald's inquiring photographer laid aside his bat and glove and went out to ask:

"Do you think Little League baseball is good for youngsters? Why or why not?"

Mrs. Kathleen Carroll, 2075 Torrance Blvd., housewife:

"Yes, I think Little League baseball is good for youngsters. It keeps their minds active and keeps the youngsters busy. It also teaches them good sportsmanship."

Mrs. Mildred Veleky, 5026 Marion Ave., housewife:

"I definitely think it is good. We do not have sports like this in Europe. The children over here are much stronger, both mentally and physically, than they are in Europe, as the result of such programs as your Little League."

Fred Welckert, 1669 West 215th St., pipe fitter:

"The Little League is very good. My brother's kids play Little League ball in the East . . . they really go for the program back there. It keeps the kids out of trouble. It's something all kids should do. Mothers and dads don't have to worry about them."

C. W. Smith, Monticello, (Ark.) store manager:

"I think Little League is good. Some day we're going to need somebody better than the Los Angeles Dodgers. It teaches the youngsters how to play baseball. They've got to learn some time."

Jim Sanders, Monticello (Ark.) barber:

"It's good. It gives the kids something to do and keep them off the streets. It also keeps the meanness out of them and at the same time it works their energy off."

## Candidates End Board Campaign

Nine candidates seeking a seat on the Torrance Board of Education wound up their campaign this week end and will wait now until Tuesday's voting to see who is named to the two seats at stake.

Final bid of the candidates came Friday night at the Edison School in north Torrance where six of the nine candidates outlined their stand to a small crowd and answered questions from the floor.

Present at the meeting were William C. Boswell, Clinton Cooke, Robert H. Ellis, John Merriell, E. S. Ryon and Cecil Sampson. Dr. Cortum was in Sacramento at a medical meeting, Charlton Mewborn and E. Ray Walker both sent word that they were unable to attend the meeting. Clyde Haslet read a statement from Dr. Cortum while Cooke spoke for Mewborn.

Cooke, who is seeking his first election to the post he has held for nearly two years, said he subscribed to the basic belief of district administrators that "our kind of society calls for the maximum development of all the children."

Criticizes Board  
Boswell, who is making his second bid for election to the board, said, "We don't have to believe everything our public administrators tell us," when referring to some of the statistics put out on how good Torrance schools are. He accused the present board of "burying its head in the sand," and not trying to check the "mad dash to take our children further into the darkness of mediocrity."

While speaking for Dr. Cortum, Haslet reported that California had dropped from 5th to 35th in national ranking in scholastic achievement in the last 18 years.

Merriell, an engineer, said he was not looking to turn the schools into an engineering society, but emphasized that he believed that the academic standards need to be bolstered. Nearly all of the candidates have agreed during the campaign that the school district has done an outstanding job in providing facilities for the tremendously increased student population of the city.

Incumbents Disagree  
However, a majority of the candidates have repeated in the public meetings that they are seeking election in their belief that the academic standards need to be raised.

This is denied by the incumbents, who maintain that the schools are doing a good job, both in the building program and academically.

The current campaign has been one of the most vigorous in the history of the local district, which was organized here in 1947 after withdrawal from the Los Angeles School system.

Candidates have appeared before service clubs, homeowners groups, and other organizations during the past weeks, and the city's PTA units are concentrating on a telephone drive to "get the vote out." The units are urging only that the people vote, however.

The polls, established in most schools of the city, will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. For information regarding where to vote, residents may call the school district at FA 8-8080.

## May 20 School Election Data

The school election at a glance.

DATE—Tuesday, May 20, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

POLLS—Precincts have been combined and voting places established in the city's schools. Voters were notified by card of their polling place.

CANDIDATES—Nine men seeking one of the two posts at stake on the Torrance board of education. Candidates include William C. Boswell Jr., Clinton C. Cooke, Dr. Donald Cortum, Robert H. Ellis, John Merriell, Charlton A. Mewborn, E. S. Ryon II, Cecil Sampson, and E. Ray Walker.

TABULATION—Ballots, except absentee voters ballots, will be tabulated at the polling places and the results reported to the district office after the polls close. Complete returns will be published in the Thursday, May 22, HERALD.

## Student Wins Firm Award

Leila Santor, North High senior, has been selected to receive the Outstanding Student Award, given by the California Savings and Loan Assn. With her award, she will receive a check for one hundred dollars, a medallion and an opportunity to enter an essay contest for one thousand dollars to be held May 24th.

The award is based on scholarship, student activities and personality. Miss Santor is former vice president of the student body, commissioner of publicity and club coordinator.

## To The Citizens Of Torrance

Dear Citizen:

Here it is almost summer-time again, and school will dismiss very soon for summer vacation. This will mean the streets will be filled with bike riders and many young boys and girls playing in front of their homes. To those of us on the police department this means increased danger to the motorist. It means we the drivers of the cars must exercise more caution than ever before.

To those of us on the police department it means more accidents and more people killed or injured unless you the citizens of our community make a special effort to stamp out this useless killing and injuring.

We beg your support and aid. We know you will help us to make our city a safe place to work, shop, and play. Let's all be extra careful and make this a safe and sane summer for all.

Remember, "The life you save may be your own."

### SOMEBODY'S BOY

Somebody's boy was crossing the street.  
Innocent, young and fair,  
He hadn't the judgment of older folks,  
He didn't see danger there.  
Somebody's boy had a song on his lips,  
But it died in an instant away,  
For a motorist ran the little boy down,  
And he died at the close of the day.  
Somebody kneels by an empty bed,  
And fondles a little shoe,  
Somebody looks through the empty years,  
Suppose this somebody were you?

—Your Police Department



ART WINNER . . . Mrs. Eric Swansson displays her winning entry in the art division of the Torrance Flower, Art, and Hobby Show being held this week end in the Torrance Civic Auditorium. Mrs. Swansson's entry was judged the best of show in the art division.

## Douglas Vote Next Sunday Set by Union

Douglas Aircraft Co. IAM employes in the Torrance, El Segundo and Santa Monica plants will vote May 25 on a contract proposal by the company.

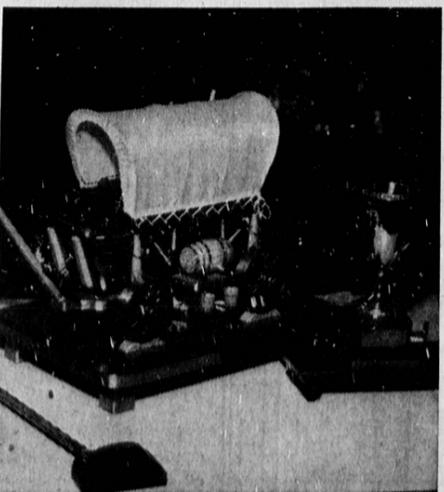
The vote by the IAM membership will follow by a week this Sunday's vote by Long Beach Douglas workers, members of Local 148 of the United Auto Workers, on an identical contract offer.

Announcement by IAM officials of the vote to ratify or reject the agreement was made by Lodges 720 and 1578 representing about 34,000 workers in the three Douglas plants.

The agreements provide pay raises to 2 to 11 cents an hour inclusion of a 16-cent cost-of-living scale and a choice of two medical insurance plans.



FLOWER WINNER . . . Mrs. Victor E. Benstead received the trophy for the best flower entry in the Flower, Art, and Hobby show now in progress at the Torrance Civic Auditorium. The show will remain open from noon to 9 p.m. today.



WINNING HOBBY . . . This hand carved covered wagon entered by George Hickey, now at Harbor General Hospital, was given the top award in the current Flower, Art, and Hobby Show. Judging was completed Friday and the show has been attracting large audiences since it was opened.

## Sued Due Back In Local Court

The arrest of Lt. Gen. Rafael Trujillo Jr.'s personal secretary here Friday on charges of drunk driving did not violate any diplomatic immunity agreements, the U. S. State Department said yesterday.

Victor Sued, 29, aide to the son of the Dominican Republic's president, was arrested near Hawthorne and Redondo Beach Blvds. early Friday morning, and immediately claimed he was entitled to diplomatic immunity.

The U. S. announcement was greeted here by noticeable sighs by two Torrance police officers, R. H. Bozanson and Philip Wilson, who arrested Sued after they observed him "weaving back and forth" on Hawthorne Blvd.

Smashes Film Holder  
The Dominican Republic official was incensed when photographers tried to take his picture at the Torrance police station early Friday. One Long Beach photographer had a film holder smashed, but managed to protect an exposed film of the subject.

Sued was taken before Municipal Judge John A. Shidler here and was ordered to return Wednesday morning for arraignment on the drunk driving charge. He was released on his own recognizance at the request of Consul Adolfo Camarena. Pleas that he was entitled to immunity were denied by Judge Shidler and Police Chief Percy Bennett, and their stand was backed yesterday by the U. S. State Department announcement that Sued's name did not appear on the diplomatic list.

Investigation Hinted  
Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio) had threatened a congressional investigation if Sued was granted diplomatic immunity from prosecution.

Arresting Officers Wilson and Bozanson said Sued was driving a 1958 Cadillac when they observed it about 4:30 a.m. Friday on Hawthorne Blvd. The vehicle was reportedly registered to General Trujillo.

Sued told newsmen later in Los Angeles that he had attended a dinner in San Pedro where he was visiting an old friend from the Dominican Republic. He said he got lost trying to find Western Ave.

## Testimonial Dinner Set For Murdock

Final day for local residents to purchase tickets for the testimonial dinner which will honor President and Mrs. Forrest G. Murdock of El Camino College, will be Thursday. Sponsored by campus employees, students, alumni, and friends of the educator and Mrs. Murdock, the dinner will be held in the Campus Center at 7:30 o'clock May 24.

Tickets are available through the student store in the Campus Center or in the college business office.

President Murdock, active in the field of education for the past 42 years, will retire from his post as president of the college and superintendent of the El Camino Junior College District on August 1.

## Delinquency On Agenda

Juvenile delinquency in this area will be discussed by detectives Jack Findlay and Jack Freeland of the Redondo Police Department at a meeting of the Temple Menorah Sisterhood to be held at the Temple Monday, May 26, at 8:30 p.m.

## Elks to Show Feature Film On Narcotics

The anti-narcotics educational program, sponsored by Torrance Lodge 1948, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will be resumed on Thursday with the showing of the film entitled "The Narcotics Story."

This film is a full length feature and was only recently released to theaters for public viewing.

The program will start at 8 p.m. in the Elks' lodge room at 1951 W. Carson St. Sgt. Mickey Fisher of the Torrance police department, co-chairman of the committee, will be in charge. Sgt. Fisher, formerly assigned to the local juvenile division, is qualified to answer questions on the subject of narcotics and to tell how serious the problem is in Torrance.

This program is sponsored by the Elks as a public service.

## All-Transistor Brain Slated For Bombings

The first transistorized electronic brain for automatic bombing and navigation, has been developed by Bell Telephone Laboratory engineers according to local Pacific Telephone manager R. S. Pyle.

Called "Tradic," the system resulted from one of the earliest applications of transistors for the U. S. Air Force to airborne digital computers. From this program came the first all transistor computer, announced by the Bell Labs in 1955.

The basic principles of Tradic were applied to a new computer which developed into the first all-transistor bombing and navigation system for the Air Force. In addition to a transistorized digital computer, the system includes a partially transistorized radar, encoding and decoding devices, decimal display devices, the plane's instruments, and navigational equipment.

The new Tradic is the fastest airborne digital computer system available. It can perform 62,500 basic computations per second and processes flight and other data fed by the operator and the aircraft instruments. The system makes available to the Air Force a completely new approach to achieving the accuracy, reliability and ease of operation required of modern, airborne weapons systems.

## Harbor Freeway Bids Due Early This Summer

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reports that G. T. McCoy, State Highway Engineer, has advised him that construction bids for extension of the Harbor freeway from 124th street to 190th street are now scheduled to be advertised the latter part of June or early in July, "with the possibility that it may be advertised earlier than that if arrangements can be made."

The Harbor freeway carries 190,000 cars, trucks and buses each day.