

# Council to Discuss New Airport Bond Proposal

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# SHOTS CLIMAX PARTY DISPUTE

### A Penny for your Thoughts

Do you think centers like Del Amo are an aid to shoppers in the area? Your "Penny Photographer" asked people shopping at the Broadway and the new Sears-Torrance stores this question. Their pictures and answers are recorded below.

**Sheila Vroman, 3217 Carson, housewife:**  
"Yes, they are so convenient and close to the heavily populated areas. I like department stores and the variety of items in them. I like shopping here and the easy parking."

**Louise Warden, 4301 Sepulveda, housewife:**  
"I like the Del Amo shopping center and find it very pleasant to make my purchases here. As I am without a car most of the time, I think it is wonderful that I can walk to and from the center."

**Mildred Kruger, 232 E. 157th St., Gardena, lab. technician:**  
"I like the Del Amo Center and do most of my shopping here. I like the display of merchandise in the stores and the convenience of shopping during my lunch hour."

**Clara McBride, 21626 Elginwood Dr., housewife:**  
"I love shopping at the new Del Amo Center stores. The parking is wonderful and the interiors are so bright and cheerful with such an attractive display of merchandise. It is just like shopping in the city without the traffic problems getting there."

**George Fish, 333 10th Pl., Manhattan Beach, Coleman Eng., designer:**  
"This center is definitely an aid to shoppers. I like the efficiency of having everything in one place. Parking is no difficulty here and there are no downtown traffic problems in getting here."

## Council Calls Study Session

Recommendations that the city put another airport improvement bond issue on the ballot will be among important airport matters to be discussed at an adjourned meeting of the city council here Monday evening. Members of the city's airport commission are being invited to meet with the council on the matters.

Discussions on a proposed airport bond issue were ordered by the council after the airport commission recommended

unanimously that the council place such an issue on the ballot.

No amount has been specified and the commission recommendation did not say whether the matter should be put on a special ballot or included on the ballot at the municipal elections next April.

**BONDS, IF approved,** would be used to finance field improvements with the aid of matching federal funds.

A general obligation bond issue, which would be paid for out of airport revenues, but backed by the city's general funds, failed to gain approval three years ago.

In other action before the council this week, the city fathers voted to place the municipal water department under the supervision of the director of public works.

**CITY MANAGER George W. Stevens' recommendation** that the city place the drainage sump for Walteria Lake in the airport runway approach zone was approved by the council, who had decided on the sump system rather than the more expensive tunnel to the sea.

Stevens also reported that the city had received another offer for lease of the airport property at the northeast corner of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd. He said Jefferson, Inc., which is developing the triangle area east of Crenshaw Blvd. on the airport corner, had offered a yearly rental of \$30,000 for the property, about 8½ acres.

The council delayed action for two weeks to check the offers from Jefferson, Inc., and other developers.



JOHN F. RICE Returns to Torrance

## U.S. Steel Moves Rice To Torrance

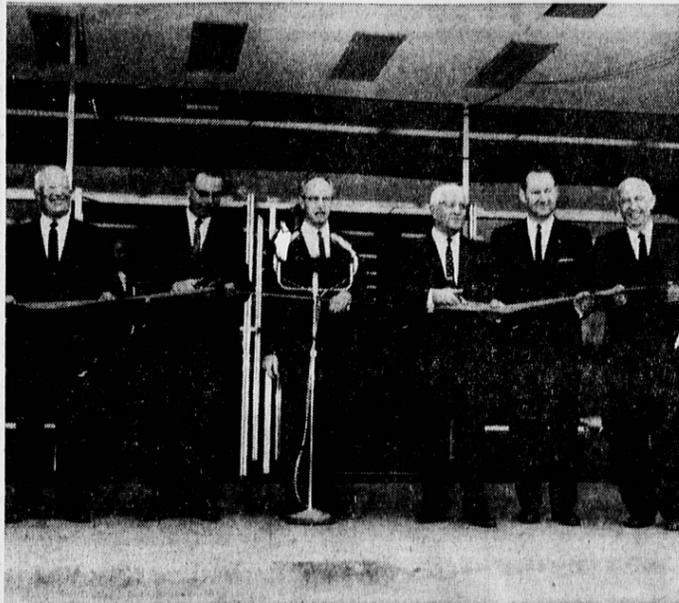
Appointment of John F. Rice as works auditor at Torrance Works of Columbia-Geneva Steel was announced today by J. E. Butler, comptroller, for this United States Steel division. He succeeds Albert L. Puetz, who has been placed on special assignment on Mr. Butler's staff. The changes are effective today.

Rice is a native of Los Angeles. He was graduated in 1939, from the University of Southern California, where he majored in accounting. He started with United States Steel in 1940 as a trainee at the Torrance plant, and spent his first nine years there, advancing to the position of assistant works auditor.

He was advanced to the position of supervisor - cost and statistics at the former Geneva Steel Company plant at Provo, Utah, in 1949, and held that position until 1953, when he was named cost planning supervisor in the San Francisco headquarters office.

The Rices now reside in Menlo Park. They have two daughters.

Puetz has been employed in accounting work for United States Steel at Torrance Works since 1928, when he started as timekeeping clerk. He was chief clerk prior to his appointment as works auditor in 1942. He resides with his family at 520 Paseo de las Estrellas.



**SEARS OPENED . . . Emcee Bill Welsh (at microphone) calls the shots as Sears officials and local civic leaders combined forces to snip the traditional ribbon to commemorate formal opening of the new Sears-Torrance here yesterday. From left are K. R. Barton, district manager; J. H. Paget, Torrance Chamber of Commerce president; Welsh; Supervisor Burton W. Chace; Store Manager J. G. Lowe; and A. T. Cushman, vice president of Sears. For background stories on the new Sears-Torrance and the store's opening specials, see Section VI, pages 49-60 in today's HERALD. (Herald Photo)**

## Councilmen, Mayor Scrap Over Commissions Again

Charges of "petty politics" and "conspiracy" were hurled during a heated discussion of commission appointments at the city council meeting here Tuesday evening.

Hurling the charges was Mayor Albert Isen, who had nominated David Halstead, Hollywood Rivieran, to succeed Laurence Wing on the city's planning commission. Three councilmen, Willys Blount, Nick Drale and Bob Jahn, voted against Halstead's appointment—saying they were voting against the appointment as a matter of principle, and were

not against Halstead as a commissioner.

Drale charged that nominations to commissions by the mayor were "a dictatorship."

Five improvement ordinances which would have placed stronger controls over development of home areas and sin-

gle lots not now covered by subdivision laws were deferred for a week so councilmen could study them further. Drale and John both opposed features of one of the ordinances which would have required developers of single lots to meet subdivision standards.

## Chace Flays Backers Of Municipal Bond Tax

Supervisor Burton W. Chace warned today that "another move is on the way to tax the interest paid on County and Municipal Bonds."

Declaring that such a move would make it "almost impossible" for local governments to finance schools, roads, hospitals, and other public facilities by bond issues, Chace said:

"I feel this Board of Supervisors and all other local governments throughout the County, State and Nation should be on guard against any such encroachment upon local government and its ability to finance its own projects."

**THE FOURTH District Supervisor** issued his warning after stating the proposal to tax the interest on local bonds will be presented before the House Ways and Means Committee when it holds hearings this Fall on the general revision of the income tax laws.

"This, of course, is not a new problem," Chace continued. "Periodically, certain groups in the County organize a campaign to tax local government securities which now are exempt from federal taxation. The argument is that most local government bonds are purchased by various interests in order to evade paying federal taxes."

"This, of course, is ridiculous. People buy County and Municipal bonds because they are a good investment and in turn, make it possible for us to finance our schools, our roads, flood control and many other projects."

## Two Injured By Neighbor

Pistol shots which wounded two men broke up a party in the North Torrance area early Sunday, according to police.

Arthur Squillace, 37, of 4134 W. 177th St., at whose home the party had been in progress, and Raymond J. Doucette, 32, of Rolling Hills, were treated for gunshot wounds after the shooting.

Roy Carter, 42, who lives at 4132 W. 177th St., was arrested by Torrance police and booked on a charge of suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder.

A FORMAL complaint issued later charged Carter with assault with a deadly weapon.

Carter told police he had become annoyed by loud party noise at the Squillace residence next door. Police were called to the Squillace home prior to the shooting.

episode, and were told that the party was breaking up.

LESS THAN an hour later, Carter called police to say he had shot his neighbor.

Squillace received gunshot wounds in his right thigh and right arm. Doucette received a flesh wound in the right shin.

Police said Carter used a .22-caliber pistol after Squillace and Doucette had approached his front porch. They were told by Carter that an obscenity had been uttered concerning his wife before he began shooting.

## 'Phone' Bandit Strikes

The area's phone booth bandit ran his take past the \$1000 mark over the week end as he hit stations at 9155 S. Western Ave. and at 3305 Sepulveda Blvd., both in Los Angeles.

Using a technique similar to other such robberies in the area, he obtained a total of \$880 in the two operations, which ran his string to eight, police said.

Working only service stations, the bandit calls from a nearby phone booth, tells the attendant usually that he is a dope addict and needs money, and instructs the attendant where to put the cash from the station.

Prior to the week-end operation, the bandit had hit stations in Torrance, Redondo Beach, the Lennox area, Gardena, and other nearby cities.

## 60 PAGES IN HERALD TODAY

Reflecting the Torrance-South Bay's rapidly growing commercial strength, the HERALD today numbers 60 pages in six separate sections. Advertising volume, both classified and display, reaches one of the top marks in the HERALD'S 45-year history. It is highlighted today by the special 12-page Sears grand opening section.

Recent expansion of mechanical facilities, coupled with the HERALD'S multi-color 64-page press capacity, enabled today's issue to be printed with routine dispatch.

Sears-Torrance is the latest firm to join the fast-growing list of leading independent and chain store organizations relying almost exclusively on the HERALD to carry their sales messages locally. More than 37,000 families now receive the HERALD regularly.



**FIRE SAFETY HINT . . . Fireman Gordon Clark gets an assist from Bonnie Jean Braugh as he checks over Fire Prevention Week display at the J. J. Newberry Co. store in downtown Torrance. The week of Oct. 4 has been set aside as Fire Prevention Week. (Herald Photo)**

## Nab Pair With Dope

A 22-year-old Torrance man was arraigned this week on a charge of possessing a dangerous drug after police arrested him and a companion struggling over a shoe at a North Torrance intersection.

Charged with the narcotics violation is Frank Hirata, of 18245 Amie Ave. Released for lack of evi-

dence was Delmar L. French, 19, of 4535 Narrot Ave.

The pair were arrested at 182nd St. and Amie Ave. when two police officers spotted them grappling for a shoe, which apparently belonged to Hirata. A search of the suspects turned up a pill in the shoe which was admittedly a barbiturate.



**COUNCIL AID FETED . . . Mrs. Bernice Goodwin, secretary to the city council and city commissions, was feted by more than 50 Torrance employees Tuesday who gathered to bid her farewell. She is leaving the city position to accept a job with a local industry. From left are Jo Ray, Jean Smuland, Mrs. Goodwin, Jan Hoffman, and Betty Schroeder.**