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# FUROR MOUNTS OVER ALONDRA

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"What role do you think the United States should follow in the trial of U-2 Pilot Francis Powers which begins Wednesday in Moscow?"

Answering were:

**Mr. E. Nettleton, 1406 1/2 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, unemployed:**  
"I've followed this in Newsweek, Time, and the newspapers all through, but I don't think the average person knows the whole story. The government does, but is not releasing it, I feel. At this stage, we can't do much about defending him, even if we wanted to. I don't think they will execute him, but will possibly give him a life sentence and already they have started to brainwash him."

**Mrs. Martha Gardner, 512 W. 214th St., housewife:**  
"My husband and I have discussed it and we think the United States should do something more about it than they have done. I don't think his parents and his wife being there will help any. He's guilty but it's not his fault, he was just following orders. He was prepared and knew the danger of the mission when he went on it, and I don't think he was shot down, but forced down."

**F. H. Baker, 1731 Schilling Dr., retired from Columbia Steel:**  
"It's such a mixed up affair but I feel that if the people of Russia would listen to the parents who have gone over there he'd be released. The situation over there is a bad one, and I don't think he will get a fair trial. If our government took too firm a stand we could get into a more critical situation than we are in now and they might detain his parents indefinitely."

**Mrs. G. W. Snyder, 209 W. 235th Street, housewife:**  
"I think our hands are tied as far as helping him any, at least at this stage of the game. I don't see how he could hardly be judged guilty when he was only following the orders of his superiors. I think it's his family who will suffer the most, regardless of what sort of sentence he gets."

**Mrs. E. W. Schneider, 2410 West 250th St., housewife:**  
"I have been following the course of events all along and have been wondering myself just what should be done. I do feel that the government should do something but just what I don't know."

## Circular Plan Gets Council's Solid Backing

An over-all design for development of the city's civic center received council approval this week and the architectural firm authorized to go ahead with renderings of the proposed program.

The council's unanimous action followed a presentation of the plan by Fred G. Adams of the firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp, and Wright.

DEVELOPMENT of the 30-acre center north of the present city hall, jail, court, and city plunge, would include eight facilities according to the master plan. The central facility would be an auditorium, and it would be surrounded with a library, museum, outdoor theater and bandshell, gymnasium, recreation center,

## Answers On Jahn Held Up

All was quiet on the water line front this week as a report asked for last week by Mayor Albert Isen was not ready in time for Tuesday night's council meeting.

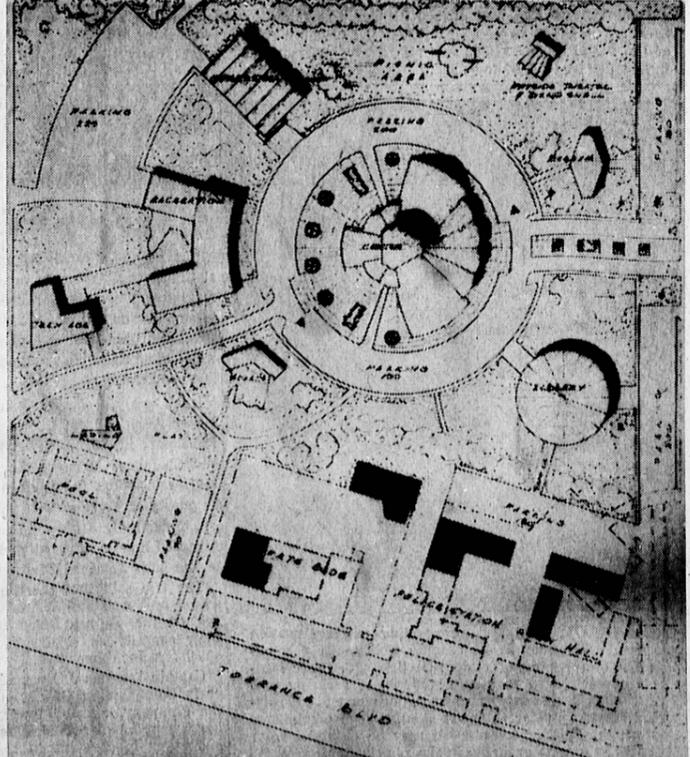
City Manager George Stevens, in answer to Isen's inquiry, said the report was "almost ready," and indicated that it might be ready the next day. The mayor said a noon that he had not yet received it. "It looks like a stall to let this thing cool down a little," he added.

The report is supposed to contain answers to a series of questions raised by Isen last week after the council had received a review of the case in which former Councilman Robert B. Jahn had obtained installation of a water main extension without making the full deposit required.

Isen had asked about the responsibility of the property owner in the case, reportedly another Councilman, Willys Bjount, among other things. Isen reiterated his stand to make the report public after the council has had a chance to see it.



**TURKISH VISITOR** . . . Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance chats with Mrs. Inci Bir of Istanbul, Turkey, during a National Recreation Exchange Program session in Santa Fe Springs where Mrs. Bir is a guest of the city in the U.S. Government-sponsored exchange program. She and Mayor Isen discussed Turkey at length. Torrance is affiliated with Konya, Turkey, in the President's people-to-people program.



**CIVIC CENTER PLAN** . . . First drafts of the master plan for the civic center were approved this week by the council, and detailed sketches of the plans ordered from the architects. The central portion would include a three-front stage, and surrounding it a circular library, bandshell, gymnasium, recreation center, teen center, and adult center. The center may be developed in stages, the council was told. (Herald Photo)

## TO START AGAIN

# City Scraps All Bids For Trash Collection

The city council decided to start all over again on rubbish collection bids on the recommendation of a special committee assigned to study the proposals received last month.

Councilman Nick Draie, chairman of the special committee, told members of the council Tuesday night that the group could not agree that any of the bids were acceptable.

IN TOSSEING out the earlier bids, the council indicated that several new items should be included in bid specifications. A work session of the council will be scheduled in the near future to work out others.

Among the provisions recommended for new specifications are provisions for a three-year contract to include both refuse and garbage collection, an exclusive contract limited to all residences of one, two, or three-family occupancy, that the contractor do the billing and collecting, and that billing be based on actual pickups.

OTHER provisions suggested by the committee include the requirement of a performance bond in the amount of \$150,000, an open market among all licensed collectors for commercial, industrial, and apartment collection agreements, and that no limits on amount or type of rubbish to be collected from householders.

Members of the council were emphatic in their desire to see the \$1 service charge now in effect dropped should a private contractor be selected to service the city.

NO DATE for a work session was set, but it was indicated that an agreement on the specifications to be offered bidders would be worked out as soon as possible. The next regularly scheduled work session of the

council is Monday evening, Aug. 29.

In the meantime, city crews are continuing to pick up combustible rubbish, and George Greene is picking up garbage and cans as he has done for many years.

IN OTHER ACTION the council withheld approval of an application to conduct an air reduction plant at 169th and Gramercy until technical explanations of the process could be studied.

They disagreed on a request to send two civil service board commissioners and the personnel director to the International Conference of Public Personnel Assn. in New York City in October, and finally approved

the attendance of one commissioner with appropriate expenses to be paid by the city. The request from the civil service board had asked that Chairman George G. Morehart, Commissioner Fred R. Stevens, and Personnel Officer T. E. Donovan be permitted to attend.

ANOTHER TRIP request wound up in a stalemate as six councilmen presented tied in the voting. City Atty. Stanley Remelmeier had asked permission to attend the National Law Officers Conference in Denver.

Attempts to gain passage to two ordinances also failed as said. (Continued on Page 2)

## Council Raps Supervisors In Land Grab

Legal action was launched yesterday in an effort to nullify annexation of Alondra Park by the City of Lawndale, an act which Asst. City Attorney Robert K. Dower told the council Tuesday night "borders on fraud." Dower, as attorney for Cece Hollingsworth, long time leaseholder on the

clubhouse at the Alondra golf course, has filed a writ, and yesterday appeared before Superior Judge Eugene P. Fay in Inglewood to set the date for a show cause hearing.

At the same time Attorney John Barton of Waleria filed taxpayers suits on behalf of several North Torrance residents seeking to quash the Lawndale action.

IN REVIEWING the case for the councilmen Tuesday, Dower said a legal point was raised when the Lawndale city council passed the annexation ordinance as an emergency measure. Normally, an ordinance of a sixth class city cannot be effective for 30 days, he explained.

The board of supervisors, who had voted a protest and mailed it to Lawndale in a registered letter, refused to back up their stand at Tuesday's meeting, Dower said.

UNABLE TO deliver the protest, the mailman left a card indicating that the Post Office held the registered letter. Apparently aware of the contents, Lawndale city officials simply did not call for the letter, Dower said.

## Seein' Things? It's Probably Lloyd's Iguana

Residents of the Torrance-Lomita area are warned not to become panicked if a three-foot lizard shows up in their backyards. If such a four-legged reptile is seen the ferocious looking tuberculata is a harmless South American Iguana.

The Iguana is a pet and belongs to Russel Lloyd, who asks anyone seeing the king-sized lizard not to be alarmed and not to attack him, but to phone the owner at DA 6-2876.

Lloyd uses the Iguana in an advertising prop in his tropical decorating business. He said the Iguana climbed out of his station wagon while it was parked at 250th St. and Narbonne Tuesday.



**OPENING SCHEDULED** . . . Grand opening festivities for Security First National Bank's first branch in Torrance have been set for Friday, Aug. 19. The branch, at 190th St. and Anza Ave., is the first of three in Torrance to be opened. Others are under construction in downtown Torrance and at Crenshaw and Artesia Blvds. Friday's open house will continue from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.