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COUNCIL DENIES SKI RUN PROJECT

City Shuns Bid to Pull Application

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Several score residents made up a large part of the overflow audience at the council meeting. Several hundred residents of the area had filed protests and signed petitions opposing the project.

The application, submitted by Lynn Chandler, requested a zoning variance to permit construction of the ski run on the hillside running up from 2600 Pacific Coast Hwy. at Crenshaw.

The council conducted a brief formal hearing and then denied the application rather than permitting its unprejudiced withdrawal.

The planning commission, after considering the matter over a period of time, voted 4 to 3 recently to recommend approval.

IN OTHER action the council:

Asked for a report on condition of restroom and safety facilities at McMasters Park. Authorized employment of experts to set up filing system for city clerk's office.

Tabled consideration of water service to four new North Torrance home developments until a full council could be present.

HELD FOR study extensive plans for improvements in the Victor Tract area.

Authorized construction of a car wash at Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. on city-owned property.

Referred to the council's airport committee, a proposal to lease 2500 feet of Pacific Coast Hwy. frontage on the airport for a period of 50 years at \$3 a front foot.

Subdivision Granted

Subdivision maps submitted by the R. A. Watt Construction Co. calling for development of 46 single family and commercial lots on nine acres south of 208th St. west of Vermont Ave. have been approved by the County Regional Planning Commission.

Teachers' Test Set May 20th

Prospective teachers wishing to fulfill the Constitution requirement for California teaching credentials will be enabled to take an examination covering the Constitution of the United States at El Camino College May 20.

The examination will be given in Room 6 of the Social Science Building at 4 p.m., according to John A. de la Haye, assistant director of instruction.

City Rules Returned For Study

Disputes over provisions of the recently adopted rules and regulations for civil service employes of the city were turned back to the Civil Service Commission for consideration by the city council after nearly an hour of discussion this week.

Protests of city employe spokesmen that changes in the rules were made after the hearings before the Civil Service Commission earlier this year prompted Acting Mayor Nicholas Drale and the other four members of the council present to turn the matter back for further hearings.

Milton Langum, member of the Fire Department and spokesman for the Council of United Employees, told the council that the new rules had been under study since November, 1958.

Although City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said the city had complied with the law in the adoption of the rules, the council ordered the further hearings on the changes.

Mayor Albert Isen, attending a Chicago meeting, and Councilman Willys Blount, visiting relatives out of the state, were absent.



RECOVERING PLANE . . . It took a truckload of equipment to recover a four-place Beechcraft Bonanza which crashed in a field near Torrance Municipal Airport Monday evening. Here crews are preparing to lift the plane to return it to its Compton base. (Photo by Joe Dye)

Pilot Crashes Light Plane in Field, Escapes Without Injury

A Compton pilot whose plane ran out of gas at 3200 feet over Torrance landed the craft in a field near the 3200 block of

Compton Blvd. Monday evening, escaping without injury. Pilot Clarence Fitzgerald, who was accompanied by his brother, had rented the plane from the B&A Air Service at the Compton Airport, and was apparently trying to land on the Torrance airport after losing his power over the city.

The four-place Beechcraft Bonanza stopped short in the field, crumpling the front landing gear and skidding to a halt, still upright.

The plane was lifted out of the field Tuesday and returned to Compton for repairs.

Missilemen To March In Torrance

Units of the 47th Artillery Brigade of Fort MacArthur will be among hundreds of military personnel marching in the Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday, May 21, it was revealed this week.

Members of the Brigade's 108th Artillery Group are scheduled to provide marching missilemen and a Nike Ajax guided missile display for the parade and exhibit of military equipment, scheduled as one of the Southland's biggest salutes to Armed Forces Day.

Under Secretary of the Army Hugh M. Milton II will be grand marshal of the parade which will start at 11 a.m. at Cabrillo Ave. and Carson St. and follow Cabrillo and Torrance Blvd. out to the disbanding area near Torrance Blvd. and Madrona.

In addition to the parade, a static display of military equipment will be set up behind the city hall at Torrance Blvd. and Maple Ave., and a military ball will be held at the Torrance National Guard Armory Saturday night to climax the event.

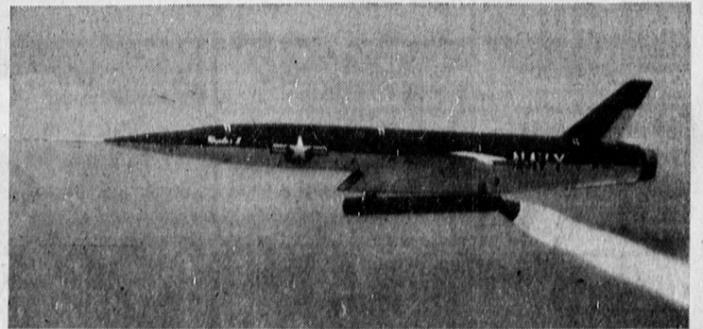
Winners of the high school essay contest which was judged this week also will be feted during the day.

Girl Slips, Tumbles

Twelve-year-old Cheryl McIntyre, 217 Calle de Madrid, was treated at Harbor General Hospital Saturday afternoon for injuries she received when she slipped and fell in the restroom at Torrance Beach. She was released after treatment.



"Of all the candidates running, none is apt to run out of promises."



PARADE ENTRY . . . The Navy's Regulus II shown here in flight will be on display during the Armed Forces Day celebration on Saturday, May 21. The air-breathing missile, which is capable of supersonic speeds, will be among other military equipment displays on exhibit here.

Security Buys TUSD Bond Issue

Security-First National Bank Tuesday purchased \$560,000 worth of Torrance Unified School District Bonds at a sale of the securities before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The bank offered an interest rate of 3.75 per cent and payment of \$4951 premium. Payment of the premium, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, will reduce the interest to a net of 3.66 per cent.

According to the Supervisor, money realized from sale of the bonds will be used to build 21 classrooms and other facilities at South High School. There are 2000 students now attending the school and the additional rooms will provide facilities for 800 more.

Other facilities include an addition to the music building, storage, restrooms, lockers, and other campus facilities.

Jaycee Rodeo Sunday

George Vico will open the safe driving Teen age Rodeo to be held Sunday at 10 a.m. on Alaska St. It was announced by Vince Benstead of the sponsoring Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Local participants who have entered are James Maraki, Ron Shopper, Glenn Child, Gary Parks, Joseph Legler, Fred Phillips, Harry Vedder, and Robert Lush.

The course will be patterned after the National Truck Rodeo.

The local winner will be sent to the statewide Rodeo and the winners from the 50 states will compete for \$4900 in Scholarships this August in the National finals in Washington, D.C.

Red Schools Getting Closer To Those in US, TEAC Told

Recent changes in Russian education have brought the USSR's schools closer to those in the U.S., especially in such fields as technical education.

That was what Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent of schools, told members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at the group's meeting Monday in the Torrance Masonic Lodge. He visited Russia last October as part of a group of 31 educators which visited public schools throughout the country.

THE MOST significant thing he saw and heard, Dr. Trillingham said, was abandonment of the 10-year school program in favor of the eight-year program. There was a feeling in Russia that schools were "too academic" and "isolated from life," he was told.

Now, he reported, 80 per cent of Russian students get three years of "production training" in industry after graduating from the eight-year school. The top 29 per cent of students enter the universities directly, although some of the others attend night school.

HE POINTED OUT that the

tests which determine university attendance are a subject of much concern. The students are given the questions 1 1/2 months ahead of time and all of them cram extensively before they take the tests.

Since most Russian women work, students go to nursery schools until they are about three years old, he declared. Then, from ages 3 to 7, children attend kindergarten. The eight-year-school, for students 7 to 15, follows. Then comes either technical training or advanced schooling.

RUSSIAN classroom methods are "dull and bare" by American standards, he said. There is no consideration of individual differences, no class discussions, a formal and rigid schedule, great pressure to conform, and lots of propaganda. ("Uncle Tom's Cabin" is a standard text in discussion of America.)

There are only two reasons for failure in class — a weak teacher or a lazy student—Dr. Trillingham noted.

"They do not consider ability at all and stopped giving intelligence tests in 1936," he said. "Everybody gets the same

assignment, since theoretically, all are equal. We know, however, that some are more equal than others."

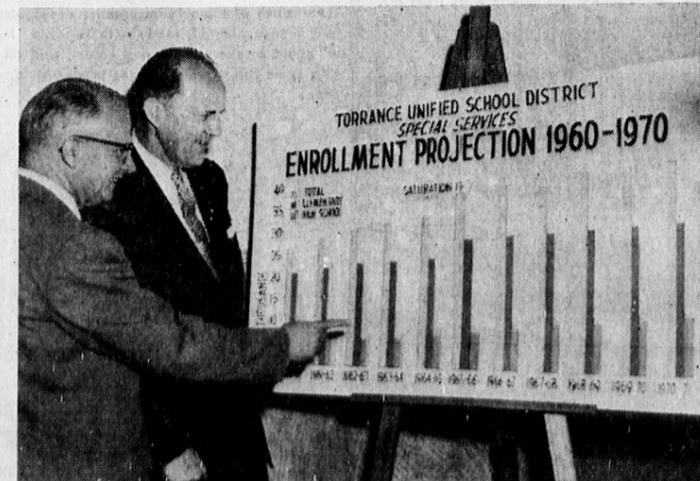
OTHER FACTS, he reported, were:

Should a child do poorly in school, his parents may receive a call from other parents committees. Should he continue to do poorly the union may call upon the parents and bring pressure by threatening to cancel their housing permit. All unions in Russia are part of the state.

"Body building" exercises are part of the curriculum with marching, exercises, gymnastics, acrobatics, and tumbling highly emphasized.

MUCH OF THE real education takes place in the three Communist youth clubs, where outstanding speakers may address various groups," Dr. Trillingham noted. "It is frightening to see the power these groups have over the children."

The groups are (a) Octobrists for 7 to 10-year-olds; (b) Pioneers for 10-to 15-year olds; and (c) Komsomol or Young



RUSSIAN VISITOR . . . Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent of schools, Monday addressed the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, telling them about his trip to view Russia's schools. Here, Dr. Trillingham and the Rev. Milton Sippel, TEAC moderator, look over one of the enrollment predictions of the districts enrollment.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Now that the parking meters are gone, what effect do you think it will have on downtown business and parking?"

Answering were:

Mrs. Ivan Bass, 1820 Torrance Blvd., housewife:

"I don't think it will effect the business much but I do think we will have a harder time finding a place to park. Though digging into your purse for money for the parking meters was a nuisance, I think they did help for you could nearly always find a parking place then."

Grace Woolsey, 21926 S. Vermont Ave., a nurse at Harbor General Hospital:

"I think it will bring more trade to the downtown section. You got uneasy that your time was expired when we had the parking meters and often forgot what you came downtown for. To me, the parking meters were just a nuisance and it was such a bother when you didn't have the change. I think people will watch their time closer."

Richard M. Belden, 1316 Cota, lather:

"I think the removal of the parking meters will make business, pick up, and I also think it will help the parking situation for there seems to be more spaces available already. The two hour parking limit is fine. I don't think many stay the full limit but it's nice to know you have that long before having to worry about getting a ticket."

Evelyn Dinsmore, 1433 West 218th Street, housewife:

"It's human nature for people to go where they can get their parking free so I think it will bring more business to the downtown area. I think it might even help the parking situation, maybe now we will be able to find a place to park. I think a two hour limit is fine, that way they have to move the car and that gives someone else the opportunity to park."

Mrs. W. Crawford, 25540 Senator Ave., Harbor City, housewife:

"I really like it without the meters! I think it will help business for it will give you more time to shop without having to run out and put some money into the meter. I don't think it will complicate the parking situation any for people seem to keep moving and seldom use the limit. I think two hours should give people time enough."