

THE USEFUL PURPOSE OF POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

Shortly, the Los Angeles convention of the Democratic party will be over and the delegates will depart for their homes preparing to gird for the coming election campaign.

It has been a new experience for Southern Californians to have a national convention on home soil. Reactions of local people have been somewhat mixed and confused.

It is all a little bewildering to the amateur interested and resourceful enough to maneuver his way into the Sports Arena. He can't understand the strategy, the apparent apathy of the delegates on the floor and the tiresome procedures associated with the

important deliberations of a great political party.

They are confused at the seemingly disinterest in the hoopla parades for candidates who won't even show and for idealistic causes already lost long before the first delegate left his home for Los Angeles.

Why hold a convention at all?

The answer may be found in history. Under the American system of party politics nothing ever has been conceived to take the place of the nominating convention. Two great parties operate in much the same manner and many of the features currently so confusing to the layman will be repeated two weeks

hence in Chicago when the Republicans hold the limelight.

The quadrennial "greatest shows on earth" do serve, we think, a very important purpose. Without them interest in party politics and government in general would dip so low the very future of our treasured free and representative self government might be imperiled. It may take historians and circus tactics to stir up the people; but, until something better is found, the national convention probably will remain with us as long as there is a United States of America.

Thoughtful Americans can find much of interest

and of lasting benefit in careful perusal of convention proceedings. Television coverage today is superb and newspapers and magazines are filled with instructive interpretations by the best writers in the world.

The most damaging admission any American living today can make is that he doesn't know what is going on. He may be confused by the bulk and variety of opinions, but, he certainly can find himself in agreement with something that has been said or written. If he's still confused then he can look to leadership of the many who seem perfectly willing to undertake the awesome task in a very dangerous and troubled world.

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SUSPECT FLEES IN PATROL CAR

A Penny for your Thoughts

With the recent action of the Attorney General regarding trading stamps affecting so many, the HERALD Penny reporter asked at random, "What do you think of trading stamps and why?"

Replying were: Hartley Carr, co-proprietor of Carr & Anderson Flying "A" service at 1924 Carson St.

"Of course I never give them. In a service station, the money paid for the stamps has to come out of the overhead and we have felt that we couldn't run an honest business and give stamps, too. It all boils down to the old saying, 'You can't have something for nothing' and we feel that we have done right in standing 'pat' on not giving them. We can't make up that money on the price of gasoline, so we'd have to make it up somewhere else. I don't think not giving the stamps has affected our business one way or the other."

George Mikel, proprietor of Richfield Station at 1529 Cravens Ave. "About 90% of the service stations in Torrance are getting rid of the trading stamps and we soon hope to have it 100%. We can't raise our prices to cover the cost of them like the grocery and other retail stores can. I think all dealers dislike them as they are a nuisance and the cost of them isn't worth it, but a lot of stations give them to stay in business. Without the stamps, I think prices would become more competitive."

Mrs. Marion Steele, 826 Cranbrook, nurse's aid at Torrance Memorial Hospital: "As long as they're here, I will take advantage of them but I have seen a definite raise in prices since they have come into such common usage. Where I regularly shop, they give them, but except for gasoline, where the price is the same, stamps or no stamps, it doesn't affect where I trade."

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Abandon 3 Homes In Slide

Three houses in Rolling Hills Estates continued sliding towards a 100-foot deep canyon Wednesday after their families were evacuated from the \$35,000 dwellings late Tuesday.

Hastily leaving the houses they had occupied for less than a year were the George Pitttjean, Rene Levy and Robert Norris families.

The occupants of homes along the 4600 block of Rock Bluff Dr. said they first noticed cracks in the yards last week. The movement intensified Tuesday and the earth began sliding at the rate of several inches an hour.

By the end of the day, the fissures were more than three feet wide at the top and 30 feet deep.

Authorities said they have no explanation for the slide, but are investigating. The houses were erected on impacted fill lots.

Seats Available On Demo Buses

A few seats remain for the buses which have been chartered by the Torrance Democrats, Inc., for the trip to the Los Angeles Coliseum Friday, July 15. The price of \$3.00 per person includes a cold box supper.

The buses will make one pickup at the corner of Carson and Vicky St., in the Southwood tract. They will load at 2:00 and leave promptly at 2:15. Persons are reminded that they must have their own admission tickets.

For further information contact Junette West at Frontier 6-3647.

Ranchero Days Program

In an effort to clear up misunderstandings regarding the changes in the 1960 Ranchero Days Program the Torrance Chamber of Commerce again points out the correct schedule.

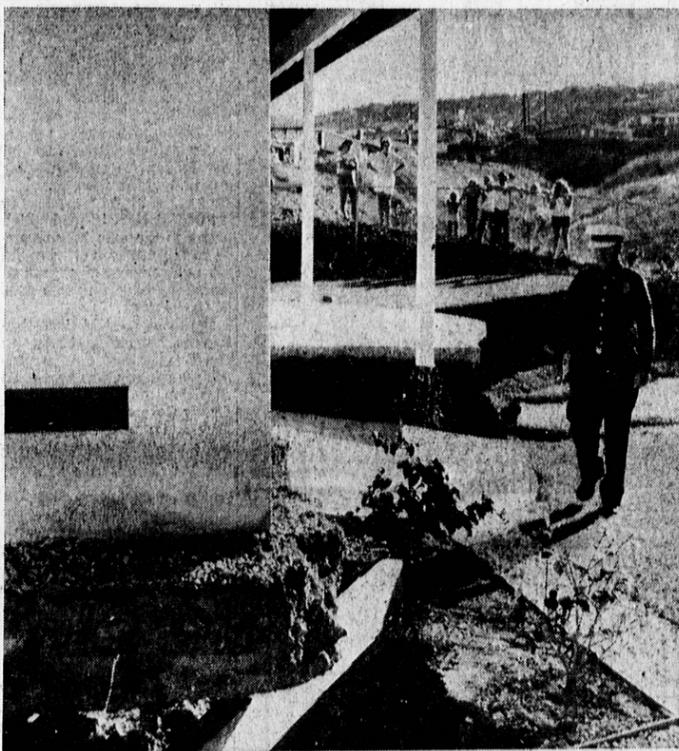
The Midway and Carnival at Civic Center, 3031 Torrance Blvd., will be open until 5 p.m., July 20, 21 and 22. Closing time will be 12 noon on July 23 and 1 p.m. on July 24.

The Sixth Annual Torrance RCA Championship Rodeo will be held back of the municipal plunge at 2:30 p.m. on July 30 and 31. Holding the events on different dates this year is due to numerous requests to "spread out" the heavy schedule. Adult tickets at \$1.50 and children tickets at 75c are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce.

The celebrations are sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Mounted Police with proceeds to be used for the Torrance Tournament of Roses entry.

Pair Arrested

Kenneth B. Harrison, 31; Ross Terry, 49, and William B. Kimes, 49, all of Los Angeles, were jailed on suspicion of burglary in the downtown area Sunday. Police said they were riding in a car containing 27 cartons of cigars and 18 pair of hose.



SLIDE IMPERILS HOUSES . . . Btm. Chief James Craycroft of the County Fire Dept. inspects earth that is sliding from beneath three expensive dwellings in nearby Rolling Hills Estates. The slide was continuing Wednesday after families were evacuated from the endangered buildings late Tuesday. The houses, less than a year old, were built on filled land by a 100-foot deep canyon. (Herald Photo)

Inouye to Install New Chamber Prexy

Congressman Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, here for the Democratic national convention will be the featured and only speaker at a joint meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Executives' Dinner club Monday evening at the Polynesian restaurant.

Installation ceremonies for the new president of the Chamber will be the only business of the meeting other than the speaker. Otherwise, the evening will be strictly social, according to Jack Phillips, program chairman, with a luau theme. Those attending are urged to dress in appropriate Hawaiian attire.

Congressman Inouye was born in Honolulu and was educated in the public schools system. He received his A.B. degree in 1950 and Juris Doctor degree from George Washington Law school in 1952.

INOUE IS A member of the American Bar Association, Lions International, Honolulu YMCA, and the Honolulu Council of Churches.

In World War II, Inouye served with the nation's most decorated unit, the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team. Enlisting as a private, he received a Battlefield Commission in 1944 in Italy and retired as a Captain in 1947. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and Distinguished Unit Citation with 4 clusters, plus many other citations and medals for gallantry in action.

HF WAS selected by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Year in 1959.

The 35-year-old attorney is married to the former Margaret Shinobu, an instructor at the University of Hawaii. Mrs. Inouye also graduated from the University of Hawaii and received her M.A. at Columbus University.

Reservations, although limited, can be secured by calling the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, FA 8-2814.

Gardena Will Give Up on Annex Plans

Gardena has abandoned its effort to annex land coveted by Torrance, but is going to press a legal fight for other disputed ground.

A move to annex territory east of Crenshaw Blvd., between Manhattan Beach and Compton Blvds., was abandoned by the Gardena City Council on Tuesday night after 56 per cent of the property owners protested the annexation.

The area is part of a larger territory that Torrance has eyed for possible annexation.

Meanwhile, the Gardena Council authorized its City Attorney, Walter Anderson, to appeal a Superior Court decision giving Torrance priority to attempt to annex land along the east side of Crenshaw Blvd., south of Manhattan Beach Blvd.

This land is part of a strip Torrance wants to use to attain access to the larger parcel north of El Camino College and Alondra Park.

Guns Reported Stolen Tuesday

Four rifles and a shotgun were taken by burglars who broke into the Sportsville sporting goods store at 1621 Cravens Ave., police reported Tuesday.

Investigators said the thieves gained entry by using a sledge hammer to smash a lock on a rear door of the establishment.

Will Open Local Link Of Freeway

Harbor Freeway commuters will regard tomorrow as a red letter day with the opening of the world's most traveled highway to the northeast portal of Torrance.

Special ribbon cutting ceremonies are set for 9:30 a.m. with county, state and city officials gathering at the Artesia Blvd. (174th St.) bridge.

Carl Hoffman, president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce will serve as master of ceremonies at the important event.

Participants in the program will include: Dr. George Glasoff, president, Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce; Eugene Rossi, president, Southside Chamber of Commerce; members of the Intercities highway committee, headed by William Cameron, and Los Angeles City Council President John S. Gibson, Jr.

Also being invited to participate in the ceremony are Assemblymen Clayton Dills and Vincent Thomas, State Highway Commissioner Robert McClure, Mayor Robert Kane and Gardena City Councilmen, and Mayor Albert Isen and Torrance City Councilmen.

OPENING OF THE freeway section between Alondra and 190th marks the successful completion of a long fight by Supervisor Hahn and public officials of the Southwest and South Bay areas to expedite construction of the busy roadway south of 124th street.

Extension of the freeway to 190th was in danger of being delayed because the State Highway Commission had not budgeted the necessary construction funds, although the plans were completed and right of way secured by the summer of 1957. In August, 1957 Supervisor Hahn led a contingent of 40 public officials and civic leaders to Sacramento and they were successful in getting the commission to provide the necessary funds and the project went to construction in September, 1958 when the money became available.

Vandals Break Windows With Sling Shots

Fast-moving, night-raging vandals have caused window breakage of up to \$1000 during the past several weeks, Torrance juvenile authorities reported Wednesday.

L. G. R. Rethwisch, head of the Police Dept. juvenile bureau, said the culprits have been using missiles from air guns and sling shots to shatter window panes in various parts of the city.

In most cases, the hoodlums apparently have operated from cars during the hours of darkness.

Retaken After Wild Chase In San Pedro

Recaptured after disarming a Torrance policeman and fleeing in a patrol car, a powerfully-built ex-convict was being questioned yesterday as a murder suspect.

Earl Francis Taylor, 35, of Wilmington, was nabbed in San Pedro Tuesday night after a 10-mile chase during which he disarmed Officer Douglas Nice in a desperate struggle and then fled in the policeman's black-and-white patrol car.

Taylor was being questioned as a "likely" suspect in the Sunday robbery-slaying of a cab driver in San Pedro.

The Tuesday evening pursuit of Taylor began when Nice

and Officer Jim Foster attempted to question him as he was in a car in the parking lot of Shopper's Market at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd. Taylor fled on foot as the officers approached.

Nice and Foster chased the suspect as he ran across a field towards Lomita. He outdistanced the policemen and ignored four warning shots from their revolvers.

WHILE FOSTER continued the chase on foot, Nice returned to the patrol car to head off the suspect. Nice came upon Taylor as he started to climb a fence in the yard of a home at 2321 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita.

"If you try to climb over, I'll shoot you off the top," warned Nice as he leveled his gun on the fleeing bartender.

Taylor seemed to relax and surrender and Nice started to handcuff him. Suddenly, the brawny suspect whirled, struck Nice with braces dangling from his left hand and grabbed the gun.

For several minutes, there was an intense, straining wrestling match for the weapon. At one point the gun discharged, but the bullet struck the ground without hitting either of the antagonists.

TAYLOR FINALLY won possession of the pistol and forced Nice to lie on the ground while he fled to the patrol car and roared away along Pacific Coast Hwy. and Western Ave. towards San Pedro.

Nice quickly called the police station and was picked up minutes later by Foster and Officer Dunn in another patrol car that had been cruising the area. They started a siren-shrieking chase of the suspect.

Meanwhile, Sgt. Ralph Walker at police headquarters dispatched other Torrance units to the pursuit and alerted the Los Angeles Police Department's San Pedro division to head off the suspect.

Taylor abandoned the police car in a residential area of San Pedro after a zig-zagging, high-speed flight along alleys (Continued On Page 2)



ROBERT SLEETH, SR. . . . Died Sunday

Bob Sleeth, Steel Vet, Dies at 66

His friendly smile, his cheerful manner and his eagerness to talk sports is stilled, but the memory of R. S. "Bob" Sleeth will remain with all who knew him. Mr. Sleeth died in the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach Sunday night after an illness that lasted a year.

Mr. Sleeth, who retired as open hearth melter foreman at United States Steel mill in Torrance in Sept., 1958, after 34 years of service, is survived by his widow, Roxie Sleeth, 1616 Post Ave.; a son, Bob Jr., Walteria Postmaster; sisters Mrs. Pearl Hassler of Pasadena and Mrs. Eleanor Royale of Torrance; and two grandsons.

Bob Sleeth, Sr., got into the steel industry through his baseball ability. Scouts for the Pittsburgh Industrial League picked up the young second baseman and he was hired by the Allegheny Steel Co.

Most of his sports activities after he came to Torrance in 1926 were confined to the dug-out and sidelines and he became the town's No. 1 baseball and football fan. Bob's sports interests were more than local as he seldom missed the Bruins or Trojans in the Los Angeles Coliseum nor the Angels at Wrigley Field.

TELEVISION enabled Bob Sleeth to maintain a lively interest in sports in more recent years. His day was complete when a big game or prize fight was being televised and he (Continued On Page 2)