

Monuments to Great Past Everywhere in Portugal

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PORTUGAL—National monuments to the past, and a culture that preserves many of the customs of their forefathers, gives today's Portuguese a unique position in the critical role they are playing in the western world. The winds that blow into this historic and tight little country seem not to be carrying the message of change or, if they are, the message isn't being received.

The orderly citizens of the orderly city of Lisbon, go right on having their large families and devoting their lives to their church and their country. They seem intent on preserving the past and yielding to the present only in things that will make family life better and their country more appealing to visitors, many of whom arrive in the fastest commercial jet planes in the world.

They accept the engine propelled vehicle, if only a

motor scooter, as a practical means of getting more work done or transporting the family into the country for a look at ancient and medieval forts and palaces that bestir pride in the part Portugal played in opening up distant lands for the occupation of Europeans.

There are 6000 motor vehicles of one kind or another in Portugal and most of them must be in Lisbon, a city of 1,200,000. Traffic is always heavy on the scrupulously clean streets and boulevards with the smaller European models predominant. High cost of gasoline and narrow streets in many sections of the city make the economy type cars almost a necessity. White gloved traffic police are more in evidence than armed patrolmen or soldiers. And this in a country that the world has been led to believe, has a harsh dictatorship.

After an almost unbelievably smooth crossing in a Swissair DC-8, made in Long Beach, we landed after circling to lose altitude over a postcard country of red soil, green fields, and sparkling blue waters of the Tegu estuary that gives Lisbon one of the finest landlocked seaports in the world. What a cradle for the birth of all possible navigation systems and little wonder the modern citizen of Portugal doesn't want to yield the treasures of his past to the kind of progress,

he says, is spearheaded by the communists.

From the modern airport we were whisked to the Ritz, Lisbon's newest and considered by the travel-wise to be one of the finest hotels in the world. Our spacious room was equipped with every convenience for easy living, with air conditioning, a balcony overlooking the city and a king-size bathroom, consisting of three partitioned rooms for the accessories, all done in Italian marble.

In the opulent dining room, decorated to adapt the modern to the magnificence of the past, we were served by waiters in spotless uniforms or full evening dress. Food of the sea is always a mainstay and there is lamb and beef that would compare with U. S. Prime in quality.

One might expect a brand new hotel to be clean, but, the cleanliness goes with one into streets that are washed daily. Ancient buildings remain in good repair. Although Portuguese tastes run the gamut of pastels and vivid, the paint brush is used often and well. Numerous parks with magnificent monuments are evident in every section of the city. Carefully trimmed hedges add a finishing touch to an orderliness that seems to be a national hallmark.

Her critics charge Portugal lives in the past. If living in the past means preservation of the best in the old customs and virtues and monuments, then this tenacious little country on the political and geographical maps of Europe, stands guilty as charged. Folklore plays an important role and is expressed in music with mournful undertones that contradict the popular conception of an always happy people.

Our time in Portugal was limited but our group spent a memorable day and one half looking into the past. We strolled through the gardens and magnificent rooms of Queluz palace, most recently occupied by former President Eisenhower during his good will journey through Europe. Reminiscent of Versailles, Queluz today is ready for occupancy with its art and furniture in remarkable state of careful preservation.

We were served luncheon as guests of the Portuguese information offices in Seteais palace, built in 1790 and now operated as a deluxe hotel of 35 rooms set in acres of beautiful gardens.

We climbed the ancient stairs of the Royal Palace of Sintra, built in 1385 and saw its Moorish archways, (Continued on Page 10)

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A Penny for your Thoughts

County Votes Court Funds For Torrance

What do you think the new Superior Court will mean to Torrance? That question was asked of four Torrance men who played leading roles in securing the successful vote on the location of the court here this week.

Albert Isen, Mayor: "Five years from now, which would be the date after which we hope the court has been functioning for two years, it will mean to our great city, greater prosperity, greater activity, greater prestige, and the title of 'The Capital City of the Southwest.'"

Boris Woolley, attorney: "I think the ultimate is that it will make Torrance a metropolitan center for this area of the county, far exceeding any other. It will be the center of a 'city' of more than 2 million persons."

William E. Shawger, Chamber of Commerce president: "Torrance has moved ahead to maintain its 'All America City' standing with the majority decision made Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors. The decision not only will save the taxpayers close to half a million dollars, but Torrance is the ideal location in the Southwest judicial area."

Stanley Remelmeyer, City Attorney: "I think the decision of the Superior Court Judges and the Board of Supervisors will mean more to Torrance in years to come than we can hope to realize at this time. It will establish Torrance as the center of activity for a vast area of Los Angeles county."

A drive to locate permanent Superior Court facilities on the Torrance Civic Center cleared the last hurdle Tuesday when the County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to move the court to Torrance, and then allocated \$140,000 to begin architectural studies for the multi-million-dollar project. Acting on the recommendation of a three-man committee

of Superior Court judges which was endorsed by approximately 80 of their colleagues, the Supervisors, led by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, voted to place the facilities to serve the Southwest Superior Court District in Torrance over the objections of the cities of Inglewood and Hawthorne. Both had sought to obtain the court for their cities.

Firm Lays Race Bias To Union

A union accusation that Harvey Aluminum Co. was guilty of racial discrimination at their plant here was stoutly denied by Harvey officials this week, and the union was accused of the racial discrimination instead.

The denial came in a statement issued Monday by Harvey officials in response to a request by United Steelworkers of America for an investigation by Attorney General Kennedy into the racial charge. "Harvey Aluminum has had for many years, Negroes in supervision, and Negroes at the top of the classifications in every type of job classification within the plant," the statement said.

Charles J. Smith, union western director, had said in a letter to Kennedy that the company kept minority workers in low classifications. "One of the major reasons Harvey never has signed a union contract is that the com-

ONLY SUPERVISOR Kenneth Hahn, whose district includes both Inglewood and Hawthorne, opposed the Torrance vote. He advocated keeping the court in Inglewood.

The city council reaffirmed its intention to provide the land for the structure in a resolution adopted unanimously at its meeting Tuesday night.

The offer of free land by Torrance apparently was the deciding factor in the issue, Supervisor Chace said it could save the county as much as \$2 million.

DURING THE meeting of the Board of Supervisors, which was attended by a number of Torrance officials, Chace pointed out that more than 80 of the county's 102 Superior Court judges had approved the Torrance site.

Hahn was critical of the vote of the judges, saying only 43 attended a meeting where the balloting was conducted, and that the rest signed later.

Transfer of the court to Torrance from its present temporary facilities in Inglewood, will be done as soon as adequate facilities are available, according to the motion introduced by Chace and adopted by the Board.



PLAN TESTIMONIAL . . . Councilmen J. A. Beasley (left), Willys G. Blount (seated) and Nicholas O. Dralle go over final details for dinner honoring George Stevens who will leave the city service next week after serving more than 13 years as city manager. The dinner will be held at the Jump 'n Jack tonight. Herald Photo

Armed Forces Day Saturday To Jam City

City streets are expected to be jammed Saturday for the second annual running of the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration which will open publicly with a parade at 11 a.m.

Joseph V. Charyk, under secretary of the U.S. Air Force, will be grand marshal of the parade and keynote speaker. He will review units of military formations as they parade under the theme, "Power for Peace."

Saturday's line of march will begin at the intersection of Cabrillo and Carson, move up Cabrillo to Torrance Blvd., and go west past the Torrance Civic Center, where the reviewing stand is located.

AMONG THOSE marching will be infantrymen, military bands, artillery brigades, Marine Corps units, Waves, Wacs, and Navy men.

Also included in the line of march will be one of the area's most complete collection of exotic military hardware, including everything from the tank to the latest missile, the Sidewinder.

The military equipment will be on display on the Torrance

Civic Center following the parade. In addition to Secretary Charyk, military officials in the line of march will include Major General Roderic L. Hill, (Continued on Page 2)

Report by Stevens Challenged

Some "inconsistencies" were found in fees and permits required for development of property owned by Bert Lynn, Planning Commission president, it was reported Tuesday night by City Manager George Stevens. His findings were promptly challenged by Wade Peebles, director of public works, who was charged with the responsibility for the departments which permitted the inconsistencies.

City Manager Stevens' report involving the Lynn development at Torrance Blvd. and Henrietta Ave. was handed to the Council after several weeks' investigation. Peebles promptly submitted a separate report rebutting some of the findings of the City Manager and his staff.

PEEBLES SAID the report "reflects on my professional integrity, as a registered Civil Engineer; my more than 15 years of public service for various governments; and my personal integrity."

The council voted to file the two reports with the instruction that they be made public. C. A. "Bert" Smith, who was first to call the attention of the council to the alleged irregularities, protested the lack of action on Stevens' report.

He said he "would like to see the resignation of Mr. Peebles as Director of Public Works," and later said he also "would like to see the resignation of Lynn as Planning Commission president."

"If this can't be ironed out at the local level, I assure you I'll go to a higher level," Smith told the Councilmen. Mayor Albert Isen told him "to go right ahead."

\$12.7 Million in School's Budget

A tentative budget study, showing a \$12.7 million budget for the 1961-62 school year was taken under consideration by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

As presented, the budget contains no new services or salary increases, Assistant Su-

perintendent S. E. Waldrip reported. It provides for district growth, including some 1800 new students (about 9.3 per cent increase) next fall. Total enrollment, is expected to be nearly 29,000. Cuts of about \$440,000 were made in budget requests, the board was told.

THE NEW budget compares with an \$11.6 million budget for the current year and would be about 9.1 per cent higher. Factors in the increase, he said, are:

1. Hiring new teachers and other personnel to handle the 1800 increase in enrollment.
2. Buying needed supplies and equipment for the 1800 increase.
3. Buying supplies and equipment for two new elementary schools — Hickory and Victor — and additions to several other schools.

4. STEP RAISES automatically given teachers and employees for continued service.

5. Increased costs of retirement and other fringe benefits (Continued from Page 1)

School Board Opposes Bid To Rezone Industry Sites

A letter stating that rezoning of industrial land for residential purposes would increase school costs and raise the school tax rate was ordered sent to the Torrance City Council by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

Noting that 150 acres of industrially-zoned property southwest of Crenshaw and Sepulveda is being considered for residential zoning, the board urged the council to take steps to bring industry into the

area "to spread the tax base and help keep the financing of schools and civic services within reason in this community."

Proposed rezoning of the property to build 600 new homes probably would add 480 elementary and 200 high school students to the school enrollment, the letter says. This would cost about \$240,000 more annually, of which \$55,000 (about 2 1/2 cents on this year's tax rate) would come out of the pockets of people now

living in Torrance, it says.

A new elementary school, costing about \$700,000, would have to be built to serve the area, the letter noted.

If 800 acres of adjoining land were rezoned for homes, as would be likely if the first request were approved, then another high school and several more elementary schools would have to be considered, the letter says.

"This is a big tax load to dump on the community," the letter noted.



NEW HOME . . . Betty Baker, Miss Torrance, poses between Marine Recruiters Rick Rickman and Ernie Hayes in front of new quarters for the local station. Office, located at 2165 Torrance Blvd., will hold open house following Armed Forces Day parade Saturday. Herald Photo