

# New Councilmen to Be Seated Tuesday Evening

Here's the procedure for completing the election details and seating new Council members and city clerk and treasurer scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Council chambers:

The old City Council will convene, clear the routine of opening the meeting, and then canvass the ballots of Tuesday's election.

Mayor Isen will ask if any challenges or protests are to be lodged respecting the results.

The council will investigate any such challenges or protests and dispose of them by majority vote.

When all challenges, if any, have been met, Mayor Isen will declare the canvass of returns complete and Deputy City Clerk Gale Whitacre will present two resolutions declaring results of election.

After adoption of the resolutions, Whitacre will declare that Isen has been elected Mayor.

Mayor Isen then will announce the re-election of J. A. Beasley and the election of Ross Sciarrotta and Ken Miller to the City Council. Mrs. Harriett Leech as city treasurer, and Vernon Coil as city clerk. He will

then administer oath to Coil as the new city clerk.

Coil's first duty will be to administer the oath of office to Mayor Isen, Mrs. Leech, and the three councilmen, Beasley, Sciarrotta, and Miller.

Retiring Councilmen George Bradford and Willys G. Blount will have completed their terms at this point, and the new councilmen are seated.

Where will they sit? In the past, it has been a variation of the old game of musical chairs with seniority furnishing the music. Sciarrotta and Miller, being the junior members, will take what seats are left, and if there is any question between them, Sciarrotta could probably prevail. He polled 93 more votes.

Once the formalities are over, the newly organized City Council will wade into a 48-item agenda, beginning with three public hearings including (1) vacation of strip of land near 235th St. and Falena Ave., (2) change of zone from R-3 to C-1 at northeast corner of Sepulveda and Cabrillo, and (3) variance to off-street parking ordinance at southeast corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne.

A claim filed last week by two Los Angeles women, Maria M. Burton and Maria C. Burton and minor, asking for damages totaling \$100,000 as the result of a collision between their auto and a Torrance Municipal Bus will be considered.

A claim of a Los Angeles man, George Sherman, for questioning without cause in a private dwelling by two police officers will be presented.

Additional agenda items include discussion on sale of chicks and small animals during the Easter season, request of residents along Paseo de la Playa for limited parking, street lights, and temporary relief in eroded gullies to alleviate dust nuisance during summer months.

John W. Johnson, new president of the Riviera Homeowners Assn., will request a 60-day delay of approval of a youth center in El Retiro Park to permit study and preparation of a master plan for the park.

Twenty-two applications for fireworks licenses will be up for approval and a 23rd, that of the Torrance Area Youth Band, will be presented to the Council

with a recommendation for denial. City ordinance limits stands to one for each 5,000 persons, limiting to 22 the number permitted this year.

Other items to be considered include recommendations from the Traffic Commission, the recommendations of the Recreation Commission scheduled before last Wednesday's meeting at which no quorum was present, recommendation from the Library Commission for an independent survey of Torrance library facilities and future needs, and a proposed new class specification for deputy city attorney.

After going through the resolutions, ordinances, and recommendations of City Manager Wade Peebles, plus new business brought up by department heads and members of the audience, it should be getting along past their normal dinner hour, and the junior members of the City Council will begin to feel like seasoned vets.

But their colleagues up and down the Council bench could probably tell them "it's only the beginning."

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**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"What do you think of the idea of printing bills of various denominations in different colors?" the Pennies photographer asked.

Donald Stotts, Zanesville, Ohio:

"I think it's a good idea if it would be of benefit. It might cost a lot of money to change them over. There would not be much need for it if it wouldn't stop counterfeiters."

Mrs. Richard Jenison, 1739 Arlington Ave.:

"I don't think it's a good idea. We are so used to it the way it is now we'd probably be all confused. I suppose people would look at the numbers anyway even if the bills were different colors."

Mrs. Carl Wagner, 21319 Budlong Ave.:

"I think it's a terrific idea. Myself I think it would be easier for me. I also think it would be easier to teach children the value of different denomination bills."

Mrs. Glenn Kleinhesselink, Palos Verdes Estates:

"It might be worth a try but I wonder if it might aid in more phony printing. It might work out very well but I am concerned about counterfeiting."

Mrs. Louis F. Lanzer, 4229 Paseo De Las Tortugas:

"I like the present system and would not particularly care to change it. It might be easier to see the amount of money you have at first glance but it wouldn't for my husband because he's color blind."

### YMCA in Drive For Vote Signs

Members of the Torrance YMCA, as a community gesture, spent much of the day Saturday removing posters from the various corners of the streets.

# TORRANCE MAN ARRESTED ON DOUBLE MURDER CHARGE

## Chamber Told

## Utility Firm Joins Drive For Industry

The important role area-development planning will play in the future growth and prosperity of the Torrance area was described Thursday by P. L. Martin, district customer service manager for Southern California Edison Co.

Addressing a noon meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce's industrial committee, Martin outlined plans of the electric company to help stimulate the Southland's economy by encouraging select industry to locate here.

"Southern California's mushrooming population must be balanced with new industries and jobs if its prosperity is to stay at present levels or reach new highs," Martin said.

FOR THIS reason, the Edison official noted, the utility company is intensifying its efforts to encourage desirable new industries to locate here and in other nearby communities.

Edison's expanded area development department — consisting of specialists who work with community officials and business leaders on plant site locations — now has more than 200 active industrial prospects which may locate in Southern California, he said.

Martin has been working closely with the Torrance

Chamber's industrial committee in assisting its members in preparing an industrial brochure for this community and showing what has been done in other cities with the help of Edison liaison work.

AT THURSDAY'S meeting, Martin introduced an "Industrial Plant Site Survey for Torrance" prepared by the Edison Co. It includes data on the 1154 acres of industrial land available in Torrance, of which 932 acres are not now being utilized.

Martin summarized industry's general objectives in site selection by saying, "Industry is not looking for land and a building; it is looking for a home. It wants to be welcome and needs assurance that a community has schools, churches, culture, electric power and water and sewage facilities (for both the plant and its employees)."

IN ADDITION, he said, industry's decisions are based on investigations of transportation facilities, the fairness and efficiency of local government, zoning and civic development plans, land prices and taxes.

"These comprise the community's 'business climate.' Business leaders of Torrance



P. L. MARTIN Tells Role of Planning

## Man Gets Jail for Shooting

A Torrance man was jailed for 10 months and placed on three year probation this week after being accused of shooting another man and firing at police who went to his home to arrest him last August.

Ardis Lee Kemp, 48, of 22404 S. Normandie Ave., was sentenced by Superior Court through the window. He said Long Beach.

Police reported that Kemp fired through the screen door of his home, then at 1415 W. 225th St., hitting Donald W. Bennett, 20, of Wilmington. Bennett had gone to the home on Aug. 14 to get clothing belonging to a relative, he said. The bullet hit Bennett's leg.

When police arrived, Kemp assertedly fired at them through the window. He said he did not know the men were officers.

## Isen Sweeps All Precinct Tallies

Mayor Albert Isen took every precinct in his re-election landslide Tuesday, final semiofficial tabulation of the ballots showed Friday.

He won by whopping majorities in most precincts, as his margin of victory over four opponents would indicate.

As he was piling up 9,848 votes, Councilman Willys G. Blount was getting 3,156 while Roger "Pat" Hogue was making a strong bid for second place with 2,755. Arthur Armijo received 381 votes and Jeff W. Bell brought up the rear among nominated candidates with 368.

COUNCILMAN Nickolas O. Draie, who opposed Isen's first

## Returns

Complete, semi-official returns of Tuesday's election tabulations. Unless challenged, this will stand as the official results.

MAYOR	
Isen	9848
Blount	3156
Hogue	2755
Armijo	381
Bell	368

COUNCIL	
Beasley	5914
Sciarrotta	5111
Miller	5018
Barton	4766
Lyman	3876
Belknap	3711
Clawson	3640
Kurtz	3616
McVey	2338
Rose	1993
Bisou	1494
Mondati	1075
Foster	856
Steinbroner	712
Steele	547
Cameron	526
Gibson	417
Taylor	383
Clechini	317
Kinane	291

CLERK	
Coil	2706
Shidler	2222
Deck	1988
Fleetwood	1850
Miller	1682
Tillim	1450
Sumpter	1442
Fraen	835
Faren	805
Morhart	535
Manis	176

TREASURER	
Leech	9588
Spangler	3687
Rupert	1082
Stenberg	1039

## Suspect in Riviera Home When Found

A Torrance man has been booked by Redondo police on suspicion of murder and attempted murder after he reportedly killed two former business partners and left a third presumably dead.

Wesley D. Johnson, 38, 5216 Beran St., was captured five hours after the shooting, and told police he killed his two ex-partners because "they didn't want me back."

Dead were Edward J. Mello, 38, Manhattan Beach, and Richard Jones, 35, of Inglewood. The third man, Joseph Ambriz, El Monte, witnessed the death of his two associates, but escaped when he fell to the floor and was left for dead.

REDONDO detectives said Johnson went to the office of the South Bay Insulation Co. at 1001 N. Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach, at 7:30 Friday night. The three men were talking in the office when Johnson walked in and asked to be returned to the firm.

He had been ousted, police said, because he had been writing bad checks on the company account.

WHEN the three remaining partners refused to consider returning him to the partnership, Johnson unfolded a newspaper and pulled out a gun. According to Ambriz, Johnson opened fire, the first shot hitting Mello in the head. Johnson then fired and hit Jones in the chest. He fired

later by Torrance and Redondo detectives at his mother's apartment in the Hollywood Riviera at his wife's urging. He surrendered calmly to officers, they reported.

Police said Johnson was separated from his wife and had not been living at the Beran Street home. He has been in

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## Crenshaw Curve Claims Another Injury Victim

A 22-year-old Wilmington resident suffered major injuries early Friday morning when his compact sedan turned over on a curve on Crenshaw Boulevard north of Pacific Coast Highway.

William Joseph Martinez suffered a broken left leg, multiple bruises and abrasions over a large portion of his lower body. He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Police said Martinez, who was alone in the vehicle, was southbound on Crenshaw Boulevard when his car left the road, turned over and landed

on its top facing north on the west side of the road. He was thrown from the vehicle.

The dangerous curve has been the scene of several major accidents, and funds have been allocated by the Board of Supervisors to change the roadway and install center dividers in the area.

Seven-year-old Daniel Laurens, of 22823 Madrona Ave., apparently escaped injury in an accident at Carson Street and Iris Friday afternoon. Police were told by several callers he was unconscious after being

struck by an auto at the intersection, and an ambulance was dispatched to the scene. It was put down as a "dry run," however by investigating officers.

Driver of the car was Barbara Jean Silagy, 29, of 4005 Scott St.

Gale Arlo Francis, 18521 Burin, received bruises when his car and one driven by Harold Monroe Garrison, 21018 S. Main St., collided on Artesia Boulevard near Prairie Avenue Friday night. Francis said he would seek treatment from his own physician.

## Legislature Ratifies City Charter Amendments

Nearly a year may have been saved in formal approval of the city's airport revenue bond issue this week by the hasty action of City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier and Councilman J. A. Beasley.

Fearing the Legislature was going to adjourn before state approval of the charter amendments passed by Torrance voters Tuesday could be obtained, the pair flew to Sacramento Thursday to present the amendments to the Legislature.

With the aid of Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, a concurrent resolution ratifying the amendments was introduced

and whipped through the Assembly and the Senate. It does not require the signature of the Governor.

A few hours after passage of the ratifying resolution, the Legislature adjourned.

"Without the fast action of these two men, the city would have had to wait until next January's session of the Legis-

lature to get the measures ratified," Mayor Albert Isen said Friday.

Ratification of the amendments, always required in any charter changes, means that the city can now go ahead with any plans to prepare and issue revenue bonds to provide \$1,225,000 for improvements on the airport.

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