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TORRANCE SCHOOL BOARD CHARGED WITH 'UNION BUSTING' PROCEDURES

\$1 3/4-Million in School Bonds Ready for Sale

\$1,750,000 worth of Torrance Unified School District bonds went on sale yesterday morning in the Los Angeles offices of the Board of Supervisors.

Bonds, authorized in the 1958 election, will be used to complete present construction projects and the purchase of sites for further building.

School district employees reported that a balance of \$3,270,000 in bonds, authorized in the same election, remain to be sold. Balance of the authorized issue still in the "kitty" will probably be sold in the Fall, they said. Money derived from the

sale of bonds is already earmarked and will not be used for any of the projects listed in September's bond issue election.

Voters will be asked to approve another \$8,000,000 in school bonds at a special election September 18.

Sellout Expected At Tomorrow's Police Officer of Year Banquet

Advance reservations for the South Bay Bar Association's annual "Police Officer of the Year" award dinner, to be held tomorrow night, indicate it will be a sellout, according to co-hosts Harold Thomasian and Pat Gibson.



HAROLD THOMASIAN
... Host

Award will be presented by District Attorney William B. McKesson at the Seafood Grotto on the Esplanade in Redondo Beach.

Honored guests will include police chiefs from several South Bay cities including Torrance, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes, Hermosa Beach, Gardena, Redondo Beach, El Segundo.

Each chief will accompany his nominee for the coveted award.

Representatives from the California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office will also be present.

Several political hopefuls will also attend the meeting.



BIG RED GIFT—Probably one of the most unusual gifts ever presented was this huge red former MTA bus, purchased and presented to the Torrance YMCA by the local Y's Men's Club. Bus, which will carry 38 passengers, will see yeoman duty during the com-

ing YMCA summer outing program. Here Stan Ellis, program secretary for the "Y," tries out the driver's seat while volunteer signpainter George Shelton puts the club's insignia on the side.

(Press Photo)

DROPS \$58,000 TO BOOKIE . . .

Torrance Area Man Files Damage Suit After Being Ousted From Poker Clubs

A Torrance area man, who filed suit for damages after being barred from a Gardena poker club, yesterday testified

that he had won \$130,000 playing cards over a three year period but had lost \$58,000 in one year to a bookie.

Francis Danesi, 46, of 21834 Nicolle Ave., said that he had placed the bets with a "Jack Rosen" at the Rainbow Club in Gardena.

No evidence was presented to show that Rosen was an employee of the club although Mrs. Frances Pierce, a former check girl at the club, testified that she believed that bookies did frequent the clubs and accepted bets there.

Danesi stated that he was barred from the Gardena poker clubs because he once testified before the Riverside County Grand Jury about book-making in a poker club in Cabazon.

Police, FD Lines Jammed Following Sonic Boom Mon.

A sonic boom that shook the Torrance area Monday night caused earthquake sensitive residents to flood police and fire department switchboards with calls.

According to fire department officials the phones were so jammed that, if a fire had started, it would have been impossible to get an emergency call through.

Switchboards at the local station were tied up for almost 30 minutes.

Believed caused by an Air Force F-101 jet sweeping over the area, the explosion-like blast hit Torrance at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Officials said anyone seeking information on sonic booms should call the downtown office at Richmond 9-4711. Information on plane flights, and their approximate location would be on hand there, they said.

Teachers Union Says 'No' to Member List

School board members Monday night were charged with attempts at "union busting" and with seeking to gain the names of teachers belonging to the California Teachers Federation an AFL-CIO affiliate.

Ralph Schloming, executive secretary of the organization, accused the board of checking with the county counsel on school charter provisions which might require listing the names.

Schloming said that the union looked upon the procedure as a violation of its freedom, coercive, and unfair labor practice. He suggested that the issue be settled on the basis of good personnel practices rather than the law.

Board presently recognizes the California Teachers Association as the bargaining agent of certificated personnel. Most teachers in the state are members of the CTA.

Board members reported that it was difficult to judge whether the new organization, which is attempting to gain recognition, is truly representative of any appreciable proportion of the teachers since it refuses to give names. CFT had offered to list number of teachers in the district who belonged to the organization but has refused to list names, claiming that it would open the door to discriminatory practices.

Board members, in turn, stated that numbers would have little validity un-

less they could be checked.

Board member Bert Lynn suggested that the new union might submit the list for checking to a mutually acceptable third party but was countered with an emphatic "no."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. H. Hull stated that the district has

a policy that requires organizations wishing recognition to submit copies of their charters, constitutions and by-laws, lists of members and officers before September 1 each year.

He pointed out that the union of classified employees abides, without complaint, by the policy.



ELECTRONIC SALESMAN—James Chicchini, Torrance realtor, this week celebrated National Realty week by announcing that he has installed an electronic teletype hookup in his office. System allows him to communicate immediately with other major property brokers throughout the state, either offering property for sale or receiving information on available property in other communities. (Press Photo)

Win Trip to World Fair



TICKETS TO SEATTLE—Tom Rupert, owner-manager of Space Age Travel Agency, and secretary Charmaine Richards, hold up tickets to Seattle World Fair, which will be won by lucky downtown Torrance shopper on June 2. Trip will be awarded to some lucky entry in fabulous "Come-On" sale sponsored by downtown merchants. (Press Photo)

Merchants Offer Air Trip to Seattle

Two lucky downtown Torrance shoppers are going to win trips to the Seattle World Fair as the high point of the first annual "Come-On" Sale in this city. Stated for May 31, June 1 and 2, the sale, which will be sponsored by downtown Torrance merchants, will offer the finest values at rock-bottom or below cost prices.

Majority of downtown merchants will participate in the program and will offer free entry blanks in their stores. Just enter your name, address and phone number on the form and drop it into the convenient box.

No jingles or slogans to write and the winner need not be present at the drawing. Selection of the winner will be made Saturday evening June 2.

AIR TRAVEL

Air transportation to the Fair, hotel accommodations and admissions, all for two, will be provided the winner by Space Age Travel Agency, corner of Hawthorne and Torrance Blvd. Owner-manager Tom Rupert stated that deluxe accommodations will be provided.

In addition, a full set of traveling luggage will be presented to the winner.

More than 30 downtown Torrance shops will participate in the program. Each will load its shelves with enticing values as an added bonus for contest entrants.

Everyone's invited to take part in this month-end sales event. Join in the fun, take advantage of these shopping values, and you may win this fabulous three-day, expense paid, trip to the Seattle World Fair.

For further information see Page D-2 in this edition of the Torrance Press.



SHADES OF '49—Calle Mayor fourth graders have a touch of "gold fever" following a class project arranged by teacher Robert S. Matchett. Youngsters built scale models of rockers, shakers and sluice boxes patterned after those built by gold seekers in

California in 1849. When they were completed, Matchett made a trip to the old Newhall gold fields and brought back several boxes of sand. "Kids found enough 'color' in the sand," said Matchett, "to get a good case of 'gold fever'."

Local Board Celebrates Realtor Week

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