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Council Orders Dairy Herd Moved From City

Bid to Remain Vetoed

A seven-year effort to remove cows from Torrance turned another corner last night when the City Council ordered one of the last remaining herds removed from the city.

Councilmen voted 6-1 to deny a variance which would have permitted Quinn's Dairy to keep its herd in the city. George Vico cast the lone dissenting vote on the motion. The action ended debate and public hearings which have been going on since mid-December. Councilmen cited a policy adopted in 1958 and continuing urban development in handing down their decision.

"ANYONE sitting here has to face the fact that we are living in an urban community," Councilman David K. Lyman said. "The keeping of cows is not in keeping with the character of the community. These people were given ample opportunity," he added.

Lyman's reasoning was supported by Mayor Isen and J. A. Beasley. "We are duty bound to remove the cows," Beasley told his colleagues before the vote.

The action means Lester Quinn, owner of the dairy, will have to move his dairy herd from the city. Possible court action may, however, delay the departure of the cows for some time.

IN OTHER action, council-

men: Referred to the council finance committee a proposed

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Redondo May Get Project

Approval of a land exchange between the county and Sovereign Development Co. was voted by the Board of Supervisors yesterday after a grand jury investigation ended last week without any indictments.

Supervisors voted to trade a section of county beach and bluff property in Redondo Beach for a similar parcel in Torrance. The site involved is that of the old Riviera Clubhouse.

The action, in effect, clears the way for construction of a high-rise apartment on the Redondo Beach side of the bi-city parcel of land. Zoning in Redondo Beach permits high-rise in the area.

A decision on the trade had been delayed while the grand jury investigated a letter introduced by Torrance Councilman George Vico which gave rise to allegations of bribery. The grand jury voted not to return an indictment in the case last Thursday.

In a related action last night, the Torrance City Council voted to deny a request from Sovereign Development Co. to maintain company offices on the Torrance portion of the site for six months.

"Let them move it to Redondo Beach," Mayor Albert Isen said. Councilmen agreed and denied the request.



IT'S OFFICIAL... Mayor Albert Isen signs proclamation designating Saturday, May 15, as Sixth Annual Torrance Armed Forces Day as representatives of the nation's military forces look on. From left are T/Sgt. Howard W. Pederson, USAF; Chief Albert J. Metenev, USN; Gunnery Sgt. Chester R. Pavey, USMC; and S/Sgt. Edward P. Black, U.S. Army.

Guatemala City Mission Now Scheduled April 24

An official mission to Torrance's new sister city, Guatemala City, Guatemala, has been postponed until April 24, according to J. Walker Owens,

manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The trip, previously scheduled to begin Saturday, was delayed at the request of the Guatemalan government because of Holy Week observances planned in the capital city.

Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. and Ken Miller will lead the city delegation. Chamber of Commerce President Arthur Reeves and Owens will represent the chamber.

OTHERS planning to make the trip include City Treasurer and Mrs. Thomas Rupert, Mrs. Isen, and Mrs. Naomi McVey of the Citizens Sister City Committee. Representatives of local firms are being encouraged to make the trip, Owens said.

The sister city program is part of the State Department's people-to-people program begun under President Eisenhower. Sciarrotta, chairman of the city's Sister City committee, said the Torrance-Guatemala City program will be "purely a people-to-people program."

The Torrance delegation will meet with the President of Guatemala and with the mayor and municipal council of Guatemala City during the four-day visit. Plants in the Central American country operated by local industry also will be visited.

PARTICULAR attention will be paid to possible import-export opportunities offered by the sister city program. Guatemalan officials are especially interested in possible expansion of trade with Southern California, Sciarrotta said.

Businessmen or residents interested in the April trip are urged to contact the

Navy League to Honor Top High School Boys

Twenty-five boys from 10 Southwest high schools will be honored tomorrow at the annual Shipmate Banquet of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Council of the Navy League of the United States. It was announced today by President Robert N. S. Clark. The meeting will be held at the Plush Horse at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman of the evening will be Lewis M. Andrews, who said the boys, all seniors or juniors, were selected on

the basis of scholarship attainments and all-around abilities. They will be sponsored and escorted by members of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Council. Five of the boys are sons of members.

The boys will be guests aboard the Naval Ships the USS Excel and the USS Guide on an all-day cruise Monday, Andrews said.

Guest speaker at the banquet will be Major General B. A. Hochmuth.

March Building at Brisk Pace

Building permits valued at more than \$2.1 million were issued in Torrance during March, according to a report just released by the city's building department.

Actual value of all permits issued was \$2,151,513, bringing to \$6,683,000 the value of all new construction begun in Torrance since the first of the year.

The permits provide for the construction of 12 new single-family homes and 98 apartment units. Since Jan. 1, construction has been started for 128 new single-family homes and 158 apartment units.

Largest of the permits issued in March was valued at more than \$331,000. It provides for the construction of

a 72-unit apartment building with 103 garages and a gymnasium.

Another large permit, valued at \$296,000, calls for the construction of an office building and warehouse at 646 Alaska St.

Cosmodyne Corp., 2920 Columbia St., received a \$30,000 permit for additions to an industrial plant and Danalou, Inc., received a permit valued at \$224,945. It calls for construction of nine homes in the 20500 block of Amie Avenue.

Four office suites will be built at 23026 Crenshaw Blvd. under a permit valued at \$17,500. Bert M. Lynn received a permit valued at \$60,000 for the construction

of six rental retail stores at 4505 Calle Mayor.

Other major permits issued included a \$92,360 permit for a nine-unit apartment building at 1912 Plaza del Amo, and a \$167,620 permit for a 17-unit apartment building at 2816 W. 182nd St.

Apartment construction accounted for the major share of March building. Permits for apartments valued at \$791,000 were issued, compared to slightly less than \$300,000 in permits for single-family homes.

Nine permits for new commercial stores were issued at \$153,000, while industrial construction was pegged at \$352,000.

First-quarter totals in 1964 were \$9.7 million.



SIGN OF THE TIMES... One of the more familiar sights for motorists in Torrance during the rainy season will soon disappear. This picture shows Anza Avenue north of Torrance Boulevard after some three inches of rain fell in the city during last week's storm. The street will be improved to a four-lane, fully curbed major highway under a contract awarded to B and P Trucking Co. last night. The project will cost \$137,894.18. (Press-Herald Photo)

Candidates Differ About Lay Boards, Federal Aid

Incumbent school board member Bert M. Lynn charged "there is no place on the board for an educator" before the Riviera Homeowners Association Monday evening.

City Ends Used Car 'Bootleg'

After several weeks of debate and several votes, City Councilmen finally have adopted a law which prohibits the sale of automobiles from unimproved lots.

The new ordinance, adopted on its second reading last night, is aimed at eliminating what several councilmen have described as "traffic hazards and eyesores" along major streets.

Support for the law from several automobile dealers prompted Councilman David K. Lyman, who opposed the ordinance, to observe, "This has done one thing. It has brought out who is behind this."

J. A. Beasley, who first brought the matter before the council, told Lyman he did so because of the traffic danger created by such sales and because of the general "eyesore" condition.

"Are you suggesting that someone up here is lobbying?" Ken Miller asked Lyman. "I know what my reasons are — safety factors," Miller added.

The new law prohibits the sale of any vehicle from an unimproved lot, although it grants property owners the right to sell two vehicles each year from premises which they own or lease. "For Sale" signs may be displayed in vehicles while in transit or while parked in lots when the owner is on the premises "for the purpose of or incidental to lawful business other than the sale of said vehicle."

Mayor Albert Isen has opposed the ordinance since it was first introduced. "There are so many bugs in it that it is absolutely dangerous to the rights of private citizens," Isen said.

the Torrance Unified School District.

Lynn's statement, first of many made by 10 candidates who addressed the homeowners meeting, drew quick rebuttals from two educators now campaigning for election to the board.

"The board should not be all professional educators," Donald E. Wilson, a professor of education, said, "but it should be balanced." He told the audience, "Education is my business."

William A. Goodman, a former teacher, also took issue with Lynn. "Perhaps it's time," Goodman said, "for a professional educator—as an accountant audits books—to audit your school system from the educational standpoint."

Members of the Homeowners group heard candidates support the principle of a "lay board of lay people" more often than not during the 90-minute session.

H. Arch Williams Jr., Adolph Bialecki, and Mrs. Beverly Schwartz entered the argument over professional educators versus lay people by supporting Lynn's charge.

Williams, a certified public accountant, called for the election of lay people to the board. "There are those who feel education should be controlled by a federal bureau of professional educators," he

said. "Not me. I want to make local control work."

His statements injected a new argument to the debate—that of federal aid to education.

Homeowners heard Wilson and Lawrence Townsend support federal aid. Townsend qualified his support by saying he was "in favor of federal funds as long as we have the right to control it."

"It's here," Wilson said. "If you don't believe in federal aid, then somebody is being cheated. The money is there for districts to take advantage of. If you don't believe in it, let's change the law, don't cheat the kids."

Mrs. Beverly Schwartz also offered qualified support for federal aid "with no strings attached." She added, "If we can't get federal aid without federal control, then let's forget it."

Also speaking to the homeowners were Dr. Richard A. Sullivan, Michael Moore, and Stanley Dunn, who read a speech for incumbent William J. Hanson. Hanson was in the east on business and unable to attend.

Candidates will appear tonight under the sponsorship of the Torrance League of Women Voters. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock at the Torrance Recreation Center.