

# Successful Sister City Visit Reported

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**MAYORS MEET . . .** Francisco Montenegro Seira, mayor of Guatemala City, Guatemala, welcomes Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance on arrival at the Central American airport for the start of a five-day official visit. Isen led a 12-member delegation to Central America to initiate the sister city program between Guatemala City and Torrance.



**WITH PRESIDENT . . .** Mayor Albert Isen chats with Enrique Peralta Azurdia, President of the Republic of Guatemala, during a reception at the Presidential Palace in Guatemala City. Isen and the other 11 members of the Torrance sister city delegation were received by the President Wednesday before departure for Torrance.

## Guatemala City Trip Called Highly Successful by Mayor

Torrance's new sister city program with Guatemala City, Guatemala, is off to an enthusiastic and promising start, Mayor Albert Isen declared Friday.

Isen, who returned early Thursday morning from an official visit to the Central American city, said the welcome and enthusiasm shown by citizens and officials of Guatemala City "exceeded all expectations."

"They want to get quickly into an active sister city program," he added.

Isen traveled to the capital city of Guatemala with 11 other representatives of the city. During the five-day tour, the group held several work sessions with the municipal council of Guatemala City, toured the area, and visited with the President of Guatemala, Enrique Peralta Azurdia.

Guatemalan officials, Isen said, are not interested in international problems so much as they are interested with every day problems of city government and community development. Francisco Montenegro Seira, mayor of Guatemala City, and his council asked Torrance officials to supply copies of city laws on numerous subjects.

Questions were raised by the Central American leaders on such subjects as taxes, garbage disposal, civil service systems, and the purchase of city equipment. Guatemalan leaders also called for an exchange of professional and business leaders, as well as music and cultural exchanges.

Stronger business ties between the two communities also were considered.

Isen said two firms which now operate in Torrance already are well known in Guatemala City. Boise - Cascade Corp. operates a plant in the Central American Republic, while one of the largest customers of the Torrance Union Carbide Co. facility is a Guatemalan plastics manufacturer.

Additional programs may be planned by service clubs and the Chambers of Commerce of the two cities.

An increase in tourism involving both Guatemala and Southern California — is one result both cities hope to achieve, Isen said.

The mayor described Guatemala City as a "superb, modern city." He said modern buildings were being built throughout the area. Isen did note that parts of the city suffer from extreme poverty, particularly areas where the Mayan Indians live.

Members of the Torrance delegation included City Treasurer Tom C. Rupert and his wife, Mrs. Naomi McVey of the sister city committee, Councilmen Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. and Ted Olsen, Brian Bell of Hi-Shear Corp., Chamber of Commerce President Arthur Reeves and his wife, and Chamber manager J. Walker Owens and Mrs. Owens. All 12 were made honorary citizens of Guatemala City.

Guatemalan officials plan a visit to Torrance in October or November. Some officials have expressed the hope that a small group might travel to Torrance in time for the May 15 Armed Forces Day parade.

City Engineer Walter Nollac will recommend award of the contract to Eric L. Peterson, who submitted a low bid of \$22,749.58.

Nollac also will recommend that work not be started until May 17 to avoid interference with the Armed Forces Day celebration.

The work will include the installation of traffic signals, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, and the improvement of drainage facilities in the intersection.

Councilmen will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall.

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## Ask \$18 Million For School Year



**EAGLE SCOUT . . .** Edward Cannady, 16 year-old student at South High School, was awarded the Eagle Scout badge at Court of Honor ceremonies at Alondra Park. The presentation was made by District Commissioner Tom Carter, assisted by Scoutmaster Fred West. The awardee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene R. Cannady of 23502 Susana Ave.

### Torrance Art Show Under Way

Torrance High School opened its second annual art exhibit Friday evening for a two-week run.

Featuring work by advanced art students at the school, the exhibit is being held in the second-floor hall of the administration building.

Entries will be judged by a board of critics which includes Larry Macaray, Press-Herald art columnist and an El Camino College instructor; Alan Swartz, representing the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department; Jack Kling, Chinouard Art Institute instructor, and Erika Muhl, art director for the Torrance Recreation Department.

Oil paintings, watercolors, drawings, and mixed media works are on exhibit. Paintings may be purchased during the show, but will remain on display during the two-week exhibit.

Mrs. Patsy Jaeger and Melvin Steinberg are in charge of the art show. Maurice Wilson is co-ordinator of the event.

Students whose work is displayed include Fred Babb, Larry Champion, Sandra Fontaine, Vickie Garrison, Margherita Gigliotti, Kris Hetland, Diane Johnson, Sam Martin, Johanna Morris, Roberta Meyers, Colin Perreault, Margaret Roemisch, Chris Sciarrotta, and Cheryl Steinmann.

There is no charge for admission.

### Mens' Group Pays Honor To Carlson

The Lutheran Brotherhood of First Lutheran Church of Torrance honored Milton Carlson, superintendent of the church's Sunday School, at their regular meeting recently. Carlson received a portrait of Jesus for his work and devotion to the Sunday School program.

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### Isen to Attend Mayors Meeting

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## Budget Matter For Year Goes To New Board

A preliminary budget which calls for expenditures of \$18,450,000 will be handed to members of the Torrance Board of Education tomorrow evening as trustees begin the task of allocating funds for the 1965-66 school year.

The budget, up nearly \$1.8 million over the 1964-65 figure, calls for no increase in the general tax rate of \$3.03 per \$100 assessed valuation. Taxpayers may expect a 7-cent hike in the state loan tax—over which the local board has no control—to meet the district's payment to the state.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, said the figures are based on an increase of \$10 million in assessed valuation for the district. To balance the budget, Waldrip has dipped into a \$3.4 million surplus for about \$600,000.

Trustees will convene at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at 2535 Plaza del Amo.

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## Winners Listed In Science Fair

Group and individual winners for the annual Torrance Schools Science Fair, held Thursday and Friday at West High School, were announced Thursday evening during an awards ceremony.

Top individual winners in the elementary school judging were Steve Penney and Roy Ball, both of Parkway School. Penney won the biological science award, and Ball won the physical science prize.

Individual winners in the high school division were John Cochran, West High, biological science winner, and Maxine Melini of North High, the physical science winner.

Group awards were presented to Gerald Nyhus and Steve McLaren of Fern-Greenwood School for biological science and to Christine Haigh, Edythe Cheney, and Dorothy Crauslaw of Anza School for physical science.

Janis Bainer and Lynne Reaban of Torrance won the group award for biological science in the high school division. No first place was given in the high school physical science judging because of the limited number of entries. In accordance with national judging rules, a third place award was given to Rebecca Hebert and Ellen M. Jones of South High.

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**HOST OPEN HOUSE . . .** Students in this seventh-grade class at Adams School hone up on their study skills, in preparation for a classroom demonstration given as part of Public Schools Week. Shown are, from left, Barbara Sittsworth, Don Norris, and John Lucas. Several Schools in Torrance scheduled special events as they observed Public Schools Week.