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Council Proclaims: The Buses Will Run

Torrance Municipal Buses will keep running, the City Council decreed last night.

Councilmen, on motion of Mayor Albert Isen, adopted a policy statement expressing their intention to keep the buses running while trying to find ways to reduce or eliminate the estimated \$120,000 loss per year. Isen, in his motion, said the council has "no intention to phase out any portion of the municipal transportation system."

The bus controversy flared last week when a committee began distributing notices warning bus riders that an attempt might be made "as early as Tuesday evening" to abandon the municipal system.

H. Ted Olson said the rumors may have started several weeks ago when he suggested a study to find ways of increasing the annual revenue from the bus system. Olson's efforts were voted down by the council at that time, but a study was begun by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro as part of his work on the 1965-66 budget. Ferraro, however, has made

no recommendation on the bus lines.

"Leave the buses as they are," Ken Miller said. "The problem has no answer. We just simply pick up (funds to maintain the bus lines) somewhere else."

David K. Lyman told his colleagues he felt the buses should be run "as a business, not as a fancy whim of the council." Lyman said his own investigation convinced him the city could operate a more efficient bus line and charge lower rates. He also said Torrance drivers were paid more than bus drivers for other systems.

No outside firms will be hired for any surveys, the council said. Suggestions will be tried and every effort will be made to cut the annual loss as much as possible, but the buses will continue to run.

"I'm not against making any operation in the city more efficient anytime," J. A. Beasley declared. "If Mr. Olson and Mr. Lyman—both new on the council—have any ideas, I'd like them to turn them over to the city manager to try."

Torrance to Salute U.S. Armed Might Saturday

Report Due Tonight

Campaign for 'Y' Near Goal

With \$40,273 to go on the \$150,000 goal, Torrance Family YMCA campaigners are hoping to reach the top before the final report dinner, scheduled at the YMCA tonight.

Teams Chairman Rodney Swartz, reported that his workers had brought in an additional \$7,884 for a total of \$31,202, just \$16,798 short of their \$48,000 goal. Special Gifts Chairman Ted Olson reported another \$18,525 to swell that total to \$78,525 — \$23,475 short of their \$102,000 goal. Success of this campaign will determine how much of present building plans will be constructed this year.

The hope was expressed that industries contacted but still undecided as to their gift, will decide in favor of this local effort to serve the youth of the community and will do so in time for tonight's report. Team workers were urged to make more

calls in an attempt to contact the parents of those youngsters already in the "Y" program as well as those individuals interested in the welfare of our local young people. The Torrance Family YMCA serves all of Torrance, including the Riviera area, and all of Lomita.

THOSE PRESENT at the May 5 report were able to hear, first hand, what the "Y" has meant to six young men of the Hi-Y clubs. The boys represented a cross section of clubs and personal interests. Their experience with the YMCA ranged from three months to nine years.

The ideas expressed were that the chances to serve others and to help younger boys. "I like to let the kids know that not all older boys just say, 'Get out of the way punk,'" stated Charles Bush, "but that we're interested in listening to their ideas and problems."

One young man liked the idea of the Family Y while another stated that he valued the opportunity to develop leadership ability that will help him all through life. Another boy expressed gratitude for adult leaders who take the time to "just listen." They all hoped that the 6- to 9-year-old Indian Guides present, would benefit as much as they all had and that they would appreciate the new building that everyone was working for.

If you would like to help in any way, call the Torrance Family YMCA at FA 8-3410 or FA 8-1272 or come to 2080 Washington Ave. The new YMCA program building will be located at 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.



CHARLES J. HITCH
Due Here Friday

Hitch Due To Arrive For Parade

Assistant Secretary of Defense Charles J. Hitch and his wife are due to arrive in Torrance Friday to assume duties as grand marshal of the 1965 Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade.

The secretary will arrive in mid-afternoon at the Jump 'n Jack Motor Hotel, following participation in an Armed Forces Day celebration in the San Fernando Valley.

Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen J. A. Beasley, David K. Lyman, Ken Miller, H. Ted Olson, Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., and George Vico will host a reception and dinner for Hitch and his wife Friday evening. Directors and officers of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce also will attend the reception and dinner.

The official party will observe the fireworks display which marks the start of the Armed Forces celebration here. Hitch and his party will arrive at the civic center at 8:30 p.m. for the giant display.

A press conference and breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, to be followed by the parade. Secretary and Mrs. Hitch, Mayor Isen, and Chamber of Commerce president Arthur L. Reeves will join George S. Wing, general chairman of the celebration, to assume their assigned positions in the parade line of march.

The secretary will lead the parade to the Torrance civic center, where he will join other civic and chamber officials on the reviewing stand.

Hitch will be the principle speaker at a luncheon, to be held at the Commissioned Officers Mess, Allen Center, Los Angeles Naval Base at Terminal Island, after the parade. Hitch will leave from Allen Center to return to Washington, D. C.

Open House Set At Junior High

Girls at Fleming Junior High School will participate in a demonstration of physical education activities during an open house for parents, teachers, and friends Friday afternoon.

The program, "Spring Swings," is scheduled to begin at 1:30.

Huge Parade To Highlight Annual Event

Spectators will be briefly transported back to Revolutionary War days when watching the colorful Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps which will lead the sixth annual Torrance Armed Forces Day parade Saturday. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and proceed westward on Torrance Boulevard from Cravens Avenue to Madrona Avenue.

The Fort Myer Fife and Drum Corps, in authentic Revolutionary War uniform, is one of the most celebrated ceremonial units in Washington, D. C. The musicians will play old tunes on wooden fifes, handmade rope-tension drums, and bugles typical of George Washington's Continental Army. They have performed throughout the United States and in Europe.

The historic unit will follow the trim Torrance mounted police in leading the parade prologue with Grand Marshal Charles J. Hitch, Assistant Secretary of Defense; distinguished military leaders; Los Angeles County representatives Burton W. Chace, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and Supervisors Kenneth Hahn and Warren Dorn; Mayor Albert Isen; city councilmen and City Manager Edward J. Ferraro; Presidents of the Torrance Chamber and Junior Chamber of Commerce and George S. Wing, general chairman of the Armed Forces Day celebration.

REGULAR FORCES entries from all service branches include Fort MacArthur's Color Guard, 72nd Band, Women's Army Corps Detachment, Garrison Honor Guard

and Marching Unit, 47th Artillery Brigade (Air Defense) Marching Unit, 670th Radar Squadron, Air Defense Command, USAF, and a Nike-Hercules missile.

From the 1st Marine Division's Camp Pendleton will be the Mounted Color Guard, band, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, which has recently returned from the Vietnam area, marching Color Guard, and a Woman Marine Platoon.

March Air Force Base entries include the 22nd Combat Support Group's Color Guard, Honor Guard, Women's Air Force Marching Unit, and the 15th Air Force Band.

Edwards Air Force Base will send its Precision Drill Team.

OTHER REGULAR Forces Navy entries include the Fire Control Technician School Precision Drill Team from the U. S. Naval Schools Command, Mare Island, Vallejo; U. S. Naval Air Facility Drill Team, China Lake; a scale model of the U.S.S. Long Beach, nuclear powered cruiser; a Terrier-Sidewinder missile float from Seal Beach, and the AZROC anti-submarine missile.

U. S. Coast Guard Training Station entries from Alameda include a band and honor guard.

The California Army National Guard has entered the 40th Armored Division Band, the 500-man 132nd Engineering Battalion, and the 1st Squadron of 11th Cavalry in the mighty military display.

THE U.S. ARMY Reserve (Continued on A-2)

Developer's Petition For R-1 Zone Killed

City Councilmen denied a request for residential zoning on a portion of Tract 2200 south of 235th Street last night following a 90-minute hearing. The M-3 (heavy industrial) land use zone will remain in the area.

The property—57 acres—is located adjacent to a railroad spur south of 235th Street and west of Crenshaw Boulevard. Planning officials said it is a "prime industrial site." Petitioner Dan E. Butcher had asked for R-1 (single family residence) zoning.

The petition was recommended for denial by both the Planning Commission and the Planning Department. Councilmen voted 5-2 to concur with the recommendation. The dissenting votes were cast by J. A. Beasley and David K. Lyman.

BOTH BEASLEY and Lyman said the growth of Torrance was toward a commercial center and expressed concern over the 1,300 acres of vacant industrial land in the city.

"The city has priced itself out of the industrial market," Beasley declared. "I don't believe vacant land helps anybody."

William Lund, vice president of Economic Research and Associates, said a study by

his firm shows a "basic need in the community for more residential property." The study was conducted for Butcher.

MORE THAN 1,500 form letters, returned since a Friday mailing asked taxpayers in the city to support the rezoning, were presented by Albert W. Hines, a Palos Verdes Estates resident who said he represented the Citizens Committee for Lower Taxes. Hines said more than 400 of the residents in the immediate area had returned the letters.

The Petition for R-1 zoning was opposed by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and by the Fire Department, who said an explosives manufacturing firm has tentative plans to build south of the area. A parade of residents spoke before the council to oppose the proposed zone change.

At one point, Lyman moved to table the motion to deny the request and sparked a brief, but fiery, exchange with Mayor Albert Isen. The motion to table was voted down by a 3-3 vote, with Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. abstaining.

COUNCILMEN met for nearly four hours and in other matters.

Streets to Be Closed For Saturday Parade

All streets on the route of Saturday's Armed Forces Day parade will be posted for "No Parking Anytime" sometime Friday, according to Capt. Joseph B. Miles of the Torrance Police Department. Capt. Miles is parade traffic chairman.

Streets to be posted with the no parking signs include Cabrillo from Plaza del Amo to Carson Street, Cravens to Madrona. Vehicles parked in violation of the signs will be towed from the parade route to the nearest side street at owner's expense. The parade begins at 10

a.m. Saturday and the following streets along the parade route will be closed to traffic at the indicated time:

• Cabrillo Avenue from Plaza del Amo to Carson from 8 a.m. until the end of the parade has left that area.

• Cravens Avenue from Carson Street to Torrance Boulevard will be closed to traffic from 10 a.m. until the parade passes that area.

• Torrance Boulevard from Cravens to Madrona will remain closed from about 10 a.m. until the conclusion of the parade.

Center to Hold Clinics

"The ever-present threat of a disease outbreak of epidemic proportions in unimmunized populations has prompted the Torrance Health Center to open preschool evening clinics on Thursday nights from 6 to 8 o'clock," stated Earl W. Kendrick, M.D., District Health Officer. The clinics will be held in the Torrance Health Center.

The Torrance Health Center is located at 2300 W. Carson St.

Referred a civil service ordinance amendment to the council fire and police committee for further study. The amendment would give fire and police personnel involved in minor disciplinary actions the right of appeal to the Civil Service Commission, a right they do not have under the present ordinance.

Approved the construction of new bleachers at the Torrance Park baseball diamond.

Authorized the expenditure of \$15,000 for the addition of new facilities at the Adult Center, 1318 Cravens Ave.

Authorized installation of lights in the El Retiro Park parking lot.



BUCKLE UP TEST . . . Officer Thomas Woolridge of the Torrance Police Department checks out a seat belt while Jan Bradshaw (left), Miss Torrance, and Pam Wilson, a member of her court, look on. Overseeing the demonstration is Jim Clawson, member of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Jaycees will sponsor a seat belt clinic and vehicle safety check center on May 22 and 23 under the auspices of the Torrance Safety Council. (Press-Herald Photo)

Harvey Suit Denied . . .

A suit filed by 11 Harvey Aluminum Co. employees alleging gross irregularities in the NLRB-conducted elections in the plant last December was dismissed by U.S. District Judge Albert Lee Stephens on the grounds that the court had no jurisdiction in the case. The ruling destroyed one of the key company challenges to the validity of the election last year which resulted in certification of the United Steelworkers of America as bargaining agents for Harvey's Torrance plant workers. The union has been striking the plant since April 4, charging the firm has refused to negotiate a contract.

Courts to Torrance . . .

Consolidation of the South Bay Municipal Court District's facilities was ordered Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors. The order came on the approval of a recommendation by Supervisor Burton W. Chace that the courts be housed in the new multi-court complex now under construction on the Torrance Civic Center. The move had been recommended by a committee headed by Municipal Judge William Keene. Two divisions of the court now are located in Redondo Beach, the third on the Torrance Civic Center.

Safety Record Saluted . . .

A certificate of achievement for a 100 per cent on-the-job safety record during 1964 has been presented to Chemical Division of the Union Carbide Corp. Torrance facility, the Chemical Industry of Southern California reported today. The certificates are awarded each year by the national Manufacturing Chemists Association to chemical plants which complete a calendar year without an industrial injury.