

# Call \$2.3 Million Library Bond Election

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**MAIL CALL . . .** Sgt. Gil Elmore, a member of the Headquarters Co., 40th Armored Division of the California Army National Guard and a Torrance resident, is first in line at mail call as Terry Scott (front) and Arlene Parness (facing camera) start handing out letters. The girls, members of the Roland Dupre Dancers, joined the troops in camp for a show during two weeks of summer training. The show was headlined by singer Johnny Rivers, a private in the Headquarters Co. of the Division's 2nd Battalion, 160th Infantry.

# Councilmen Want Right To Select Their Chief

## Lyman Offers Ballot Issue; Wins 4-3 Vote

Torrance Councilmen voted last night to call a special election Nov. 8 to determine whether the city's mayor shall be elected by the voters or by members of the city council.

The action, approved by a 4-3 vote, came amid charges that Mayor Albert Isen "exercises dictatorial powers and thwarts authority."

The resolution, introduced by David K. Lyman, was dropped into the hopper near the end of an otherwise routine meeting and precipitated a bitter, hour-long debate.

LYMAN SAID the mayor's position is "one that is not a neutral one" and charged that the chairman can wield dictatorial powers. "Under the present system," he said, "it is possible for the chairman to carry on a private vendetta. The chairman is free to do just about what he pleases."

Both Miller and Olson said their vote was not because of any particular disagreement with the proposal, but with the manner in which it was presented. Both asked for time to study the three-page resolution which was handed to them shortly after 7 p.m. last night.

Lyman said nothing could be gained from study. "It's simple," he said. "Either you want the chairman of the body elected by the group or you don't."

THE AMENDMENT, if approved by voters, would provide for a seven-man council which would then elect one of its members to serve as mayor, "who shall serve at the pleasure of the city council."

Until 1958, the mayor was elected by the council. Voters changed that when they approved a charter amendment increasing the number of councilmen from five to sev-

en and providing for the direct election of a mayor for a four-year term.

Approval of the amendment would not affect Isen's tenure immediately as he was re-elected to a four-year term last April.

Approval of the County Board of Supervisors is necessary to consolidate the special election with the statewide general election Nov. 8.

While the City Charter makes the mayor independent, Lyman said, the rest of the council has to bear the criticism of his actions. "In the past, the present chairman has refused to take any advice from the council," he said, then added, "It's very difficult to express opinions different from those of the chairman."

"The rules change from week to week," he said.

MILLER SAID he didn't "know what's going on," and asked for time to study the resolution. He said he was "totally unaware of what ramifications the resolution has."

"In five minutes," Miller declared, "you want to legislate the whole city government."

"I have no sympathy with the mayor," Miller said. "but I need some kind of report to decide what's proper."

## Parents Win Bus Service

Parents seeking to get school bus service reinstated for the fall semester won half a victory last night during a meeting of the Torrance Board of Education.

Delegations from Crenshaw and Newton schools appeared before trustees to ask that bus service in the two areas be restored.

The Crenshaw delegation got their school bus, but the board denied the request of the Newton group.

TRUSTEE acted on a recommendation by the school staff in restoring the bus service in the Crenshaw School area. Although curbs and gutters recently were installed along 190th Street, no sidewalks have yet been planned, the board was told. Children walking to Crenshaw School also must pass the AlResearch Manufacturing Co., facility, crossing four major driveways, the report said.

The board voted unanimously to restore bus service in the area.

Trustees then reaffirmed an earlier decision about the Newton School bus service, but left the door open to re-establish service at a later date. Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts told the Press-Herald school officials would meet with the Torrance Police Department to determine if traffic in the Newton School area is hazardous enough to warrant continuation of school bus service.

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**JAPANESE GOVERNOR . . .** The Honorable Nira Iwakami, Governor of Ibaraki Prefecture of Japan, is officially welcomed to the County of Los Angeles by members of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's staff and representatives of Pepperdine College. The Governor, who represents approximately 2 million people, was a student at Pepperdine in 1951-52. Shown (from left) are Governor Iwakami; Walter King, a member of the Pepperdine College Alumni Board; and Supervisor Hahn's deputies Phil Pennington, immediate past president of Pepperdine Alumni Association, and Arlyn Weber of Torrance.

## To Discuss New Freeway

Possible routes of the proposed Pacific Coast Freeway and their effects on the Ellwood area will be the subject of two State Division of Highways representatives tomorrow evening.

Vernon Hall, project engineer, and Richard Howdle, from the division's routing

# Council Calls April Election for Bonds

A \$2,350,000 bond issue to finance operations of the city's new municipal library system will be submitted to voters at a special election April 11 next year.

The special election was called by the City Council last night when councilmen approved a long-range plan to finance the new municipal library system. The proposal was prepared by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

The bonds, if approved, would provide funds for a new main library on the civic center grounds, finance improvements at the five existing libraries, and purchase 80,000 books for the system.

er this year to establish the independent system on July 1, 1968. At that time, a contract under which the county has provided the city with library services will expire and the county will not renew it.

The council also approved the purchase of \$184,000 worth of books and agreed to hire a librarian next Jan. 1. Funds for the immediate expenditures will come from a \$85,000 library fund surplus, a \$55,000 appropriation from the city's general fund, and from a 2-cent increase in the city's library tax rate. The tax increase was approved two weeks ago when the council voted to reduce

the city's general tax rate by two cents and added the two cents to the library tax rate. The \$184,000 appropriation will purchase about 23,000 books, Ferraro said.

APPROVAL of the finance plan came after Mayor Albert Isen lost a bid to delay action while the city discusses a possible lease arrangement for books with the county. Isen said he has discussed the matter with Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and felt something could be worked out for the city.

George Kurtz, chairman of the city's Library Commission, urged that no delay be

## STEVE DAWSON IS TOP P-H NEWSBOY

Steve Dawson, who celebrated his 15th birthday Sunday, had reason to celebrate again Tuesday when notified that he has been determined the winner of the monthly Press-Herald Newspaperboy honors competition.

Young Dawson, who delivers the Press-Herald near his Southwood Estates home, will be a sophomore at West High School when classes begin next week. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Dawson, 20704 Tomlee Ave.

He is interested in arts and handicrafts, and does mosaics, paintings, and draws, learning much from his mother, an artist and teacher. Steve's father is a prominent Torrance realtor who is a past president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

While Steve had plenty of help from his twin brother Jeffrey when he celebrated his birthday Sunday, the model airplane presented to him yesterday by Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott represents an accomplishment he did on his own, he reports.

"Steve's accomplishment represents his own initiative said.



STEVE DAWSON Wins Model Plane

in seeing that he is giving the best service possible on his large route," Westcott

# \$500,000 in Federal Aid Given to Torrance Schools

Federal aid to education is here to stay.

Just one year ago, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, made that prediction at a back-to-school orientation program for teachers and administrators.

In the 12-month interval that has elapsed since the statement was made, his words have proven true locally — to the tune of more than half a million dollars. During the past year, the Torrance Unified School District has applied to the federal government for money to finance 20 different programs, ranging from materials used to enrich the teaching of science to a \$90,000 grant to plan a regional occupational skills center which will some day prepare high school students with job entry skills.

UNDER AUSPICES of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Torrance district is acting as

an agency for private as well as public schools in setting up a \$250,000 four-phase program aimed at meeting the needs of educationally deprived children. The program is being conducted in seven public and four parochial schools in five areas of the city identified as having high concentration of low-income families in the 1960 census.

Included in the four-phase Title I program which will go into full operation this year are: a pre-school summer program aimed at helping culturally deprived youngsters who are about to enter kindergarten express themselves; remedial reading centers at five public elementary schools, three parochial elementary schools, two public high schools, and one parochial high school; three mobile media libraries which will take books, films, records and tapes to five public and four parochial schools in target areas; and two vocational laboratories which will assist high school students in

two public and one parochial high school in planning vocational goals consistent with their ability and individual talents.

SERVING AS a communication channel between the school district and the parents in Title I special projects is a community advisory committee comprised of parents from the five target areas, priests, principals, recreational leaders.

ing skills classes at Torrance High, power mechanics at Torrance High; Industrial Drafting at South High, and radio broadcasting skills at North High School.

FUNDS FROM still another act, the Economic Opportunity Act, are earmarked for two purposes: the improvement of communication skills of students who come from families with language problems and the employment of teenagers from low-income families (the National Youth Corps). Money for this program — which amounts to \$100,000 for Torrance this year — is administered by the Los Angeles County Board of Education.

Under the communication skills program teachers worked with small groups of four to five students at a time at four Torrance schools last year.

To date, 167 Torrance students have been employed by Schools, child care and nurs-

## Chamber Manager III

J. Walker Owens, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is recuperating today in Torrance Memorial Hospital following a sudden illness which struck him Monday. While his physician put up a "No Visitors" sign, aides reported Tuesday evening that Owens apparently had not been seriously stricken. Cause of the illness was still being checked, it was reported.

## Lomita Aide Leaves Post

Norman C. Roberts, administrative assistant for the city of Lomita, has announced that he will leave that post on Sept. 30 to accept an assignment with the Economics and Youth Opportunities Agency in Los Angeles. Roberts came to the Lomita post on Feb. 1, 1965, after serving as a staff assistant to the Board of Public Works for the city of Los Angeles. He will be assigned as an administrative analyst for the EYO.

## L.A. Parading Today

A parade through downtown Los Angeles, the first since World War II, today marks the 185th birthday of the city, one of the highlights of a week-long celebration. Mayor Samuel W. Yorty was scheduled to share reviewing stand honors with Governor Brown and with Ronald Reagan, GOP gubernatorial candidate. Gen. James Doolittle is honorary marshal and General Holland Smith is grand marshal. Scheduled for the line of march for today's parade were nine holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor.