

# Future of City Bus Line May Be Decided Tuesday

(Continued from page A-1) pointing to the fact that only 4 per cent of the city's households do not own an automobile. Furthermore, he noted, the number of passengers has decreased since last year.

**CITY MANAGER Edward J. Ferraro** noted, however, that savings on the bus deficit probably will not take the form of a tax cut. The money would be put to some other city use—perhaps additional recreational facilities.

Ferraro and other city officials who favor the bus sale believe that this money should be spent in some way that benefits a larger segment of the city's population. Only 1,200 to 1,500 passenger fares are collected daily, although the town's population is near 140,000.

Citizen groups favoring the sale include the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce board of directors. The Chamber board voted unanimously that the city should divest itself of the bus lines, but objected to the \$70,000 subsidy. If a subsidy is absolutely necessary, the board said, it should be continued no more than one year instead of two.

A **BIG** savings is in store for the city if the sale is finalized, according to figures released through the city manager's office. Disregarding the \$110,000 the city will receive for the rolling stock, the city will lose only \$94,234 this fiscal year instead of \$100,000. In fiscal 1968-69, the loss will be \$81,591 and in 1969-70 there will actually be a savings of \$13,291 if the city does not continue the subsidy.

The city will no longer have to pay the salaries of two mechanics, who will be discharged. This amounts to \$16,776 per year. However, the bus cost figures above take into consideration the "over-pay" of bus drivers who will be staying with the city in some other capacity. Because these men are civil service employees, they cannot be arbitrarily booted down to a lower paying job. Therefore, the bus drivers whose salaries would be lower in another job must be subsidized by the city to make up the difference. This is called "Y-rating" an employee.

**MAYOR ALBERT Isen** is one of the few foes of the proposed bus sale. Isen believes that the transfer is shortsighted and would not result in as great a savings as predicted.

The mayor pointed out that the city would still have to pay the \$70,000 subsidy and the \$12,000 "consultant fee" to the current Torrance bus superintendent, M. A. Chamberlain, who now holds down the position, will retire in June, after which the position will become subject to review. "There is no advantage at all to be gained from turning over our control and leaving ourselves at the mercy of a foreign agency," Isen stressed.

THE "JOKER" in the proposed contract, Isen said, is the clause which states that the city will have to continue to subsidize indefinitely for all those bus lines which are not paying for themselves. Full control of bus routes and schedules will be taken over by RTD if the city does not

wish to subsidize the lines after the initial two-year period.

"The attempt to sell the bus line is not looking to the future as the city continues its rapid growth," Isen stated. "I feel sure that in 1970, there will be a clamor for transportation within the city if the City Council decides to cut out the subsidy."

It would then become necessary for the city to set up a bus system within the city, connecting business centers with service provided by RTD between Torrance and key destinations, Isen said.

"FOR SOME reason I don't understand," Isen continued, "no alternatives have been suggested that would be fairer looking ahead to 1969-70."

"This is a vital question for the people who use the bus system and also to those who need the reliability of stand-by services," he added.

The mayor also stated he could see no reason for what appears to be a "railroading" of the sale of buses, noting that it would be better to re-appraise the situation in 1970.

Furthermore, he pointed out, the deficit incurred by the Torrance bus line is not growing. During the three-month period that ended Sept. 31, the deficit was only \$20,048 as compared with \$21,255 during the same period a year ago.

Isen has refused to sign the contract into law until the courts have ruled on the validity of the measure. The mayor believes there might be a legal snag in the fact that one political entity is paying a subsidy to another entity.

"We have everything to lose and nothing to gain," he concluded.

**ANOTHER OPPONENT** of the bus sale is Councilman George Vico. Terming the bus sale a "giveaway," Vico compared it with the sale of Torrance beach front to Los Angeles County.

"You can always sell the bus system but you can't always get it back," he said, noting that the County would "laugh in your face" if the city ever tried to buy back the beach.

Vico underlined that the City of Torrance needs a good bus system, stating that the present municipal system is potentially a moneymaker.

"Why do you think RTD wants it?" he asked.

Vico also has questioned the wisdom of the \$70,000

subsidy. Furthermore, if the council chooses not to continue the subsidy, he said, "RTD will do as they see fit. They'll change routes or do anything they want to. RTD doesn't want to commit themselves now and they won't."

**INSTEAD** of selling the bus system, Vico said, the city should do something to make it more profitable. "If I had a business, I'd do something to stimulate it," he said, noting that the city should start new routes, adjust the scheduling, and "make a little more effort to promote it."

The proposed sale and subsidy, he continued, will not save the city nearly as much as proponents say it will. In effect, he said, the city is creating new jobs for as many of the 20 bus drivers as decide to stay with the city in other capacities. At least 10 and possibly all 20 drivers will remain in Torrance rather than work for RTD.

Furthermore, the transfer of men to other city departments could "create another hornet's nest" with regard to civil service regulations, Vico said, referring to the recent Woodridge case.

Vico also expressed his belief that the bus system belongs to the taxpayers and questions the right of the council to sell it without a vote of the people. "Even the city attorney doesn't know whether or not the people should decide," he said.

**CHIEF OBSTACLE** standing in the way of the sale was the problem of relocating Torrance bus drivers. Many of the men did not wish to be transferred to the RTD system and expressed their desire to stay with the City of Torrance in some other capacity.

The question of Civil Service priority was broached at a council meeting during November. Councilmen asked that a study be made to make sure that reassignment of the 20 bus drivers would not conflict with civil service regulations and precipitate more lawsuits. The city was recently involved in just such a lawsuit, involving Police Sergeant Tom Woodridge. The matter was turned over to the Civil Service Commission for an acceptable solution and the commission approved a new section to be added to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to cover the question.

**THE PROPOSED** section states that when a city de-

## Obituaries

**Alva Jenewein**  
Funeral services for Alva Anderson Jenewein, 54, of 2920 Artesta Blvd., were conducted Wednesday.

Mrs. Jenewein, a resident of this area for 20 years, was born in Texas. She died Dec. 22 in 29 Palms.

She is survived by her husband, Horace; three daughters, Winifred S. Thompson of Hawaii, Evelyn R. Gunther of San Diego, and Julia S. Hamilton of Oklahoma; two sons, Edward E. Mayers of Virginia and Daniel F. Mayers of Chula Vista; two sisters, Martha E. Garleick of Norwalk and Helen H. Nichols of Downey; a brother, Eugene Anderson of Cucamonga; several brothers and sisters out of state; and seven grandchildren.

## Elen Brown

Funeral services for Elen Margaret Brown, who died Tuesday, will be conducted in Salt Lake City, Utah, with Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Brown, of 2059 Reynolds Drive, was born in Huntsville, Utah, Dec. 14, 1885, and had lived in Torrance for nine months.

She is survived by her husband, Dean H.; two sons, Wilbur of Newark, Calif., and Laurance B. of Torrance; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## Irene Lawrence

Graveside services for Irene Olson Lawrence, 137 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach, were conducted Friday at Roosevelt

part is transferred outside the city or abandoned, the employees of that department may be reassigned to a vacant position in another department at the same or lower salary. This reassignment is to take precedence over appointments from any eligible list.

The proposed section also stipulates that the reassignment must have the approval of the city manager and the Civil Service Commission. Furthermore, the employee must meet the education and experience requirements of the position to which he is being reassigned.

Once the civil service question has been finally settled, the bus transfer will have been formally approved by the council. The transfer must then be tested in court, since Mayor Albert Isen has refused to sign the contract until the legality of the measure is proven.

Isen believes that the courts may find it illegal for one political entity to pay a

Memorial Park with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

A native of Montana, Mrs. Lawrence was born Oct. 22, 1901, and died Tuesday. She had lived in this area for more than 40 years.

Surviving are her husband, George W.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Elder of Roswell, N.M.; a son, Richard S. Lawrence of Hacienda Heights; a sister, Karmee A. Dolley of Gardena; and five grandchildren.

## Richard Kolath

Graveside services for Richard Leo Kolath, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kolath of 605 W. 228th St., were con-

## Courses in Psychology Offered

North High School in Torrance will be the site of two psychology classes offered by University of California Extension starting the first week in January.

"Abnormal Behavior," meeting Tuesday evenings, will focus on neuroses, psychoses, character disorders, psychosomatic reactions and other abnormal personality patterns.

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## ... Award

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The citation accompanying the Silver Star reads in part: "... His courageous fighting spirit in the face of great personal risk, initiative, and unselfish devotion to duty were responsible for saving the lives of his shipmates, and his patrol boat from certain destruction at the hands of an aggressive and well armed enemy force... his actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service."

While at Cam Ranh Bay, Meeks and other military personnel who received awards from the President lunched with General William C. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam.

## BABSON REPORT

# Cuts in Foreign Aid Seen in '68

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for Federal Reserve notes early in the year.

10. The amount of goods tourists will be permitted to bring into the country duty-free will be reduced to zero in 1968.

11. Further restrictions will be put on foreign investments by U. S. corporations in the coming year; our government will encourage American companies to increase dividend payments by foreign subsidiaries.

12. Rationing of credit by the Administration and the Federal Reserve is a distinct possibility in the months ahead.

13. U. S. outlays for foreign aid will be slashed in 1968.

14. Our money managers will slow down the current high rate of money supply increase as soon as Congress takes action to curb inflation.

15. But the tremendous outpouring of money during the whole of 1967 will continue, for some months, to exert upward pressure on interest rates and the general price level. It will also have an energizing effect on business. Hence, as money flow is cut back next year, there will be a delayed depressing effect on interest rates, prices, and business... probably after midyear.

16. There will be repeated raids on the dollar; but it will not be devalued in 1968.

17. There will, however, be many discussions between financial experts here and abroad to develop a long-range plan for revaluing in terms of gold—a more realistic basis—the currencies of all of the Free World.

### BENEFITS PAYABLE

Widows of deceased veterans now qualify for pensions from the Veterans Administration if their marriage had a duration of one year, or if a child was born to the couple, the Veterans Administration reports.

18. The early-1968 uptilt in business volume will give a lift to corporate profits; the fanning out of wage boosts, however, along with rising costs and taxes will later have a squeezing effect on profits.

19. Short-term interest rates will rise faster than long-term in the months ahead.

20. This will have a restrictive impact on the availability and cost of mortgage funds.

21. In turn, the recovery now under way in home building will be restrained and perhaps reversed as 1968 moves along... but apartment construction should remain in an uptrend.

22. Inventories will rise—perhaps sharply—in the first half of 1968... taper off later.

23. Business capital expenditures should start the year on a strong note; but as the year advances, prospects for further gains will become dimmer.

24. With wage guidelines now definitely junked, there will be a stampede by labor generally to bring contract gains in line with the huge advances made by the United Auto Workers; the annual salary concept for production workers will gain further acceptance in 1968 by a number of American industries.

25. A labor feature for the coming year will be widespread stoppages by state, city, and local public employees; the battle on this front will surely be long and bitter.

26. With elections coming in the autumn, Congress will not vote any restrictive labor legislation in 1968. Although we anticipate that credit controls may possibly be invoked in the Administration's struggle with inflation, there is no chance that any serious attempts will be made to impose wage controls.

27. Upward pressures on the cost of living will be in-

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