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## City Urban Renewal Plan Wins Unanimous Approval

### Jam City Hall for Hearings

Plans for the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment Project were approved by unanimous vote of the City Council last night, clearing the way for final action by the federal government. Councilmen acted at the end of a highly charged public hearing which lasted for nearly five hours. Final action by the city is expected next week when the ordinance adopted last night will be presented for its second and final reading.

THE REDEVELOPMENT plans call for the city to purchase 55.7 acres of land located at the west end of the Torrance Municipal Airport, clear

City Council members will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday to consider items on the regular Tuesday agenda which were postponed because of the lengthy urban renewal hearing.

the area, and develop an airport-oriented industrial park. The federal government will put up \$3.4 million and the city will pay an additional \$1.7 million to finance the project, which is expected to result in a \$35 million investment by industrial firms. In approving the redevelopment plan, councilmen overruled protests by an audience of some 350 to 400 persons who jammed the council chambers, an adjacent room, and the employees' lounge at the city hall.

TWENTY-EIGHT persons addressed the council during the marathon hearing, with the vast majority speaking in opposition to the proposal.

A prime point on which much of the opposition was based is the city's Uniform Housing Code — specifically its enforcement provisions — which at least two groups are now seeking to modify or repeal.

Edward Kessler, of 4170 W. 172nd St., presented an initiative petition to City Clerk Vernon W. Coil during the hearing which he said had some 8,000 names. Coil has 10 days in which to check the signatures and determine if the petition is signed by 10 per cent of the registered voters in the city.

SHOULD THE petition be newly independent Torrance library system will be ready

### \$253 Million in Sales Recorded

Taxable sales of more than \$277.8 million were reported in Torrance during the final quarter of 1966, a report just issued by the State Board of Equalization shows.

Total taxable sales during the quarter were \$77,880,000. The final quarter figures raised to nearly \$263.8 million the amount of taxable sales recorded in the city during 1966.

Sales taxes, under the formula which gives the city a 1



PREPARE BROCHURES . . . Some 30,000 brochures explaining the \$2,350,000 library bond issue which will appear on the ballot next Tuesday were addressed Monday by volunteers representing several civic organizations and service clubs. The massive community effort was organized by the Torrance Library Bond Steering Committee and the city Library Commission. Addressing their share of brochures for mailing are (from left) Mrs. John Walti, Las Vecinas Women's Club; Linda Blair, a 19-year-old El Camino coed; Mrs. Winthrop Saville, a member of the Library Commission; and Bill Terre, 10, from Parkway Elementary School.

### CITY IS ON ITS OWN

## Quality of Libraries Hinges on Bond Issue

"The landlord has given notice — one year from July — the tenant will be on his own."

That's how George McMullen, chairman of the Torrance Library Bond Steering Committee, explains the situation confronting the city's libraries.

On July 1, 1968, the Los Angeles County Library System will pack up its books, records, films, and personnel and leave the city. As of that date, the city will be on its own in the library business, McMullen said.

WHETHER OR NOT the newly independent Torrance library system will be ready

to serve the needs of all citizens in the community will depend on the outcome of balloting on a \$2,350,000 bond issue scheduled next Tuesday, McMullen explained. The choice, McMullen said, is between having a library system which can serve the various needs of the community and having a library system which may require many years to achieve its present level of service.

What will the library system provide for the community in addition to replenishing materials and books which will be removed by the county? RUSSEL WEST, newly appointed city librarian, said the Torrance libraries won't wait for people to visit the library to be of service. Instead, West said, the library system will seek out varying segments of the community

and try to provide "something for everybody." Such services may range from the latest periodicals for car buffs to special concerts for music lovers which the library system hopes to sponsor.

"We hope to sponsor discussion groups for young adults who enjoy conversation, to set up a research collection of materials needed by the business and industrial community, to provide a strong collection of materials needed by high school youngsters, and to provide current films, records, books, and microfilms of hard-to-get back issues of magazines needed by the reading public," West said.

IN ADDITION, he explained, some 80,000 books will be purchased with bond funds to stock the shelves of segments of the community

### Stabbing Suspect Faces Superior Court Hearing

A Torrance man accused of stabbing his wife and a 10-year-old son has been ordered to answer charges of assault with a deadly weapon in Superior Court. James Bailey Smith, of 24343 Ward St., was ordered Tuesday to appear in Department A of the Southwest Superior Court April 25. Smith

### Top Contenders To Meet May 9

Republican Robert G. Beverly, 1,288; Michael O'Neil, 524; early of Manhattan Beach and Democrat J. O. Lee Solomon, 214; and Kenneth A. Woolsey, 239. Democrats—Paul P. Kamm, 409; Joseph Amato, 375; and Owen A. Silverman, 206. About 25 per cent of the district's 103,945 registered voters cast ballots Tuesday, according to Los Angeles County Registrar of voters Benjamin Hite.

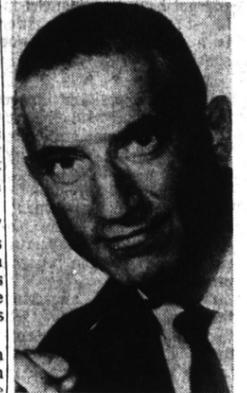
BEVERLY HAD piled up a total of 10,970 votes while Mrs. Chapel had received 6,572 to lead Republican voting.

Solomon led Democrats in the traditionally strong Republican district with 3,041 votes. William A. Ross, his closest challenger, had received 1,008.

OTHER VOTE tallies: Republican—Boris S. Wool-



ROBERT G. BEVERLY



J. O. LEE SOLOMON

### Cycle Rider Forced Off Area Road

A 41-year-old motorcycle rider told Torrance police he was forced off the roadway about 3 p.m. Sunday by a motorist who attempted to run him down.

Richard J. Frey, of 22627 Marjorie Ave., was riding his motorcycle east on 230th Street when a man in his early 20s forced him to the side of the roadway with his car, police said.

Officers said to unknown assailant attempted to run over Frey before he left the area.

### Grand Marshal Selected - - -

Congressman F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana will be Grand Marshal of the eighth annual Armed Forces Day parade here on May 20, it was announced yesterday by George S. Wing, general chairman of the event. Hebert, a 25-year veteran of Capitol Hill, has served 10 years as chairman of the powerful Investigating Committee of the Armed Services Committee. He gained national prominence as a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities during the Hiss-Chambers hearing days.

### Drain Bids Under Study - - -

An apparent low bid of \$571,033 has been submitted for construction of a Torrance storm drain project, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace. The lowest of 12 bids, it was filed by Paul Vukich of Arcadia. The project will include seven lines and involve sections of 238th and 234th streets, Ocean Avenue, Rolling Hills Road, Via Bonita, Via La Ciruela, Camino Del Campo, Paseo de Gracia, and Anza Avenue. The contract should be awarded in about 10 days, Chace said. Completion is expected in about eight months.

### To Honor Supervisors . . .

Supervisors' Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn will be the guests of honor tomorrow at a "Know Your Supervisor" luncheon to be held at the Latitude 20 Restaurant, 3901 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. The annual event is sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. All members of the Chamber and local businessmen are invited to attend, Howard Welchel, chairman of the Chamber's membership relations committee, said. Reservations may be made at the Chamber offices, 1510 Cravens Ave.



LT. DONALD HAMILTON Joins AID Agency

### MAY GO TO VIETNAM

## Police Officer Will Join AID

By HAL FISHER Press-Herald Staff Writer

Would you believe — Vietnam? That's the question Torrance Police Lt. Donald S. Hamilton is asking himself these days.

Hamilton has accepted an appointment as a public safety advisor with the United States Agency for International Development (AID). He will leave Torrance next Monday to begin eight weeks of training at the International Police Academy in Washington, D.C.

IT WILL not be until the end of his training period that Hamilton will know where he will be sent for his tour of duty. The State Department has AID agencies in 70 countries in the free world and public safety advisors are assigned to 52 of those agencies. But, as Hamilton points out, "Vietnam is where the priority is."

Hamilton, who lives with his family at 3412 Garnet St., first became interested in the

AID program after he met John Lindquist, a retired police captain from Berkeley, at a data processing seminar about a year ago.

CAPTAIN Lindquist is chief of the Latin American Public Safety Division of AID. Hamilton's application was accepted last December and the Torrance policeman was notified in mid-March of his appointment as a public safety advisor.

He will be assigned for a two-year tour of duty once he completes the eight-week training course. Hamilton said his duties may involve training local police officers in new methods and techniques, or he may serve as an advisor to a local chief of police. He will be attached officially to the United States Embassy in the nation to which he is assigned.

FOLLOWING four months "on the job" he will receive a 15-day leave, plus travel (See LIEUTENANT on A-2)

### NAME DUANE PUSKARIC TOP CARRIER IN MARCH



DUANE PUSKARIC Top Carrier

Duane Puskaric, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Puskaric of 25909 Skylark Drive, today was named the Press-Herald Carrier of the Month for March.

Darrell Westcott, Press-Herald circulation manager, said young Puskaric "shows remarkable business ability and concern for the satisfaction of his Press-Herald readers. They receive the best service possible, as Duane puts their Press-Herald on the porch."

Puskaric, 11, is a student at Hillside Elementary School. He enjoys collecting stamps and plays first base for a Little League baseball team.

His father is manager of publications at the Torrance offices of the Magnavox Corp. Duane was cited for securing the largest number of new subscriptions in March as part of the Press-Herald continuing Junior Dealer awards program.