

'Blue Law' Proposal Rejected by Council

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DEDICATE NEW PLANT . . . Dr. J. T. Mendel, manager of the Electron Dynamics Division of Hughes Aircraft Co., addresses plant employes and guests at formal dedication ceremonies held Wednesday at the new plant, 3100 Lomita Blvd. More than 750 persons are employed in the new plant, which is engaged primarily in research and development work for microwave tubes. More than 165,000 square feet of space are devoted to research work and the manufacturing and testing of microwave tubes and related products. (Press-Herald Photo)

New Facility Dedicated By Hughes Aircraft Co.

Expanded markets and sales totaling some \$16 million in the current year was predicted Wednesday by an executive of the Hughes Aircraft Co. at dedication ceremonies for the firm's new Electron Dynamics Division.

Dr. Allen E. Puckett, executive vice president and general manager of Hughes, made the prediction during a brief address to some 750 employes and guests at formal dedication ceremonies for the division's new Torrance plant.

Ceremonies were held at the plant, 3100 W. Lomita Blvd.

THE DIVISION, formally the microwave tube division, recently changed its name to reflect broadened emphasis in several fields. Many new technologies, Dr. Puckett said, may eventually emerge as products of the division.

The new plant will be one of the major research and development centers in the nation for microwave tubes. Dr.

Puckett said, Hughes tubes have played a key role in the mission of Pioneer, Mariner, and Lunar Orbiter space probes and in Syncom, Early Bird, and ATS satellites.

The Surveyor lunar landing vehicle, which is built by Hughes, also utilizes tubes from the firm.

"RIGHT HERE in this group," Dr. Puckett said, "are many people who have helped both in the development and manufacture of these tubes which have proved so reliable in our space efforts. With the total hours of successful operation in space now more than 80,000, we may all take pride in our role."

In addition to the microwave tubes, related products which have been added to the division's line include gas lasers, amplifier packages, and solid-state devices.

THE NEW plant, adjacent to the Torrance Municipal Airport, contains 165,000 square feet, including some 30,000 square feet of controlled environment area for precision assembly, processing, and testing.

Other speakers at the ceremony included Mayor Albert Isen and Dr. John T. Mendel, manager of the electron dynamics division.

Council Approves Water Line Sale

Sale of part of the Torrance Municipal Water Co. to the cities of Gardena and Los Angeles for a total price of \$145,000 was approved last night by the City Council.

The sales involve water lines of the former Moneta Water Co. which are located outside the city of Torrance. The lines were acquired when Torrance purchased the old firm several years ago.

Water lines in the area bounded by Western Avenue, 182nd Street, Vermont Avenue and the San Diego Freeway were sold to the city of Los Angeles for \$75,330. The remaining lines, located north of 182nd Street, were sold to the city of Gardena for \$70,000.

planned," Councilman H. Ted Olson commented.

IN OTHER ACTION, the council:

- Continued for one year a hearing on a change of zone involving property at the northeast corner of 182nd Street and Yukon Avenue. The zone change, from M-1 to C-3, is opposed by residents in the area. A moratorium on construction in the area will remain in effect.
- Granted a variance to permit a roofing company to operate in an R-3 zone at 2368 W. Carson St., adjacent to the old Santa Fe Railway depot.
- Voted to reconsider a conditional use permit granted last week for construction of a veterinary hospital at 23500 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Adopted a state highway funds to cities budget for 1967-68 of \$597,690. The major project involves improving Del Amo Boulevard between Van Ness Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard.
- Appropriated \$3,400 for the installation of security lighting at Los Arboles Park. A \$400 contribution to finance the project was given to the city by the Los Colinas Garden Club.
- Directed that city employes who were on the job between Jan. 1, 1967, and last May 2—but are now off the payroll—should be eligible for a 3 percent retroactive salary increase approved May 20.
- Agreed to lease temporary quarters for Russell West, city librarian, for a 14-month period. The offices are at 1336 El Prado.

COUNCILMEN also asked City Manager Edward J. Ferraro to make a recommendation to the council on the use of the funds. They could be placed in the city's general fund or retained in the Water Department account.

"Maybe we won't have to raise water bills in July as

Youth Council Rules on Agenda

The Torrance Youth Welfare Commission will convene at 7:30 p.m. this evening at the Torrance City Hall. C. K. Norman, chairman, has announced.

Ground rules for the new Torrance Youth Council, a group of high school students who will serve as an advisory body to the commission, will be discussed.

Golf Course Proposal Given Cool Reception

Masked Gunmen Rob Bar

Three masked gunmen held up a North Torrance bar Sunday evening and escaped with about \$140.

Frank H. Mead, the bartender at a bar located at 17312 Crenshaw Blvd., told Torrance police the trio entered the back door of the bar about 9:45 p.m. and drew guns.

Mead said all three men wore dark masks with eye holes cut in them. There were no customers in the establishment at the time, it was reported.

"We want it all," one of the men told Mead. The bartender said he handed over his wallet, then the man went to the cash register. Mead was ordered to lay on the floor and wait for five minutes.

Police said all three men were in their mid-20s. No further description was available.

Burglary Charges Jail Two

Two men were arrested here Sunday on suspicion of burglary following the theft of some \$13,000 worth of radio and television equipment.

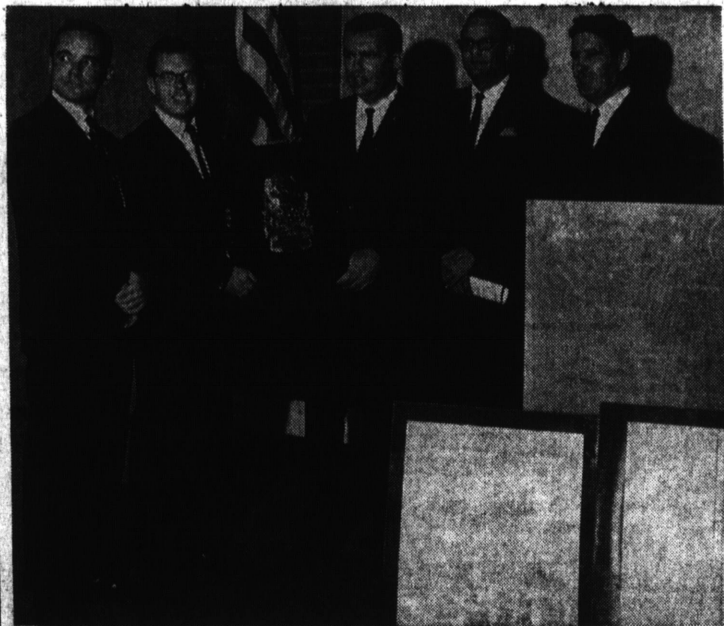
Torrance police arrested Theodios Johnson, 30, of 1324 W. 45th St., Los Angeles, and Robert E. Jackson, 42, of 1028 W. 94th St., Inglewood, about 2:15 a.m.

The two men were first spotted in a car at 24th and Madison streets by officers responding to a report of a prowler in the area near 24467 1/2 Park St.

THE OFFICERS followed the car and stopped it at Newton Street and Seneff Drive. During a routine inspection of the car, officers found it was full of radio and television sets. At about the

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FREEDOM SHRINE . . . Replicas of 40 famous documents in American history are presented to El Camino College by the South Bay Exchange Club. The documents range from a copy of the Mayflower Compact to the reproduction of the U.S. copy of the United Nations Charter. The presentation was made by Terence Matthews (center), district Exchange Club governor, to Tom Buckingham, student commissioner of publications. Others are (from left) Ron Whites, vice president of the South Bay Club; Chuck Eischen, president; and Merl F. Sloan, vice president of student personnel at El Camino.

Formal Report June 6

By JERRY REYNOLDS
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Any hopes of developing a municipally operated golf course in the Central Torrance area apparently were ended last night.

Councilmen virtually rejected a proposal by developer Dan Butcher to lease an "executive" golf course for a period of 20-years, although City Manager Edward J. Ferraro was directed to "continue his study of the lease proposal."

Ferraro, however, indicated his office would ask that the city formally reject Butcher's offer when councilmen convene June 6.

THE CITY manager said the lease proposal had been evaluated and that it is "not in the best interests of the city to accept Mr. Butcher's offer."

Butcher had proposed in a letter to the council that he would construct an executive golf course and lease it to the city for \$300,000 per year for a period of at least 20 years. The city would be responsible for taxes on the property.

Ferraro said under those terms, the city would pay some \$6 million to the Butcher, in addition to taxes, and at the end of 20 years Butcher would still own the property.

HE HAD asked the council to hire an appraiser in an effort to determine if the city might purchase the land and develop its own golf course.

"I'm getting tired of playing games," H. Ted Olson told Ferraro. He recited the history of golf course studies involving the Butcher property, as well as other locations in the city and said he felt an appraiser was not needed.

Olson added, "Either we (See GOLF on Page A-3)

Council Turns Down Sunday Closing Law

Torrance councilmen last night turned down a proposal which would have required all barber shops in the city to close on Sundays.

The measure, sought by attorney Harold Thomasian on behalf of barbers throughout the city, was rejected by a 5-0 vote of the City Council following a 45-minute hearing.

Councilman David K. Lyman abstained in the voting and J. A. Beasley did not attend the meeting. Lyman said he represented parties to a similar hearing before the council four or five years ago.

THE ORDINANCE, aimed at barber shops which operate

seven days each week, was one particular group and that that it was "based on a fallacy." He said all barbers should not be forced to close "because 97 per cent of the barbers don't want to work."

Spokesmen for the Seventh Day Adventist Church said they were "not urging barber shops to stay open on Sunday but just opposing any law which forces them to close."

Councilman Ken Miller, who noted that a similar ordinance was rejected by a 4-3 vote five years ago, said his position against the law had not changed. "It just doesn't seem right to place controls of this nature on small businesses," he said.

COUNCILMEN noted, however, that the state has said it would send inspectors to barber shops on Sunday when a complaint is filed.

Bradpiece told councilmen the ordinance was aimed at

Rafferty At South

Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, will speak at South High School Thursday, June 1.

Dr. Rafferty will deliver the main address as the annual Spartan Laurels Banquet, an event which honors students for their achievements in the classroom and in school activities other than athletics.

Awards will be given to students in 21 academic areas, school officials said.

More than 800 tickets will be available, Morgan said. Reservations may be secured by calling the school office.

Activate Signals Today . . .

Left turn arrows on Torrance Boulevard at Hawthorne Boulevard were scheduled to be activated today by the State Division of Highways, it was reported last night. Art Horkay, city traffic engineer, said the left turn arrows would be placed into operation sometime today. Horkay said activation of the arrows was delayed because of difficulties in obtaining the control boxes.

Deaf Mutes Regain Child . . .

The 22-month-old boy who had been taken from them because they were deaf mutes has been restored to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Christensen, 425 Bradrick St., in the Carson area. Although the couple must appear before a new adoption hearing, their petition to the 2nd District Court of Appeals won unanimous reversal by the three-judge panel of the decision of Superior Court Judge A. A. Scott that the couple could not adopt the boy. The Christensens had cared for the child since he was a few days old.

Offices to Close Tuesday . . .

Because of the Memorial Day holiday on Tuesday, the offices of the Press-Herald will be closed. Deadlines for the May 31 editions of the Press-Herald will be advanced. News and advertising deadlines have been set at 10 a.m. Monday, May 29. Copies arriving later will be held until a later issue. Normal delivery is scheduled on Wednesday afternoon.



SALUTING REALTORS . . . Mayor Albert Isen presents official proclamation for National Realtor Week, May 22 to May 27, to the local Realtor Week chairman, Irene Vesco, and to Torrance-Lomita Realty Board President Marvin Donsker (right). The local Realtors are noting the observance with a week-long program of activities.