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**CHARRED TAR TRUCK . . .** A roofing company truck is doused after hot tar ignited the truck at the construction site of the Del Amo Financial Center Monday. Although no one was injured, firemen were hampered by the explosion of a propane gas tank which threw a ball of flames 40 feet into the air. Slight damage was done to part of the center under construction a few feet from the blaze. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Council Votes 10-Cent Cut in City Tax Rate

### Travel Limits Adopted

City councilmen last night adopted a revised travel policy which sets a \$1,000 limit on the amount which a councilman may spend during the year. Voting on the policy, which was approved in tentative form June 27, was 6-1 with George Vico casting the only dissenting vote. The new policy was drawn up during budget hearings and, according to William Dundore, finance director for the city, will reflect a savings of about \$3,000 in the current year.

UNDER terms of the policy, each councilman will be authorized to attend one national conference, the conferences of the League of California Cities and Independent Cities of Los Angeles County, along with other state meetings which may be appropriate. An allowance of \$1,000 per councilman will cover expenses and may be used by the councilmen to pay bills for "attendance at any or all of these events to be used as seen fit with proper accounting."

Policy statements which permit members of the city's various advisory commissions to send one member to a state meeting each year will remain in effect. Various department heads on the city's administrative staff will be permitted to attend one appropriate national conference and to participate in the meetings of the League of California Cities. In addition, councilmen reserved the right to add to the list of authorized conferences should the occasion arise, but set cost limits of \$500 for national meetings, \$225 for the League of California Cities, and \$100 for Independent Cities of Los Angeles County.

The new policy also requires all officials attending the Hawaiian Islands. She left for Hawaii after placing sixth in the Miss California beauty pageant the end of June. SUSAN left Torrance last June 20 to represent the city in Santa Cruz in the Miss America preliminary. "The people of Santa Cruz were just wonderful," Miss Foster said. The 36 contestants faced a grueling schedule of rehearsals, interviews, civic appearances, and preliminary judgments, culminating with the finals June 24. "Contest activities would keep us busy until 1 a.m. and then we'd have to get up at 6 a.m. in the morning and start all over again," Susan said. "About half-way through the week, someone decided my bathing suit was too much like the ones worn in the Miss Universe contest and I had to run all over Santa Cruz trying to find another one-piece suit."



**HAOLE WAHINE . . .** That's what they call Susan Foster, the current Miss Torrance, in Hawaii. Susan returned to Torrance last week after a two-week vacation in the islands. She went to Hawaii just after the Miss California contest, in which she captured sixth place. "Haole Wahine," by the way, means "mainland girl." (Press-Herald Photo)

### TO THE ISLANDS

## Miss Torrance Back from Trip

By HAL FISHER  
Press-Herald Staff Writer  
"After going at such a fast pace in Santa Cruz, it was hard to slow down. I think I was the only person in Honolulu who ran places."

That's how Susan Foster, 19-year-old reigning Miss Torrance, felt after three of the busiest weeks of her life. Susan returned to Torrance last week after a two-week vaca-

## Reduction Wins Unanimously

By TIM O'DONNELL  
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Torrance councilmen last night unanimously approved a 10-cent cut in the city tax rate for the 1967-68 at the urging of Mayor Albert Isen, who first proposed the 10-cent cut last week.

Isen said the reduction would give homeowners a deserved break in the midst of a property tax spiral and at the same time serve to stimulate the expansion of business and industry in Torrance.

The mayor told the Press-Herald that he also plans to carry his fight for tax reduction to the county, where he serves as a director of County Sanitation District No. 5. Isen said he has asked Supervisor Burton W. Chace to review the sanitation district tax rate with an eye to a possible "two-or three-cent cut."

THE TAX cut is possible, Isen noted, because of a 25 per cent increase in assessed valuation of the city reported last week by Assessor Philip E. Watson.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro recommended a 7-cent cut and asked that some \$70,000 be earmarked for additional police and fire personnel, while the remaining \$200,000 would go into a capital improvements program.

Councilmen slashed the capital improvements program in June when they adopted a balanced budget.

IN VOTING to initiate the 10-cent cut, councilmen also earmarked \$170,000 for the capital improvements program.

Backing the capital improvements program, Councilman Ken Miller said, "It's their money; it's time to quit saying we're giving them something. I think that instead of saving them perhaps an additional five cents now and then asking them to pay for parkland five years later at a high price, the money should (See TAX CUT, Page A-2)

## Olson Sets Aug. 1 Date To Resign

Councilman H. Ted Olson last night set Aug. 1 as the date of his resignation from the Torrance City Council. Olson, who has been promoted to industrial relations manager by his company, will move to Chicago to assume his new duties.

A Torrance resident since 1955, Olson was elected to the City Council in April, 1964. His term would have expired next April.

"This company promotion," said Olson, in announcing his resignation, "is the second biggest opportunity in my life. My biggest opportunity was the chance to serve on this council. I have thoroughly enjoyed it."

Olson, who will attend one more council meeting, will receive a perma-plaque resolution in recognition of his service to the council. He also will get the traditional gold watch from his colleagues on the council.

His resignation will leave a vacancy on the seven-man council which may be filled by appointment by the six remaining members.

### Open New Exhibit

A habitat group of Aardwolves, little-known relatives of the hyena, will go on view in August in the Hall of Exotic Mammals at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, Exposition Park.

### Torrance Soldier Killed . . .

Army Sgt. Rockwell G. Jamison, husband of Mrs. Janis Jamison of 1520 Carson St., was killed in action July 12 in Vietnam, the Department of Defense announced yesterday. Details of the sergeant's death were not announced. He is the 22nd Torrance area man to be killed in the Vietnam war.

### Redondo Drops Road Plan . . .

Plans to establish setback lines for the eventual widening of Torrance Boulevard between the Torrance boundary and the Redondo Beach pier were dropped Monday by Redondo Beach councilmen. The proposal had met opposition from property owners, who claimed the plan—which would have prevented building in the setback area—would result in inverse condemnation of their land. The city hopes to widen the street to 100 feet to provide access to the pier and the Redondo Plaza Redevelopment area.

### Thief Gets Office Machine . . .

A \$250 duplicating machine was hauled off by a daylight thief Tuesday from a body shop at 21805 S. Western while the shop's owner was working in the rear. Jack Weber, 44, of 1924 Cabrillo Ave., told police that the machine was taken between 3 and 5 p.m. by a thief who apparently walked into the shop then walked out with the bulky machine, without being noticed.

## Board Cuts School Budget by \$250,000

A publication budget for the 1967-68 school year was approved Monday by the Torrance Board of Education on the condition that school administrators knock a quarter of a million dollars off the top of the \$22.2 million spending program.

Although trustees did not specify where they wanted the \$250,000 deleted, they restated their disapproval of the \$6,200 minimum to \$12,400 maximum teachers' salary schedule proposed by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

## Three Men Guilty of Trespass

Sentencing for three men on charges of trespassing has been set for August 3 after charges of burglary of 38 cases of beer from the Santa Fe Railroad were dropped when the trio pled guilty to the lesser charge Monday.

Jacob Roth, and Peter Sargent, both of 1501 Rockview Dr., and J. Sneer, 598 E. 221st St., were arrested in connection with a series of boxcar burglaries during the past weeks, July 13.

Sargent and Sneer were arrested after their descriptions matched those of the two men seen near the boxcars. The men were found on Acacia Avenue north of Carson Street in parked autos by police.

Later Wednesday, police searched Roth's and Sargent's home and found the beer stored in the attic. Although Roth was not arrested at the time of the search, police asked him to appear Thursday for questioning.

At that time he was charged with the other two men for burglary of 38 cases of beer from the Santa Fe Railroad June 27 near Carson Street and Plaza del Amo.

"I resent this minimum-maximum figure being thrown in my face for the third or fourth meeting in a row," said Board President Bert M. Lynn. "I will just never go for it," he added.

Lynn's position was backed by Mrs. Polly Watts, who said she felt the administration had put the board into a "terrible position" by not submitting schedules based on other lower-scaled salary schedules.

District officials indicated Monday that the tax rate may be some three cents below that of last year because of the greater-than-expected increase in assessed valuations in Torrance.

Last year's total school tax rate was \$4.3570 per \$100 assessed valuation and the anticipated rate is \$4.3256, based on the budget approved by trustees Monday. The general purpose rate, however, is expected to remain at \$3.0171.

Property taxes are expected to provide about \$11.3 million of the expected \$21.5 million income. To balance the budget, trustees will use about \$450,000 from the \$3.4 million reserve.

When the \$250,000 budget cut is made, the total figure will stand at \$22,048,052, plus a \$3 million reserve fund.

Dr. Donald E. Wilson, the only board member who favors the administration's salary schedule, was absent at the Monday night session. Salary schedules were not discussed as such; that matter will be taken up at a special meeting July 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Permit Denied  
A permit to erect a billboard advertising a subdivision in the Carson area has been denied by the Regional Planning Commission. The Lomita Development Co. was seeking a permit to place the sign at the southeast corner of Figueroa and 223rd streets.

Plans are moving ahead both in the State Legislature and in Torrance for construction and staffing of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center to be supervised by Dr. Wayne Butterbaugh, newly appointed superintendent.

Dr. Butterbaugh, currently superintendent of the Palos Verdes schools, will head the center which will open about Feb. 5, 1968 for some 750 students on 10-acres of land given to the Torrance Unified School District by the U.S. Navy. The center is to be located near Crenshaw and Sepulveda Boulevards.

Financial aid for the proposed \$5 million complex for occupational training is being sought by Assemblyman Larry

Townsend (D-67th) through two bills, one which would allow the center to operate as a school district and the other to finance construction.

On Monday, Townsend's AB 2592, making the center a school district on the high school level, passed the Assembly by a vote of 62-5 and awaits Senate action.

Other legislation, providing for a \$5 million state loan, passed the Assembly Ways and Means Committee July 12 without a single dissenting vote. It was scheduled for second reading by the Assembly late Tuesday.

Torrance Schools Planning Director Haig Marsahljan said, "We don't expect any opposition to the bills," and commented that plans were "going full speed ahead." Marsahljan said that he is confident that the center will have funds by the end of the legislative session.

But, he said, the project has alternate plans for obtaining temporary funds if there is a problem in the Legislature. Construction of a 70-by-208-foot prefabricated building must be completed before the program begins in February, according to Dr. Butterbaugh.

"It would be nice to have a year to do it, but we're going to have to construct it in six months," he said.

The initial investment will be about \$400,000, he said, but that may include approximately \$90,000 in equipment and classroom facilities.

Within two weeks, Marsahljan reported, preliminary

Peninsula Man Gets SCROC Post  
By ED FREUDENBURG  
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