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# PROTEST HURLED AT COUNTY BUDGET

## 'Joan of Arc'



Loh Tsel, 23-year-old leader of China's youth movement, whose militant leadership has caused her to be known in many quarters as China's "Joan of Arc," is shown in San Francisco, where she is attempting to gain backing for China in its present fight with Japan. China's youth, she says, is trying to regenerate the homeland thru efforts at unity and solidarity.

## Tax Strike Threat Made at Hearing

County budget experts sharpened their pencils this week and began work on the final draft of the 1937-38 county general government budget, following a protest meeting that packed the Hall of Records meeting chambers and brought forth threats of a tax strike.

The final budget must be ready for adoption not later than August 31, and the proposed total expenditures was \$65,910,297.

While one speaker said it appeared there was little else for Los Angeles city taxpayers to do but secede from the county if county taxes were not kept down, this threat received no support.

**Statement Promised**  
Emphatically denouncing the proposed increases, Assemblyman Frank W. Wright of Whittier said that "the Los Angeles county supervisors should be required to reduce all items to last year's budget except those mandatory by state law."

A reply was being prepared this week to a 14-point program presented to the board by a group from Long Beach, asking among other things that the county cease building memorial halls such as was done for Long Beach. Chairman Roger W. Jessup said the board would issue a statement in reply to the 14-point program advanced.

**More Efficiency Demanded**  
W. A. Pixley, who claimed to represent 200,000 county taxpayers, declared that the "proposed tax amounting to \$1.69 per \$100 on the basis of the preliminary budget, is more than the net income from real estate," and supported the tax strike threat. Willard Thorpe, former Los Angeles police commissioner, also warned the board of the danger and the imminence of a tax strike.

"More efficiency" was one of the themes discussed. Some urged the supervisors to discontinue the five-day week, and have county employees work five and one-half days, thus saving about \$2,000,000 for extra help. Budgets of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the All Year club also were attacked.

## Parkway Trees Available for County Areas

The showing made by the survey prompted the committee to recommend to the supervisors that they continue the policy and set up between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 for 1937-38. This would be applied to the interest and sinking funds, as was done with the \$1,500,000 set aside last year and for several previous years.

Two parks are included in the list, one being Alondra Park, north of Torrance, and the other Morgan Park, in San Gabriel Valley. Alondra Park, formed under an old Mattoon Act proceeding, is to receive \$72,000 from the fund, under the recommendation.

Study of the districts requiring aid has been reduced to 95, from 127 at the outset. The study showed that the "sour" districts are "getting pretty well on their feet," as a member of the committee stated it.

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## Two Little Girls Hurt in Collision

Two little girls, Alberta, seven, and Lilly, five, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Alvarez of this city, were treated for cuts and bruises Sunday at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. They were injured in an automobile accident at 219th street and Halldale avenue, when the car they were riding in, driven by their cousin, Andrew Alvarez, struck or was struck by another machine.

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## Scooter Speeder Piles Into Truck

Unable to stop his scooter while coasting down Mira Lesta drive, Chelsea Hamilton, 16, of 2444 Ward street, Waverly, plunged into a rear wheel of a large truck and suffered a number of cuts and bruises Wednesday morning. He was treated at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital and then taken home by his mother.

The boy told police that he was going too fast in his scooter to avoid hitting the truck, which James Jenkins of Redondo Beach was driving uphill and turning into the site of a gravel pit. The accident occurred about 250 feet south of Newton street.

## Huge Sturgeon Landed

TOLEDO (U.P.)—Largest catch by commercial fishermen so far this season has been a 106-pound sturgeon measuring 6 feet 6 inches in length.

## MWD LEVY 40 CENTS; THREE CENTS HIGHER THAN 1936-37

## School Crossing Guard Parley Next Week

Officials of the Parent-Teachers Association of Los Angeles county are to meet with State Relief Administration officials next Tuesday at the Hall of Records in an effort to work out a plan for providing guards for school crossings when school opens next September.

The conference was called by Chairman Roger Jessup of the board of supervisors upon being advised that Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz' department cannot legally assume responsibility for the protection work, according to an opinion from County Counsel Everett W. Mattoon this week.

It had been proposed to employ approximately 1,100 SRA relief guards at school crossings throughout the county. The works Progress Administration gave notice, following the close of the school term that it would not undertake the work again this fall, because it is more properly a police duty and federal funds should not be used for it.

**Pines Dot Campus**  
TOLEDO (U.P.)—The campus of the University of Toledo has been landscaped with 750 small pine trees.

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