

## Special Parley Called to Settle Spur Track Issue

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moved from Madrid will be notified and invited to sit in on the emergency meeting of the council with Navy and Santa Fe representatives.

**Blows Threatened**  
Councilman G. V. Powell and A. J. Elder, himself a member of a city board, the civil service commission, nearly came to blows as the councilman was trying to get the point across to the Madrid area delegation that he was not going to be forced into any vote, that he was going to use his own head in judging matters before the council.

The delegation was attempting to force a vote on a motion of Councilman N. H. Cucci playing to the grandstand that the Santa Fe be given anything it wants in the way of right-of-way and franchises to the Navy plant by way of Madrona ave.

The other councilmen objected to the motion because it was too broad, that it was an indication of policy under which the Santa Fe could run down Torrance blvd. if it chose to do so.

"These people are working against their own best interests," Councilman C. M. Gilbert said.

"Nick, you can't agree to give a franchise to the Santa Fe without being asked to do that," Councilman J. E. Hitchcock declared.

"I want to know what the boundaries would be," said Mayor W. H. Tolson. "As far as using Madrona ave. is concerned, that's all right with me, but that motion is too broad."

"Finally, Councilman Hitchcock induced Cucci to change his motion to read that the city will cooperate with the Santa Fe in routing its line to the Navy base by way of Madrona ave. and the area south of Carson st., and the motion carried unanimously.

The Madrid area residents presented petitions bearing some 400 signatures protesting the granting of any licenses or franchises for spur tracks inconsistent with the motion of August 8, 1943, in which the council agreed not to renew the main line franchise, but permitted the Santa Fe to continue for the duration of the war and six months thereafter, at which time the city would then force rerouting of the main line track.

The council Tuesday night made it plain that this was still the policy of the body, but the

delegation insisted on further evidence declaring that the petitions were a mandate to the council.

"Let the Navy put in the tracks but you don't have to give the Santa Fe a franchise or a permit," Mrs. Renee Bartlett said.

**Permanent**  
It was again pointed out that if the Navy puts in the tracks, they are there for good, that if the City Council deals with the Santa Fe on the basis of "duration and six months" they have some control over the matter.

This point of view apparently went unheeded, however, until the council decided that in view of these circumstances the immediate meeting of the various interested parties was essential.

Councilman Cucci insisted with the delegation that the tracks come in from Madrona ave. at about Jefferson st.

This would mean, it was pointed out, that traffic on Madrid ave. would be heavier than at present, because most of the Navy base's traffic will come from the harbor area.

Lapham and Councilman Hitchcock said that the base already was under construction, that dirt was flying fast at the 91-acre \$5,000,000 Navy site.

Lapham declared that to change the plans would mean redesigning the whole project, taking weeks or months of time which the prosecution of the war will not permit. "It will mean great difficulty and delay in trying to come in from the other direction," Lapham said. "It is a very difficult task to work out the complex track and building layout on the site. The Navy needs this plant now, and you people are running the risk of having a permanent situation forced upon you through the Navy's process of 'declaration of taking' for the Navy puts tracks only on land it owns."

That the Council will cooperate with the Santa Fe in having the tracks permanently routed by way of Madrona ave. was clearly indicated, but at the height of Cucci's audience-backed attempt to force a motion on the subject, Cucci said:

"I want a motion giving the City Attorney the authority to carry out any desire of the Santa Fe to route its tracks from Madrona ave. to the Navy yard."

Councilman Hitchcock asked Cucci to "define the area" involved, indicating it could mean

permitting the tracks down Carson st. or Torrance blvd. "I'm willing to allow any right-of-way, even a block from my house," Cucci said.

"That's pretty broad, Mr. Cucci," said Hitchcock, and he finally induced Cucci to change his motion to one of "cooperation" with the Santa Fe in securing the "necessary" rights-of-way through from Madrona ave.

The petitions of the Madrid ave. group alleged that the Santa Fe was not respecting the wishes of the people in breaking of trains at important crossings, and that the railroad was allowing strings of cars to stand across Torrance blvd. and Carson st. for as long as 30 minutes, thus endangering residents west of the tracks by cutting off fire and police protection.

## Postal Pay Bill Passes House; Senate Watched

Half the battle is won! This was the reaction of postal employees throughout Southern California to the news on May 15 that the House of Representatives had passed the postal pay bill. Indicating the almost unanimous approval of the members of Congress, the bill was given approval by a vote of 367 to 1.

But these faithful government employees, who have not had a permanent pay raise in twenty years, know the battle is only half won. Just as V-E Day and the end of the war in Europe brought along with its jubilation a sober realization that we must still lick Japan, so too, in this case, there is jubilation but also the realization that this is only half the job.

It is to be remembered that it was in the Senate last December that the postal employees had their previous bill defeated. At that time the House had passed the bill by almost as large a vote as the present one.

Last year's bill would have given the postal workers a small increase in their salaries but through parliamentary maneuvering the bill was side-tracked and the Senate adjourned without taking action to prevent the pay cut that will occur on July 1 unless some remedial legislation is passed.

Now that the House has passed the present bill it will again be sent to the Senate. There it will be acted upon by the Senate Post Office and Post Roads Committee and then reported out to the Upper House.

Whether favorable action will be taken by the Senate still depends upon the general public. The Senators must know whether their constituents want this bill passed. The only way they can know this is by our readers writing to the Honorable Hiram Johnson and the Honorable Sheridan Downey, Senate Office Bldg., Washington 25, D. C., and requesting their energetic support for this measure. The postal employees sincerely ask for your continued cooperation until they are past the final hurdle.

## Sgt. Woodburn, Reported Missing, Is Safe at Base

Sgt. Wilson Woodburn, A.A.F., reported missing in action from his base since March 23, has returned safely to his unit.

This information was contained in a telegram received here Tuesday from the adjutant general, in which his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Woodburn, 2068 W. Carson st., were informed that their son "is now back in military control."

Sergeant Woodburn, who had participated in a crash landing back of the lines in Russia, or possibly in Poland, is well and safe. A letter, written by him, dated May 15, contained this cheerful news.

His brother, Sgt. James F. Woodburn, 19, serving with a unit of the Third Division, is attached to the Eighth Air Force as a waist gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

## Stop Signs at El Dorado St. Are Requested

A request for warning signs and a "boulevard stop" at El Dorado st. and Crenshaw blvd. was referred to Chief of Police John Stroth by the City Council Tuesday night.

An effort is to be made to have traffic on El Dorado stop at Crenshaw, and on Crenshaw slow down at El Dorado, due to the fact that it is an important school crossing.

## Softening Okinawa



Pin-point bombing by Navy bombardiers sends a tremendous column of smoke skyward from Naha City dock area in Okinawa. Your purchase of more and more War Bonds can also speak with telling effect in the Mighty Seventh War Loan.

## Full Publicity To School Budget May Be Required

"Public school finance in California is taking a big step forward, with the passage by the legislature of Assembly Bill 1727 which adds comparative data on school expenditures for the preceding year to the school budget data now required to be published," Walter J. Fourt of Ventura, chairman of the assembly revenue and taxation committee and author of A.B. 1727, said today, commenting on passage of the bill by the Senate.

The measure now goes to the governor's desk for action. "To the lay citizen, public school finance has been one more 'dark continent' in the American scene," Fourt said. "The school code in the past has required publication of only a sketchy outline of proposed school district expenditures."

A.B. 1727, if signed by the governor, will require that the preliminary budget of every school district in the state (except those where no district tax is levied or elementary districts which employ only one teacher) shall show proposed expenditures for administration, instruction, operation and maintenance of plant, auxiliary services, community services, fixed charges, capital outlay, and bond expenditures for the following school year, together with estimated expenditures for these purposes for the last preceding school year.

In addition, data for the preceding year and for the forthcoming school year on accumulative building funds, general reserve provisions, undistributed reserve, estimated apportionments from the state, and taxes on property are required to be shown.

"An informed citizen is an intelligent citizen," Fourt declared pointing out that the present measure, if signed by the governor, will furnish interested taxpayers with a great deal more information about public school finance than the law now in effect.

## Quick Work Saves Family Car As Two Garages Burn

Bill Mata, apprentice printer at The Torrance Herald, arrived home from work last night just in time to save the family car from destruction by fire.

The fire starting in the garage at 1012 Arlington ave. leaped that structure and quickly spread to the garage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Mata, at 1016 Arlington ave., where it destroyed the garage and damaged two lawn mowers, garden hose and other equipment valued at about \$500.

## THAT MAN'S A HERO

... if he is wearing a service ribbon of ultra-marine blue moire silk with two bands of golden orange, denoting the Air Medal. The wearer of this ribbon has been decorated by the War Department for "meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight."

## NOVEL RIVER BRIDGE

A section of a Bailey bridge mounted on pontoons and towed by amphibian trucks was used as a ferry to haul supplies across the Irrawaddy River in Burma to speed British advances south to Mandalay.

## Cucci Would End City Curfew Law If Illegal

Councilman N. H. Cucci offered a motion, which was adopted Tuesday night at the City Council meeting, asking City Attorney J. E. McCall to investigate the city curfew law, and if it is illegal as similar laws have been declared to be in other cities, to prepare an ordinance for its repeal.

## Torrance Benefit Nil as Los Angeles Raises School Tax

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also provides for preparing the Agriculture Farm site. Other major increases in the budget requirements included progressive salary increment, \$487,349; employment of custodians for 12 months instead of 10 (partially offset by items totalling \$90,000 eliminated in gross requirements), \$265,620; "various additional positions," \$181,936; operation of school plant (utilities, supplies, etc.), \$169,847; supplies, books and visual aids, \$145,305; district retirement fund, \$116,706.

Altogether, major increases total \$7,013,681, but total major decreases amounting to \$259,681 reduce the net major increases to \$6,754,000.

## Figures Explained

Asst. Supt. Howell explained that the tax levy for the tentative budget requirements will increase \$4,812,794, instead of \$6,754,000, to \$26,135,358. The difference of \$1,941,206 is chiefly due to the increased elementary district State apportionments to be received because of last November's constitutional amendment and an increase in unsecured personal property collections.

## Permit Given to Live in Tent In Walteria

Frank R. Bates, a customs guard living in Walteria, was given a permit by the City Council, Tuesday night, to occupy a tent house at 24241 Ward st., during construction of a new home.

He told the council his wife's health had improved considerably since living in Walteria.

## Harbor Day Tour Includes Plants Here

One hundred and fifty Southern California community leaders were guests today on a Harbor Day tour which included a brief inspection of the Alcoa and synthetic rubber plants at Torrance and in the Shoestring area. Torrance civic leaders were among the guests on the trip which included both Long Beach and Los Angeles harbors, the Navy drydocks and other military facilities and a sight-seeing trip by boat.

The Harbor Day tour, part of National Foreign Trade Week, was arranged by the Los Angeles and Long Beach Junior Chambers of Commerce.

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Dubon Syrup Louisiana 18-oz. 15c  
Cane

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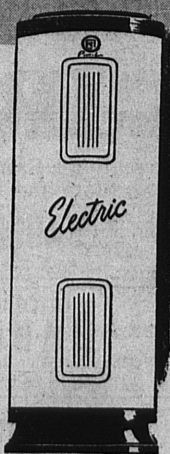
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