

### RAPID RAIL TRANSIT APPEARS TO BE DOOMED

With a dissenting vote cast against the "Rapid Rail Transit System" by the Los Angeles City Council, the bill probably will be tabled in Sacramento indefinitely, it was learned this week.

The bill, AB-2023, if it should come to a vote and pass in the state capital would allow the formation of a public corporation for the purpose of administering a "Rapid Rail Transit District."

The bill has met with a good deal of opposition—particularly from the outlying communities such as Torrance.

It is felt by many such cities and communities on the outskirts of Los Angeles that the Rapid Rail System is Los Angeles' "parachute." Civic leaders in these communities point out that a decentralization movement has been in progress for some time. More and more families and workers are moving to the suburbs of Los Angeles. The building of the costly rail system would be a method of "bailing out" the city of Los Angeles.

Chambers of Commerce claim that the cost of the \$400,000,000 system would be borne by the taxpayer—many of whom would seldom, if ever, use the rail system. Certainly not enough to put in on a self-supporting basis, it is claimed.

Southern California is a automobile community—not a rail area, it was pointed out in a recent statement of the Los Angeles Realty Board who took a stand against the project.

"The best solution of our problem of mass transportation, traffic congestion, and private vehicle operation is to push to completion our freeway system," was the statement made by Philip M. Rea, board president. The bill met still further opposition when Vincent Thomas, assemblyman for this district, announced he would not support the bill unless there is autonomous membership. He

said he objected to communities such as Torrance and Lomita being "counted in" without their consent.

Still further objection to the bill was expressed in a three-phased report of the People's Freeway Development Association. The group found:

1. That Los Angeles would have 50 percent of the votes on the Board of Directors of the rail district. Positive proof of lack of benefit would not prevent any community from being included in the district.

2. The Board of Directors would have the power to levy taxes on all the property owners in Torrance and Lomita and other communities to amortize the total cost of the \$400,000,000 elevated rail system. Non-riders could be taxed to pay for the operating costs of such a system.

3. It was found that in 1900 there were 15 cities in the U.S. with a population of 250,000 or more, and in 1940 it had grown to 37. In no case was rapid rail transit employed.

In a recent letter to the California Transit Association, O. A. Smith, president of the Pacific Electric Railway, stated:

"Nowhere is the U.S. are rapid

### FILM SHOWN AT CENTER

"Life with Baby," the March of Time film made for the Yale clinic, will be shown at the expectant mothers' class in the Torrance health center, 2300 Carson avenue, May 3, at 1:30 p.m. according to Mrs. Eileen Pullen, public health nurse-in-structor.

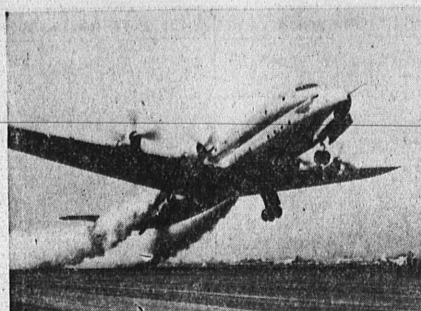
The film deals with infant habits and their mental and physical growth up to five years of age. Another film, "Care of the Newborn Baby," also will be shown during the afternoon as a review of the instruction given in the course.

All prospective mothers are invited to these classes. No fee is charged.

### HOSPITAL BIRTHS

Over 91 per cent of city births and 61 per cent of rural births occur in hospitals.

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