Dump Closing Not in Best Interest of City; Stevens

Were the city to close the present city dump immediately, it would cost the taxpayers an additional $18,702 per year, City Manager George W. Stevens told the City Council at its last meeting.

In a lengthy report to the council Stevens explained what the effect would be if the dump were closed before another dump site is obtained. Councilman Nick Drale has repeatedly moved during meetings of the past two months to have the dump closed immediately.

In his report to the council Stevens said:

"Considerable publicity has recently been given to the operation of the city-owned dump located on Plaza del Amo near Western avenue. This location has been used for refuse disposal by the city and its citizens for a number of years. An orderly and well-controlled cut and cover method of disposal is used. Every effort has been made to maintain the highest standard of operation.

"During its period of operation, the city dump has saved the city, its taxpayers and residents, many, many thousands of dollars. Its use has been both economical and convenient.

NO RATS

"To check on reports that the dump was infested with rats, the County Health Department's rodent control section has carefully checked the premises for a period of over two months. They report that their personnel have not sighted a single rat at the site. City crews have also reported that no rats were seen. The site is definitely not infested with rats. The city crews have been and will continue to spray the area at frequent intervals to prevent a possible fly nuisance.

"Some persons have advocated the immediate closing of the dump, this without due regard for the best interests of the citizens of the city as a whole. To prematurely close this valuable asset would be a betrayal of the best interests of the Torrance citizens.

WELL CONTROLLED

"Currently, refuse from all sections of the city is being disposed of at the site by well-controlled cut and cover methods. To illustrate the importance of the operation to the city, the following daily activity records are submitted:

AVERAGE DAILY DISPOSAL DATA

Disposing Agents	Number of Loads
City of Torrance Street and Park Departments	29.25
City Water Department	1.00
Torrance Unified School District	2.00
Local Industry and Commerce	6.50
Private cars and trailers	18.50
Average number of loads per day	57.25

"The immediate closing of the city dump would necessitate all of the above refuse being hauled to a commercial dump, or in the case of the individual citizens, the possibility of the refuse being left in the streets or alleys for the city crews to collect.

"If a very favorable reduced rate of $1.50 per load as a dumping fee could be obtained, the cost to the city and its citizens would be: 57.25 loads at $1.50, or $85.87 for an average day's disposal. In addition to these costs there would be increased hauling charges, due to greater distance to disposal site, and the inconvenience of waiting in line at a commercial dump. The cost of operating the city dump during the present fiscal year has been $24.75 per day, leaving a net saving to the city and its citizens of $61.12 per day, or 306 x $61.12 equal $18,702.72 per year.

"From the above facts it is evident that the operation of a city-owned dump is an economical advantage and convenience to the city and its citizens. Operation at the present site should be carried on under careful control, until its usefulness is ended. The site should then be converted into a park or recreation area.

"In the meantime a search is being carried on for a new site, preferably in an M-2 zone, on which the cut and cover method of disposal can be carried on after the present operation is completed. Consideration is being given to the fact that the new site may ultimately be used as a location for a municipal incinerator.

"It is the belief of most engineers that ultimately, disposal of combustible refuse will be by incineration and that much of the garbage may also have to be disposed of in the same manner. In the interim period, the City of Torrance should continue the much more economical method of cut and cover disposal for its combustible refuse and hog feeding for the disposal of its garbage.

"Yours very truly,
(Signed) Geo. W. Stevens
City Manager."

IN AIRMAN COURSE . . . Pvt. Takeshi Omatsu, 22, son of Sakumatsu Omatsu, of 3501 West Torrance boulevard, is completing his Air Force basic airmen indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Tex.

Jobless Payments Down

Unemployment insurance payments to California workers are less than half the total of a year ago, and the unemployment trust fund has increased $45,534,695 since May 1, 1950, according to James G. Bryant, director of the state department of employment.

Hypnotism Hit In C. S. Sermon

The injurious effects resulting from a belief in the power of wrong thinking can be destroyed by recognizing the omnipotence of God, according to the Sunday Bible Lesson in all Christian Science churches. The subject is "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced."

In a Bible Lesson passage from I Thessalonians Paul says, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (5:5, 6).

Mary Baker Eddy declares in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures:" "Mankind must learn that evil is not power. Its so-called despotism is but a phase of nothingness." "Evil thoughts and aims reach no farther and do no more harm than one's belief permits" (pgs. 102, 234).

State Societies Unite for Picnic

Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee State Societies will hold a combined reunion Saturday, June 9, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. Program begins at 2 p.m.

Fame Awaiting Best Looking Police Officers

How handsome are Torrance cops, the Western States Bureau of Investigation wants to know.

Valmah T. Price jr., chairman of the board, with Pacific Coast headquarters in Los Angeles, has asked that wives, mothers, or sweethearts send photos of their favorite police officers to 437 South Hill street.

The ten best looking officers in the ten western states will be picked by the executives of the bureau.

Price, while refusing to state where the assignment came from, admitted that a television or motion picture tie-up was involved.

Lt. Cmdr. Mounger Sees Service Aboard Diphda

Lt. Cmdr. Tample B. Mounger, USN, husband of Mrs. Ruth M. Mounger, of 1222 Portola avenue, is serving as executive officer aboard the attack-cargo ship USS Diphda, according to a Navy announcement.

During the evacuation of Hungnam and subsequent operations early this year, the Diphda and her crew were outstanding in their performance of duty, for which they were commended by the Secretary of the Navy.

WASTE LAND

About one-half the earth's land is not habitable.