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**Navy Blimps Join County  
 In Battles Against Smog**

Blimps of the U.S. Navy will be hunting an invisible enemy in the air over Los Angeles this week as they join in the quest for the sources of smog. It was disclosed today by Smith Griswold, Air Pollution Control Officer.

Negotiations between the Air Pollution Control District and the Navy have resulted in the assignment of airships from the Lighter-than-Air base near San-

ta Ana to duty with the District in carrying out sampling of oil refinery "plumes" from the air.

Began this week, the tests will extend until May, with regular flights being made to explore the changes that take place in refinery emanations as they flow through the air and react in sunlight.

**To Use Blimps**  
 Under the direction of Commander A. L. MacCubbin, commander of the Naval Air Reserve Training Unit at the base, the Navy operation will employ three "K-Type" nonrigid blimps. During much of the testing these will be manned by "week-end warriors," Naval reservists who train two days a week. A preview of the Navy's assistance was given to South Bay mayors and newsmen Saturday during a day-long tour of the base.

The blimps are 265 feet long and carry a crew of ten men. They can stay aloft for 30 hours without refueling and have a top speed of about 80 miles per hour. The gas envelopes hold over half a million cubic feet of nonexplosive helium.

Special equipment will be installed by Air Pollution Control District engineers for the sampling flights.

**To Lower Sampler**  
 Due to extreme turbulence within the plumes, which would tend to make the blimps difficult to control, and the effect of possible noxious gases on the crews, the airships will be flown above the plumes and sampling devices lowered into the air mass being tested.

Griswold emphasized that the project is but one of many presently underway within the District to identify and pinpoint all sources of air pollution within the Basin.

"Can't control sources unless we know for sure that they are a positive factor in air pollution," he explained, "but once identified, we will take every legal step possible to insure compliance with regulations."



**TOP SPEAKER . . .** Bob Davis, senior at North High School, represented the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce at the annual district "Voice of Democracy" oratorical contest this month in El Segundo. Winner of the district will compete in state contests. Here Frank Dussel gives Davis a pen set for being named top speaker of both Torrance high schools.



**SPEAKING FOR DEMOCRACY . . .** Representing their schools in the local "Voice of Democracy" speak-offs last week were (left to right) Allan Andrews, North High School; Elsa Barlow, Torrance High; Joanne Mimmiar, Torrance; Judy Nelson, North; and Gary Parton, Torrance. Miss Mimmiar was judged second and Miss Nelson third in the contest.

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**Tartar Teen Talk**  
 By LORNA HALL  
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Today marks the annual Homecoming for Torrance High School alumni.

Alumni are invited to the homecoming game, at which the Homecoming Queen will be crowned. The alumni also are invited to the after-game dance at the Torrance Civic Auditorium with attendance limited to alumni, juniors, seniors, and their dates.

Throughout this week, the service clubs, in cooperation with the Student Council head a "clean campus" campaign. The residents of Tartarville are taking even more pride in their beautiful campus.

Really surprised with a surprise birthday party was Tom Kulp. The party was held at his house Friday night.

Attending were Tonio Forella, Cliff Grace, Sherry Rouse, Tom Cook, Skip Smith, Linda Thisle, Dave Conry, Linda Hinder, Georgia Rhodes, Jerry Swert, Pat Wingard, Dick Dawson, Jan Cook, Jim Smith, Delores Roberts, Sterling Brown, Dick Hardlicker, JoAnn Parker, GERRY Y. Knoocks, Connie Kulp, Charlie Valencia, Georgia Sanford, Louie Valencia, and Sally Reid.

**Toastmasters Honor**  
**Gilbert Kyllingstad**  
 Gilbert Kyllingstad was judged best speaker of the evening, with a speech entitled "The Changing Celebration," at the meeting of the Toastmasters Club at a Walteria restaurant last week.

**The Girls' League** will come to school "casual" today, as the girls celebrate "slack and peddle pusher day." Anything from brightly-printed creations to collegiate Bermuda shorts will be in order.

Torrance will be represented on the "Gene Norman Campus Club" next Thursday, on channel 9, from 5 to 6 p.m. The program will be televised and students are invited to fill the seats there.

The Tartar Ladies sold pizza throughout Wednesday, with most of the school munching the Italian dish.

Tartars will be traveling through the streets of the town today, showing their spirit during their annual street pep rally. The Homecoming queen will be announced before they leave the campus.



**SAFETY BELTS . . .** Sgt. Joe Miles, left, checks new seat belts installed in Torrance Police Dept. traffic cars recently with Officer H. B. Ingram. Belts were put in front seats of four of the cars to insure better protection for the two-man motor units.

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**Report Theft of Gas At Construction Firm**  
 Officials of the Kauffmann Construction Co., at Sepulveda and Torrance Bivds., reported to police that 250 gallons of gas were stolen from an underground storage tank at the facility last Thursday night.

A police report indicated that a truck, possibly pick-up type, pulled alongside the tank and the thieves pumped the gas into containers. They unlocked a padlock guarding a special hand pump at the scene and proceeded to pump up the gas.

**YOUNG PEOPLE**  
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