

BENSTEAD, DRALE RE-ELECTED; JAHN LEADS GARRABRANT BY 20

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Recount Hinted In Close Vote

Hints of a recount in Tuesday's election were floating around early yesterday as final unofficial tabulation of the city's 110 polling places show that incumbents Benstead and Drale were clearly re-elected to the City Council but that Robert B. Jahn held an edge for election over

Walter A. Garrabrant by a thin 20-vote margin.

First to mention recount was Councilman Willys C. Blount, backer of Garrabrant, who won his first election to the Council in 1950 with a seven-vote margin and held on through a recount to win by 17 votes.

Tuesday's voting was light with only 38.5 per cent of the city's 21,774 registered voters going to the polls.

Benstead was a winner from the first precinct and went on to pile up the largest popular vote ever given a candidate for election in Torrance. He piled up a total of 3474 votes while the second man in the balloting, Drale, received 3080 votes.

Jahn presently holds a 20-vote lead over Garrabrant, 2635 to 2615. Twenty-six absentee ballots have been issued to voters away from the polls Tuesday, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. All but three of these have been re-

Voting on the charter amendment proposals followed predicted lines with the first eight receiving strong endorsement, and No. 9, combining city and school elections, being defeated. Unofficial returns gave opponents of No. 9 a slim 172-vote edge, however.

Benstead, whose election was assured before all of the precincts were reported, showed up at the City Hall to receive the plaudits of well wishers who had jammed into the foyer of the City Clerk's office.

"Tell everybody that I appreciate the support I received," he called out to reporters in the room.

Bill Evans, who withdrew from the race, issued a statement yesterday saying the results were "greeted with enthusiasm."

Evans said the strong showing of Garrabrant was not anticipated by the group he formed to back the Benstead-Jahn-King ticket.

Unofficial Vote Count Given

Here is the way Torrance voters cast their ballots Tuesday according to complete but unofficial tabulation of the city's 109 precincts yesterday:

For City Council

Benstead	3474
Drale	3080
Jahn	2635
Garrabrant	2615
Smith	2546
White	2321
King	2312
Thompson	1112
Lewis	1018
Faren	548
Burk	482
Ryan	455
Ledwidge	407
Downing	405
Frohnhoefer	323
Evans (withdrew)	294

Voting on the propositions was one-sided except for No. 9. The following complete but unofficial count was posted following Tuesday's balloting:

	Yes	No
No. 1	4702	2758
No. 2	4834	2255
No. 3	5380	1763
No. 4	4965	1963
No. 5	5006	1766
No. 6	5716	1105
No. 7	5739	1105
No. 8	5695	1246
No. 9	3608	3780

The ballots will be canvassed at the Tuesday, April 17 meeting of the City Council. Absentee ballots will be opened and counted at this time. New Councilmen will be installed following the canvass.

WORKER PLUNGES TO DEATH FROM NORTH HIGH GYM ROOF

Buddy Watches Carpenter Fall

A temporary blackout or a slip apparently caused a 59-year-old carpenter to fall about 22 feet to his death Monday morning at North High School where he was working on the roof of the new gymnasium, police said here Tuesday. Daniel M. Mullin, 59, of 13725 Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, was working at the school, at 3622 W. 182nd St., at about 10:30 a.m. when he fell to the gym floor head first. Authorities said an autopsy may be held to determine exact cause of the accident. They said he died instantly.

The victim was working alongside Jasper Bales, of 609 Catalina Ave., Redondo, another carpenter, when he fell.

Bales told Detective D. S. Hamilton, who investigated the mishap, they were working about 22 feet above the floor and were using 12 by 18-inch beams to cross from one section of the roof to another. Bales said he was on the west side of the beam. Mullin on the east side, when Bales heard a board crack and saw the victim tumble downward. He said the victim didn't utter a sound.

Strikes Pipe
Authorities said that Mullin apparently struck some iron scaffolding in his fall. He also is reported to have landed on a large iron pipe that was on the ground.

A maze of iron supports have been set up from the floor of the gym to the roof and cover the entire area, with the exception of a small area the length of the floor.

Hamilton said it was not known whether the victim slipped to his death, or was the victim of a heart attack or blackout prior to the fall.

Taken to Hospital
Wright's Ambulance attendants rushed to the scene and took the victim to Harbor General Hospital. He was pronounced dead on arrival, however.

Harwick and Son Construction Co., of 2254 Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, is handling construction of the gymnasium.

Theft Suspect Returned Here From Arizona

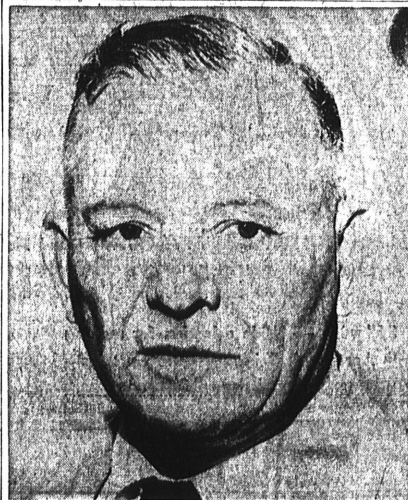
A 31-year-old itinerant, Raymond Morales Borquez, who was arrested Easter Sunday on a narcotics charge in Phoenix, Ariz., was returned here over the week-end to face a count of petty theft in the Jan. 17 raid on a local service station.

Borquez was wanted here for taking a cash box from Jack LaVier's Service Station at Torrance Blvd. and Cravens Ave.

The suspect allegedly drove into the station, put the hood up on his car to shield him, and then lifted the cash box. He got into his car and drove away but was followed by a station attendant, Leonard Briley. Briley overtook him and forced his car off the road. He succeeded in getting the money back but Borquez made his getaway when he pulled a knife.

Capt. Ernie Ashton, chief of detectives, and Sgt. Ted Morris returned Borquez to Torrance. He faces preliminary hearing tomorrow in South Bay Municipal Court on a charge of petty theft with a prior conviction. He was arraigned Tuesday on the count.

Phoenix police notified California authorities they were holding the fugitive and state officials in turn wired the information to local police. Torrance police had an all-points bulletin out on the fugitive since the theft here.



VICTOR E. BENSTEAD
... Wins Easily



NICKOLAS O. DRALE
... Gets Third Term

Local Woman Dies In Wreck

Joan Palmer, 25, of 4702 Pacific Coast Hwy., died Monday in a Santa Monica hospital shortly after she was injured in a two-car collision at Veteran Ave. and Olympic Blvd. in West Los Angeles.

The victim was riding in a car driven by another local resident, Herbert Agid, 30, of 324 Via Del Monte, Palos Verdes. Agid's auto and a car driven by William E. Grimes, 52, of Los Angeles, were involved in the crash, authorities said.

Police reported that the victim died after being admitted to the hospital. She reportedly was thrown from the car when the accident occurred, falling to the pavement.

The two drivers reportedly suffered minor injuries in the fatal crash, police said.

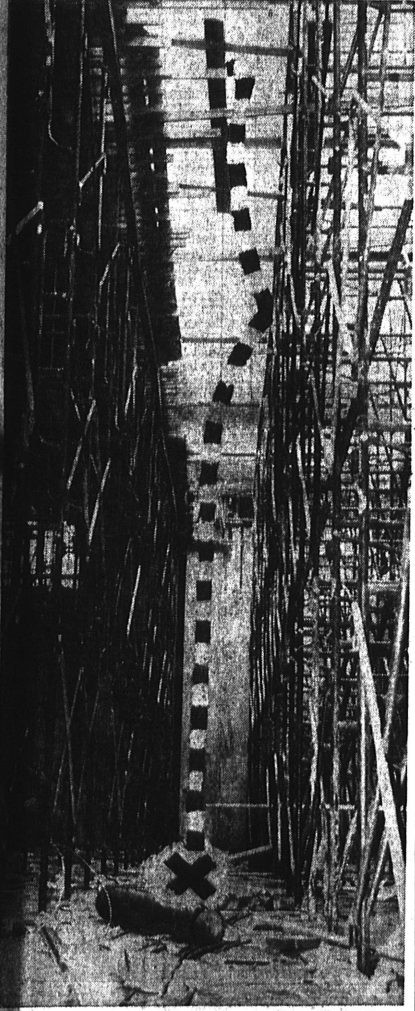
Six persons were hurt Sunday in a three-car crash at the intersection of Sepulveda Blvd. and Normandie Ave. All were taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment, police said.

Wayne Barr, 57, of Glendale, driver of one of the cars, was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving following the accident, authorities added.

Injured in the wreck included Barr, Edmond Skelsey, 63;



ROBERT B. JAHN
... Holds 20-Vote Edge



(Herald Photo)
DEATH PATH . . . Dotted line indicates 22-foot fall which proved fatal to Daniel M. Mullin, 59, of Hawthorne, while he was working on gym roof at North High School Monday morning. "X" marks huge pipe, which the victim is reported to have hit in the fall. He apparently slipped or blacked out, causing the tragic fall.

Thugs Loot Lomita Church, VFW Hall

Burglars looted three Lomita buildings, including a church, during the past week with one of the suspects caught in the act by a store clerk and later turned over to sheriff's deputies.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Boswell, 23, of 121 Ardmore, Hermosa, was booked at Lennox sheriff's station Monday afternoon on charges she took two pairs of socks from a men's store at 2311 Lomita Blvd. earlier. When arrested deputies said she admitted having had a narcotics record and was held on a narcotics count, too, they said.

Church Burglarized
A clerk, Donald S. Tomlin, told authorities the woman came into the store and left without being waited on. He received a call after she left, he said, and a woman told him that Mrs. Boswell had taken the goods. He raced out the

Baby Succumbs In Crib Monday

Carl Frederick Korff, two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvert Korff, of 5218 Scott St., was found dead in his crib Monday morning, Torrance police here reported.

Graveside services and interment for the infant were held yesterday in Pacific Crest cemetery under the direction of Hardin-Flanagan Mortuary of Inglewood. Rev. Harry Adams officiated.

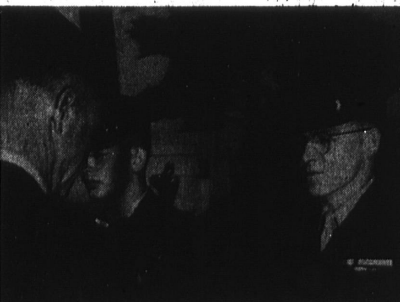
According to police, the Korffs were awakened at about 2:30 a.m. by the crying of their oldest son George, 15 months. Mrs. Korff investigated and found the baby lying face down in the crib, pale and not breathing. His father rushed him to the Redondo Beach Fire Department where the victim was given resuscitator treatment for 15 minutes.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Today is the final day to register for the June 5 presidential primary elections, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett warned yesterday.

Residents of the Torrance-Lomita area who have changed their address, name, or party affiliation since registering or who failed to vote in the last general election must re-register to be eligible, the City Clerk said.

Registrars at the City Hall, 1511 Cravens Ave., will be open this evening for the convenience of workers who are unable to register during the day. Deputies throughout the city will be available in their homes throughout the day and evening to register potential voters, Bartlett said.



ON INSPECTION . . . Participating in an inspection held by the Marine Corps Inspector General in February was Cpl. Charles G. Westerman Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Westerman, of 912 Del Amo Blvd. He entered the service in January, 1954.