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# COUNCIL, SCHOOL BOARD GIV RECORD BUDGETS FOR 1957-58



## Smoldering Fire Erupts, Leaves Family Homeless

A house fire, a flaming truck full of furniture, and a firebug kept Torrance firemen busy manning the hoses this week. Fire swept, through a home at 4043 W. 182nd St., Tuesday morning, causing about 75 to 80 per cent destruction of the frame dwelling. Occupants of the house were Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Torrez and their two sons, None of them were at home at the time the blaze was reported.

The fire apparently started in a bedroom at the rear of the house, although the actual cause had not been determined which apparently smoldered for several hours before it was noticed. A hole was burned in the rear wall and kitchen furnishings were charred and ruined.

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# Set for Tuesday

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has been handed to members of the City Council who will open hearings on the matter at 2 p.m. next Tuesday, May 23. Marking an increase of more than \$1 million over last year's setsimated budget, the 1957-58 version calls for upping expenditures in fire, police, and street budgets mearly three-quarters of a million dollars.

Some Paring Due

The budget estimate, submitted to the Council this week by City Manager George Stevens, leaves some work for the Councilmen—estimated revenues are \$3,135,000 while the expenditures are \$3,95,000.

This means the Council will have to pare the budget—or find more revenue.

Previous discussions about forming lighting assessment districts, trash pickup fees, and other revenue producing projects have been given a chilly reception by several members of the Council. A tax raise of slightly over one cent to bring the city's tax to the maximum \$1 allowed by the charcter is a probability. That will not make up the difference, however.

More Fire, Police

### Schools To Need 8 Million

was presented to the Torrance Unified School District's School

Board Tuesday night.

This figure represents an increase of \$1,434,000 over last year's \$6,668,000 budget.

Biggest increase and biggest single item in the budget was teachers' salaries, amounting to \$4,614,000, an increase of to \$4,614,000, an increase or, \$1,105,000 over last year's budget requirements. This increased figure reflects 120 new teachers added to the district for next year and an increase in the salary schedules of local teachers.

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In presenting the figures to the board, Acting Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said that the amount that the increase will cost local taxpayers cannot be determined yet. Although the district will need \$8,102,175 to operate, two factors complicate compiling the sources of income:

1. The fate of a bill granting more state aid to local districts has not been determined yet. The Assembly has passed the bill, which might mean as much as \$750,000 in additional revenue to Torrance, but the

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2. Exact assessed valuation figures for Torrance will not be complete until August. Waldrip co mpile 16 this budget "conservatively," allowing for \$138,000,000 valuation, but he said there are indications that this figure might be low. If so, the schools would get more money.



INFANT CHECKED . . . Dr. Evelyn Callas, pediatrician at Harbor General Hospital, checks over the baby girl found abandoned early Tuesday on the porch of a Torrance resident, Doctors at the hospital said yesterday that the infant was apparently healthy, and has already been sought for adoption.

### 27-Acre Plant **Purchased for** Aircraft Firm

Big Assembly Plant Planned Here By Pioneer Aircrafter

Pioneer Aircrafter
Ryan Aeronautical Co., the
firm that built the "Spirit of St.
Louis" which Lindberg made
famous in his non-stop flight
to Paris 30 years ago this
week, has announced plans to
activate a huge assembly plant
here on the 27-acre site which
formerly housed National Electric Products Corp. on Lomita
Blvd.

The announcement said the company planned to use the plant to produce military and commercial aircraft. components, although major manufacturing would be continued in San Diego.

To Build Missiles

Assembly operations on such propects as the Douglas DC-8 commercial jet airliner power plant and pylons and the Firebee jet drone missile will be transferred to the new Torrance plant, according to T. Claude Ryan, president of the pioneering aircraft firm.

The 27-aère site, lying just north of the Torrance Municipal Airport, contains 137,000 square feet of floor space, and can be easily expanded, President Ryan said. If the need arises, the space could be doubled, he stated.

Airport Handy

Access to Torrance Municipal

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