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WALKOUT ENDS COUNCIL SESSION

A Penny for your Thoughts

People in a bus depot are usually interesting and good camera subjects. So the HERALD photographer selected the six people below and asked them, "What brings you to Torrance, or where is your destination?"

Mrs. C. E. Perkins, 2008 Redondo Blvd. housewife:
"I came in to Torrance to do some shopping. I like the stores here and have been shopping here for a few years. I am waiting for a bus to take me home."

John Woodford, Long Beach aircraft worker:

"I am here on business. I used to live here and my attorney has his office here. My car is in the shop for repairs. I like to ride on a bus once in awhile."

Mrs. Don King, 3521 Riviera Way, office secretary:
"This is my day off and I have been doing some shopping. I ride the buses most of the time as my husband has to use our car in his work."

Harry Sroka, Compton, automobile assemblyman:
"I took a bus to save gasoline. I am here in Torrance looking for a job. The plant I work for is out on strike and I have to get a job until they get it settled."

Judy Parsons, 20851 Halldale Ave. Torrance, High School student:
"I use the buses most of the time. Today I stayed after school and missed the school bus. So I had to take the municipal one."

J. P. Stringer, Long Beach retired:
"I came over to Torrance to visit my friends at the adult club. I take the bus over at least once a month to play shuffleboard. Like the courts and the other old timers here."

Freeway Job Awarded

Contract for construction of the Harbor Freeway between 124th St. and 190th St. was awarded this week to the firm of Larson-Punchard of San Gabriel on their bid of \$7,770,000. Completion date for the project is mid 1960.



AT TESTIMONIAL . . . Lt. Gov. Harold "Butch" Powers (center), who is seeking reelection in November, is flanked here by James Hall (left) and Paul Lorange at Whittisan testimonial dinner Tuesday night. Highlight of the evening was the appearance of Council President John S. Gibson Jr., who represents the harbor area on the Los Angeles city council. Gibson, a life-long Democrat, warmly endorsed Powers, a Republican, for re-election. (Herald Photo)

IN TWO CRASHES

Police Launch Search For Hit-Run Motorist

A motorist who fled the scene of two collisions, one in which another motorist was injured, was the subject of an intense police search here yesterday.

Police were seeking the driver who was involved in a collision with an auto driven by Allen Cines, 46, of Los Angeles at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvd. early yesterday.

Civilians Set Annual Feed For Saturday

Annual pancake breakfast of the Torrance Civitan Club will be held at the Civic Auditorium Saturday morning. Club officials reminded area residents this week.

Tickets are on sale by all members of the club or at Paramount Builders, 3401 Torrance Blvd. President Jack Phillips reports.

All proceeds of the breakfast will be used to provide shoes for needy school children of Torrance. Phillips said.

The Civitan shoe program is a major project of the club and is pushed the year around.



ARTIST IN THE MAKING . . . Six-and-one-half-year-old Curie Nichols of 2737 Grand Summit Rd. is shown receiving art instruction from Momi Gellen, instructor for the Torrance recreation department, in the weekly sessions for children. The Saturday classes will be held at the old City Hall, 1511 Crossens.

City to Get New Mayor -- For a Day

The city will get a new mayor on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Pat Reynolds, senior class president of North High School, has been selected to sit in as student mayor on that day as the city observes the second annual Junior Citizens Day.

It is the second time that a girl has been chosen for the city's top post during the day.

The students will conduct the regular schedule of the city council during the evening.



SEEK GRID TITLE . . . These 15 charming El Camino roads will seek election as the school's Grid Queen in elections to be held on campus during the coming week. Torrance enthusiasts in the contest include Kathy Kirke, 17, who was Harbor Queen here last summer; Joyce Cannon, 18, and Gloria Dutton, 18. The queen will be named at the Grid dance Oct. 10.

Three Members Leave Meeting

Establishment of a new city water commission got off to a rocky start here Tuesday night when the second name drawn by lot from a group of seven nominations failed to be confirmed and three members of the group abruptly left the meeting.

Stalking out the minute the nomination of Jack E. White was read and voted down were Councilmen Willys Blount and Nickolas Draie. George Bradford left a few minutes later during a hastily called recess.

The three left the meeting after Mayor Albert Isen, Councilmen Robert Jahn and J. A. Beasley refused to concur in the nomination of White, who apparently had been nominated by one of the other three councilmen.

THE DISAPPROVAL of White followed unanimous approval of Roger "Pat" Hogue, the first name drawn for the new commission.

A third name, that of John Melville, was drawn but was not acted on because of the sudden exodus from the ruling body.

"This is the biggest farce I ever saw," Blount said, as he left the meeting.

"IT'S ALL a misunderstanding," Isen told the HERALD yesterday. He referred to minutes of two previous meetings which showed that he had recommended that the commissioners be nominated by the councilmen and drawn from a list each to be approved by the council.

"We voted for Isen's man without batting an eye," Bradford said. Then he kicked out the first nomination that did not come from his side of the fence.

"It's a raw deal," Draie added.

Councilman Victor E. Benstead, who was attending a family party at his home, was hastily summoned to the meeting after the three councilmen left. The council ended the session on a statement by approving the necessary motion to pay bills and adjourning as soon as Benstead joined the meeting.

EARLIER IN THE short dramatic meeting the council voted to withhold action on municipal pay raises for another week.

A request for reduction of the lease terms on the corner

of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw pending construction of a new Hody's restaurant there was refused. Negotiations for new terms and other requirements ordered.

End Party As Guest Is Shot

A party which allegedly had been in progress for two days ended with a bang here Monday night when a guest and neighbor in a home was felled with a shotgun blast.

The party at the home of pianist Penny Holm, 40, of 1644 W. 203rd St., had been getting along noisily for some time when the blast of the gun fired by Mrs. Holm punctuated the affair.

Felled was William Briggs, 32, of 1642 W. 203rd St., who had apparently knocked out a tooth of the hostess after she insulted his wife.

Briggs was rushed to Harbor General Hospital where his left shoulder wounds were described as serious.

Mrs. Holm was taken to San Pedro and booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

The party broke up.

HOUSE LOOTED

Joe G. Rodriguez, 18004 Cordary Ave., told police that someone entered his home Sunday night, stole eight silver dollars out of a piggy bank and ate a lemon pie before leaving.

State Treasurer Says Food Tax Likely if No. 17 Passes

California may be faced by a sales tax on food if the voters approve Proposition 17 on the Nov. 14 ballot, State Treasurer



CLUB HONORED . . . Jack Phillips (left) president of the Torrance Civitan Club, is congratulated by M. W. Heiminger, former president and now Lt. Gov. of Civitan, for being named the outstanding club in the U. S. for membership. The club beat all others in per capita membership additions during a recent drive. (Herald Photo)

31 Rubbish Fee Cases to Court

Thirty-one claims for delinquent rubbish fees have been filed in South Bay Municipal Court and another 280 will be filed in subsequent weeks, it was reported here this week by City Finance Officer Jerome Scharfman.

The suits, filed in the small claims branch of the court, were the first to be filed after delinquencies piled up for a year under the city's new rubbish collection fee system which started last Oct. 1.

More than 500 accounts were listed as delinquent two weeks ago, but many of these have been paid since the city announced that it was preparing the small claims suits, Scharfman said.

He pointed out that the \$12 delinquent fees will be raised by another \$5 if a judgment against the householders is ordered by the court. The extra costs will include legal and court costs of filing the claims.

The delinquent accounts represent a small portion of the

FIRM BURGLAR

Officials of Duschack Helicopter, 22597 Western Ave., told police this week that someone entered their company's office and took \$45 from an office cash register.

TOOLS STOLEN

Tools valued at \$2.50 were stolen from the construction site of the Little Company of Mary Hospital this week, police were told.

A. Ronald Button warned yesterday.

Button spoke before the Torrance Rotary Club at the Palms Restaurant in Torrance.

The ballot question, if approved, he stated, would cut the present sales tax from 3 per cent to 2 per cent and raise State income taxes from a maximum of 6 per cent to 4 1/2 per cent. Despite the rise in income taxes, Button said, the State would lose \$20,000,000 per year in revenues.

The food tax is a likely source of new revenue, Button said, and he declared that taxes on food, cigars and transportation already are being discussed.

"The sales tax is the main source of funds for support of our public schools," Button emphasized. A deficiency in these revenues, he said, would have to be made up by new taxes unless drastic cuts are made in such programs.

Proposition No. 17, he continued, would freeze the new tax structure into the Constitution, and the Legislature would be powerless to change the rates, even in emergencies.

Button also warned that the increase in income taxes in the higher brackets would drive venture capital out of California and create business distress throughout the State.

HERALD PUBLISHER REPORTS FROM EUROPE

Some criticism of the U. S. exhibit at the Brussels World Fair might be justified, HERALD Publisher King Williams hints in his second special report from Europe today.

On the other hand, he writes, Russia has made a blatant effort to impress the world with its might. Overpowering displays of heavy machinery, cornucopias intended to depict Communists as the happy people on earth, and a gigantic statue of Lenin crowd a three-million-ruble fair glass and steel structure that looks like a factory building in holiday dress.

For a complete report on the World Fair, turn now to Page 3.