

Suggestions on Cutting School Costs Questioned

School administrators told members of the board of education last week that planned installation of new machines would permit reduction of clerical staff of the district by three to five persons, in response to a specific recommendation by the citizens committee that clerical reductions be made.

In the committee's recommendation No. 3, as determined by the HERALD from reports made to the board from the still secret document, it was proposed that:

"... the clerical force including accounting, purchasing, and secretarial personnel be substantially reduced."

Dr. Robert Morton, director of personnel for the district, reported to the board that contracting with an electronic data processing service bureau will eliminate two clerical positions in the accounting department, and said further accounting department clerical staff reductions may be possible when Los Angeles

County Superintendent of Schools takes over preparation of school payrolls.

Allocation of clerical employes in the personnel division will be largely influenced by "new legislation relating to fringe benefits in public agencies," Morton reported. He explained that recent legislation placed additional demands on personnel and accounting departments to perform new services and maintain necessary records.

Introduction of a special machine may eliminate one clerical position in the purchasing department, he reported.

In a supplement to Morton's report, Superintendent J. H. Hull said the proposed reduction would result in an estimated decrease in the salary costs of \$20,000 to the district, despite an expected increase of 1800 students next September.

Recommendation No. 4, concerning reduction of psychologists, was generally answered by Dr. Bernard

Kaplan, assistant superintendent, special service, in comments on a recommendation that counselors be reduced reported in the Herald Thursday.

In general, Dr. Kaplan defended use of psychologists (as well as counselors) in the belief that they performed a valuable and needed function in the education of the district's students.

In supporting his contention, he cited studies of the California State Department of Education which showed that about 14 per cent of California's school population was emotionally handicapped.

"Applied to Torrance, this would mean that about 3780 are in need of professional assistance," Dr. Kaplan reported to the board.

He also cited California Youth Authority figures showing that 160,000 juveniles were arrested in California in 1960, and that 4000 of these were committed at an annual cost of \$4000 each.

The school psychologists also serve children with

normal problems, he said, indicating that they assisted teachers to administer and interpret tests and in other ways aided students, teachers, and parents to appraise the abilities of youngsters.

Administrators also defended teaching of instrumental music in the schools in answer to recommendation No. 6 of the committee which said:

"It is recommended that the administration present to the board of education the total number of students enrolled in the instrumental music program accompanied with the full cost of the program. If the cost per pupil is excessive, a curtailment is recommended."

Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent, educational services, reported that 1869 pupils were enrolled at a cost of \$37 per pupil. Such instruction is an extension of classroom music experience of children, he said. The practice was stoutly defended by Dr. Posner be-

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A Penny for your Thoughts



The grounding of the Greek freighter Dominator off Palos Verdes shores prompted this question.

"Do you think that ocean-going ships should lay to when visibility is zero and not try to make their destinations?"

John Andreson, 1031 1/2 8th St., San Pedro, maritime captain, retired:

"Ships have schedules just like trains and airlines and foul weather and fog have always been one of a sea captain's hazards. I've pushed on with no visibility many times, but I do think it is wise to stand by when in strange waters and off-shore under these conditions."



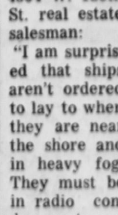
Leighton Burse, 18135 Prairie, aircraft welder:

"I don't see where a few hours delay in the schedule of a trans-ocean freighter would have made much difference to the owners, or the delivery of the cargo — particularly with the ship itself and the lives of the crew at stake."



Bill Sargent, 3108 W. 74th St., Los Angeles, truck driver:

"Time is probably important to sea captains and a man holding down this job must know his business, but it seems like the Coast Guard would have come to the aid of this ship if they had been called on before they ran aground."



Thirteen In Board Election

The list of candidates officially filing for the April 18 election of three members to the board of education rose to 13 a few minutes before the 5 p.m. deadline Friday, officials in the office of County Superintendent C. C. Trillingham told the HERALD.

Filing Friday were Gordon Phillips, of 21003 Amie, and Albert W. Charles, 5410 Rivera Way.

The HERALD was unable to verify the final slate after the 5 p.m. closing time, therefore a candidate could have filed his declaration in the final minutes.

CANDIDATES who filed prior to Friday included the three incumbents, Joseph Arnold, Robert Ellis, and Grace Wright. Others seeking the post include Edward F. Broderick, William J. Hanson, Patricia B. Huber, Jack C. Knibb, David K. Lyman, Bert M. Lynn, James R. Miller, and Nat Mondati.

Closing of the filing period was the signal for the campaign to open, and Lynn, president of the city's planning commission, shot off the first salvo with a press release scoring the "dictatorial dynasty" of the Torrance school administration.

TARGET for his blast was the citizen's committee report which the HERALD has been serializing, in part, taken from reports of school administrators to the board.

Lynn complains that the report, submitted to the board of education by a committee of laymen last month, has not been released to the public, and is being handed out on a piecemeal basis.

"THE ACTIONS of the school board and the reports made by any citizens committee are not privileged communications to be viewed by the officials of the school district only," Lynn said.

The HERALD has been told that the entire report will probably be released to the public next Tuesday evening.

U. S. Report Pinpoints Peril of Narcotic Menace

The evil social disease of narcotics has seriously infected California, and unless immediate corrective "surgery" in the form of effective new anti-narcotics laws is taken to wipe out this savage menace, California can look forward to dark days ahead, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn declared today.

He explained that recent statistics compiled by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics pin-



SHIP BATTERED... Huge waves break over the 10,000-ton Greek freighter, Dominator, which lies helplessly on rocks only 200 yards off Rocky Point on the west side of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The ship has been abandoned by the crew, and salvage companies are seeking means of recovering the half a million-dollar cargo of grain before waves such as this break the ship open on the rocks. Daring beach city lads who boarded the vessel Thursday after swimming out from shore have been released without charges. (Herald Photo by Bill Brown)

1000 Teachers Told

Public Education Key to U. S. Standard of Living

Whatever greatness America has it can be attributed to free public education for all and a free enterprise business system, teachers, businessmen, and industrialists were told at the outset of Business-Industry-Education Day here Friday morning.

Dr. Stuart Marsee, president of El Camino College, based his keynote remarks on that text before 1000 teachers and scores of business and industrial leaders at South High School early Friday as the group began its annual interchange of visits.

"THE GREATEST contribution of our civilization could well be our system of universal public education," Dr. Marsee told the group.

He discounted many of the critics of public education and business, saying "much more is right with public education

and business than criticisms sometimes would indicate."

HE ADMITTED that some criticism is probably well-founded, but added that most of it is not. Taking such criticism seriously, he indicated, could lead to the belief that America is in a bad way... "about to decline and fall."

Answering directly some of the critics of public education, Dr. Marsee noted that Americans have won 35 Nobel prizes in science; Russians have won two.

About 70 per cent of American 16-year-olds are in school while much less — about 10 per cent — of European 16-year-olds are in school, he said.

AMERICA HAS about as many students in scholastic honor societies as Europe has in its entire school system,

according to one source by the El Camino president.

He cited the oft-quoted fact that 15 of the 16 Cal-Tech scientists responsible for launching the first American satellite were products of the public schools.

ON THE OTHER hand, he said American business has



ARTIST AT WORK... David Martin is pictured decorating Joe Vielmette's T shirt, one of 10 he has completed for other eighth graders at Nativity school. The talented 13-year-old HERALD carrier boy on route 41 charges 50 cents for his efforts. (Herald Photo)

Sheriff Bans Curious From Nearby Hills

Los Angeles Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess and other law enforcement officers moved yesterday to avert a possible tragedy on the hills overlooking the stricken Greek freighter, Dominator, by barring all unauthorized persons from the area.

Acting after several attempts had been made to swim to the grounded vessel, including the boarding by three youths who had to be rescued by helicopter, the Sheriff also asked small craft owners and operators to stay out of the area.

THREE YOUNG men were taken from the ship Thursday by helicopter after they had swam out from the shore and boarded the vessel. They were later released after officials of the district's attorney's office refused to sign complaints against them.

An estimated 20 persons have tried to get a closer look at the stranded vessel by entering the raging waters below Rocky Point on the west end of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, police said.

THOUSANDS OF sightseers have been attracted to the Peninsula since the freighter went aground Monday. At one time, traffic was jammed from the Rocky Point area to the Malaga Cove plaza, Palos Verdes Police reported.

Crewmen who were taken from the vessel after it ran aground in the fog are being flown back to Greece for re-assignment to other berths.

Possible salvage of the vessel and its cargo is being

studied by several companies, it has been reported. The ship was carrying nearly half a million dollars worth of grain when it ran aground.

Worker Hit By Flying Metal Dies

Metal flying from an extrusion machine struck a 20-year-old Downey worker at the Harvey Aluminum Co. plant here Thursday, and he died later at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Harbor Division police said Joseph Nozzolillo was struck in the abdomen by the flying metal while working in the plant at 190th St. and Western Ave. His injuries did not appear serious at first, but he became ill enroute to the hospital for checking, and died shortly after arriving at the Little Company of Mary facility.

Investigating officers said a metal ring apparently broke off in the machine, and then struck Nozzolillo.

New Torrance Plant May Get Huge Order

Torrance's new AiResearch facility at 190th St. and Crenshaw will probably get the job of fabricating 180 central air data systems for Japanese versions of Lockheed F-104 fighters ordered under a \$3 million contract this week, the HERALD was informed yesterday.

Announcement of the contract was made in Los Angeles Friday by the Garrett Corp., parent company of AiResearch. The firm is now producing environmental systems, starters, and other components for the aircraft through previously established licensing agreements in Japan.

THE NEW ORDER, awarded by the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., raises Garrett's total contracts for the F-104 to \$21 million, according to E. A. Bellande, vice president, international operations. These contracts are for central air data and environmental control systems to be installed on ver-

sions of the Starfighter ordered by Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada, and Italy as well as Japan, Bellande said.

Torrance's new facility of the AiResearch Division of Garrett has been assigned the program of producing central air data systems among other highly technical items of the space age, the HERALD has been told. It can be presumed that much of the current contracts for such systems will be produced here.

IN A PREVIOUS announcement, Garrett officials estimated that when present negotiations are completed, the F-104 program may well be the largest production program in the history of the corporation, with a realization of total sales of about \$64 million, based on approximately 1600 F-104 Starfighters on order.

The central air data system accurately senses the atmosphere to be installed on ver-

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