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MAYOR ALBERT ISEN
Returned to Office in Landslide

Airport Bond, Proposals All Win Approval

A jubilant Mayor Isen yesterday said he was "looking forward to four years of the greatest development and progress in Torrance," after he was returned to office with a decisive victory over four opponents.

Complete but unofficial returns show Mayor Isen outpolled four opponents and more than tripled the vote of his principal opponent, Councilman Willys G. Blount, in Tuesday's voting.

Returned to office with Isen was Councilman J. A. Beasley, who led a field of 20 candidates in the voting. Elected with Beasley were Ross Sciarrotta and Ken Miller.

MRS. HARRIETT Leech was returned to her post as city treasurer by a substantial margin, and Vernon Coil was elected to succeed A. H. Bartlett as city clerk.

Voting was near normal for a municipal election with 16,879 or slightly more than 37 per cent of the 45,564 registered voters going to the polls. The airport bond measure and three charter amendments were approved in Tuesday's balloting according to the unofficial tabulations.

IN A STATEMENT issued yesterday, Mayor Isen said "it would appear that the voters of Torrance made wise choices in their selection of new councilmen. I feel that Messrs. Beasley, Sciarrotta, and Miller will have the welfare and progress of the city uppermost in their minds."

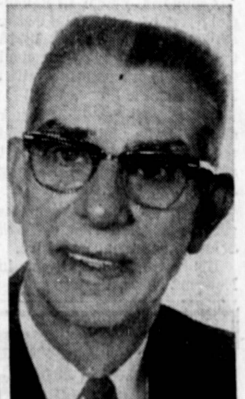
Adding his personal thanks, Mayor Isen said "I want to thank the hundreds of people who worked actively for my reelection, and the thousands of Torrance voters who have now reposed their confidence in me for a new term. I feel the responsibility very intensely, and I will do everything within my ability to merit that confidence and trust which has been expressed."

CONCLUDING his statement, he said "I am looking forward to four years of the greatest development and progress in Torrance."

Vernon Coil, who will be the city's first new city clerk in 40 years, pledged that he would "conscientiously perform the duties of this office to which I have been elected."

Coil also thanked the voters who put him in office and "to all those who gave so willingly of their time to assist in my campaign."

All officials elected Tuesday



J. A. BEASLEY



ROSS SCIARROTTA



VERNON COIL



HARRIETT LEECH



KEN MILLER

Plans Approved to Finance Golf Course

Plans for financing a \$1,100,000 public 18-hole golf course at 190th St. and Avalon Boulevard have been approved by the County Retirement Board.

The site is owned by the county. Under the plan for financing, the Retirement Board will advance the necessary funds from its more than \$300 million in assets. The assets accumulate at the rate of about \$35 million a year from the pay checks of civil service employees. They are earmarked for their retirement benefits.

The Retirement Board will develop the course and lease it to the county for operation, and the county will pay an interest rate of 3½ per cent annually while buying back the course.

In time, profits from the course are expected to pay for the original investment. The course is one of five to be financed under the plan, including the Los Verdes Course in Palos Verdes. Cost of that course will be \$1,139,525. The others are in Downey and near San Dimas.

Butane Tank Explodes in Local Plant

An exploding butane tank which hurled an employee 20 feet along the ground was blamed for setting off a fire that caused damages estimated as high as \$300,000 at an engineering research plant here early Tuesday.

A janitor, Wesley A. Bishop, 16212 Denker Ave., was hurled along the ground by the blast. He was singed by the flames but otherwise was unharmed.

City fire units were joined by units from Los Angeles County in battling the blaze at the Pacific Division of the Houston Fearless Corp. at 2430 W. 247th St. in the Howard Industrial Tract.

FIREMAN Sal Frasca strained his back but escaped more serious injuries when a portion of the roof caved in under him. He grabbed a parapet to keep from plunging to the ground.

A large part of the plant interior was destroyed by the flames, and executive and engineering offices were heavily damaged by heat, smoke and water.

BISHOP, WHO was alone in the plant at the time of the explosion, said he was changing the butane tank on a heating unit. He said he heard a hissing sound, and leaped for the doorway. The escaping butane was apparently ignited by a gas heater pilot light.

The blaze sent up a towering column of smoke which was seen for many miles by early risers. Flames shot high over the two-story building for several minutes after the 6 a.m. blast, but were knocked down early by firemen.

AMONG THE pieces of equipment at the scene was the city's 85-foot aerial ladder truck which placed a high pressure water line high over the fire.

Fire Chief J. J. Benner and Assistant Chief Robert Lucas directed firemen at the scene. Five city units were there and four from the county joined the battle.

Ex-Mayor Bill Stanger Dies, Rites on Monday

Funeral services for William H. (Bill) Stanger, 71, former mayor and a Torrance employee for 17 years before his retirement, were held in Santa Cruz Monday. Mr. Stanger died in Santa Cruz Saturday.

Mr. Stanger entered Torrance civic affairs in 1934 when he was appointed to serve out a City Council term vacated by the late C. Earl Conner. He was elected to the post in the 1934 elections, and two years later was named mayor. He resigned from the Council in 1937 to accept ap-

pointment as superintendent of the Torrance Water Department, a position he held until he retired in the summer of 1951.

MR. STANGER came to Torrance in 1917, and was employed as a field service representative of the National Supply Co.

A hit and run accident in 1929 put him on crutches for several months and he was forced to leave his National Supply Co. job.

Mr. Stanger was a past mas-

ter of the Torrance Masonic Lodge and served as its secretary for eight years. He also was active in the Best S. Crossland American Legion Post and held a lifetime membership in that organization.

HIS WIFE, Cleora, who survives him, was active in fraternal affairs and was the first Matron of the Eastern Star here and served a number of terms as treasurer and secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Final Returns

Complete but unofficial returns, city of Torrance municipal election.

MAYOR	
Isen	9838
Blount	3118
Hogue	2755
Armijo	280
Bell	368

CITY CLERK	
Coil	2676
Shidler	2215
Deek	1987
Fleetwood	1840
Miller	1642
Tillim	1450
Sumpster	1443
Craig	835
Faren	805
Morehart	535
Mans	176

TREASURER	
Leech	9588
Spangler	3676
Rupert	1082
Stenberg	1039

PROPOSALS	
Yes	8327
No	6969
Amendment No. 1	
Yes	8976
No	5690
Amendment No. 2	
Yes	10,659
No	3,652
Amendment No. 3	
Yes	9599
No	4824

COUNCIL	
Beasley	5964
Sciarrotta	5081
Miller	5018
Barton	4767
Lyman	3876
Belknap	3689
Clawson	3510
Kurtz	3616
McVey	2338
Rose	1993
Bisou	1491
Mondati	1003
Foster	802

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A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think boxing is a sport?" the Pennies photographer asked persons in downtown Torrance.

Donald Douglas, 1221 El Prado Ave.

"No I don't think so. I do not go for boxing which is more like a judge. It used to be a contest to see who was the strongest but it's not like that now."

Frank Stenson, Long Beach

"I don't care for it myself. I don't think boxing should be abolished but just have some sort of control and restrictions. Boxing does teach some sportsmanship the same as any other sport."

Manuel Yniguez, Long Beach

"The recent death in boxing I'm not sure whether it is a sport. They should be a lot more strict and watch the fellows up more even. It's just like bull fighting, someone is going to get hurt."

Art Willey, Wilmington

"No. What's sporting about it? The death in boxing is typical in that the manly art of self defense is no more. Boxing now is just a contest to see who can stand up the longest."

W. C. Joenson, 1413 W. 215th St.

"I think so. These fights we are having are brutal but boxing is not. Boxing itself is a fine sport. I think boxing should be controlled better."

Legislator Waives Court Appearance

Charles E. Chapel, Republican assemblyman from Inglewood, has waived a preliminary hearing on bomb hoax charges.

The hearing was held in Torrance Municipal Court Monday. No date has been set for him to enter a plea in Superior Court there. He is free on \$1,505 bail.