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ASK \$10.8 MILLION CITY BUDGET

BOARD ORDERS BUDGET CUT

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"Should Communists be allowed to have their names on a ballot for public office in the United States?" asked the Pennies photographer of several housewives.

Pam Humes:
"Definitely no. I don't like or believe in the things that Communists stand for. They essentially want to overthrow the government of the United States and I don't think we ought to help by electing them to office."

Helen Griffin:
"No, I don't think so. If one or two get into office, there would be others. Gradually they would push other people out, and I don't want Communists to get control of things in this country."

Linda Jurkovich:
"I think they should be allowed on the ballot. That is the way the American system is set up. You have to depend on people taking an interest and electing people with good morals and voting out Communists."

Marjorie Playstead:
"I am really not decided. I am inclined to think we ought to allow it. I am not so fearful of a Communist, or, for that matter, a Bircher, as I am the uneducated voter who votes for a name on the ballot."

Wanda Grisham:
"No, I don't think we ought to allow it if there is some way to prove they are Communists. In so many cases you cannot prove it because of the methods they use. I don't really know how you can keep them off in these cases."

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HERALD CITED . . . Realtor Ken Peters, immediate past president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, presents plaque of appreciation to Evelyn Stillwell, classified advertising manager of The Herald, during the annual Realtor Week awards luncheon yesterday. Others receiving Realtor recognition yesterday include the YMCA, the Torrance Beautiful Commission, and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. (Herald Photo)

Victor School to Host Bike Rodeo

Victor School will host the annual city-wide bicycle rodeo Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Participation in the annual rodeo is by invitation. Students are selected on the basis of scores in the individual rodeos at 28 public schools and one parochial school in the city. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade divisions. Boys and girls will compete in individual classifications, according to sponsors of the rodeo. FIRE ENGINEER Richard DeArmitt will be in charge of the rodeo, and volunteers from the Torrance Fire Department, who conduct the annual bicycle safety programs in the city, will serve as judges for the rodeo. Wives of the firemen do the paper work. The annual bicycle safety programs are conducted by the Fire Department volunteers under the sponsorship of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Torrance Safety Council, and the PTA. A rodeo is held at each school to select participants for the all-city event. Children are first taught essentials of the bicycle safety program in the classroom. They are examined on the classroom phase of the program before the bicycle rodeo. An obstacle course provides each participant with a variety of riding experiences during the individual rodeos. MORE THAN 25,000 students have participated in the written examination phase of the program, and 5,000 students actually took part in the rodeo. Jefferson Elementary School (Continued on Page 4)

City-School Budgets Get A Once-Over

Cut Order Issued by Trustees

Trustees of the Torrance schools ordered a \$1 million cut in the preliminary school budget for 1964-65 during a budget session Monday evening. The trimming, which must be completed in time for the board's regular meeting Monday, will reduce the budget to about \$15.6 million. "I think we can take out about half a million," Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told the trustees, "but beyond that, I think it's going to hurt."

THE TRUSTEES wasted no time in getting down to the axe swinging. Bert M. Lynn and Albert Charles, using different methods, came in with near identical figures, and Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts was quick to agree with their general feeling toward the budget. Dr. Kurt Shery, president of the board, said he had found about \$443,000 which could be trimmed. Dr. Shery said he felt \$1 million was too much "if you include normal raises in salary for teachers and other personnel."

The massive document, "Educational and Operational Needs for 1964-65," was handed to board members three weeks ago. It was compiled on the basis of principals' and department heads' requests, S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent for business, told the board. "We did a little screening," said Waldrip.

THE \$1 MILLION cut was ordered on motion of Lynn after a similar motion by Charles had failed to get a second. When Dr. Hull asked what was meant by "approximately \$1 million," Lynn snapped back, "more than a million."

The trustees settled on the \$1 million figure after more than an hour's debate. They also agreed the problem of where (Continued on Page 2)

\$10 Million Wanted for City Budget

Members of the Torrance City Council now attending annual sessions of the Conference of U. S. Mayors in New York City have a little surprise awaiting them when they find their way back to Torrance—the city budget proposal for the coming fiscal year.

As outlined this week by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, the city budget for the year beginning next July 1 will be \$10,832,343 and reflects a raise of nearly half a million dollars over the budget now being followed.

IN HIS MESSAGE to councilmen prepared for the budget, Ferraro pointed out that the city had grown 25 per cent during the past four years. "The City Council and City Administration have been hard-pressed to keep up with this tremendous expansion."

Ferraro said department requests totaled \$831,479 more than the budget he has prepared.

THE BUDGET provides for 61 new positions in the city as compared to 47 in the current year.

Of the nearly half a million increase, \$91,235 is required for mandatory salary step increases; another \$48,373 for additional employee benefits; \$103,883 for cost of supplies increases; and another \$221,282 to replace obsolete equipment.

Several revenue measures are recommended in an effort to hold the general fund tax rate at its present level. Ferraro recommends a boost in charges for current services, such as fees for zone changes, use permits, variances; a charge for sidewalk repairs; increase refuse collection fees to \$1.50 a month; and inaugurate a sewer maintenance fee similar to the new lighting district assessments.



DAY IN THE NAVY . . . Students from Torrance High School, accompanied by their teacher, spent a day on board an aircraft carrier with some 450 other high school students over the weekend. Shown here on the flight deck are John Haig, John Lindsey, and Instructor H. L. Strain. With them is Capt. Erwin Baker, a member of the Naval Reserve Public Relations Co. 11-2.

City's Largest Fund Drive Hits The Mark

The \$600,594 goal to build the first unit of the new Torrance Family YMCA was surpassed at the youth organization's Victory Banquet at Space Technology Labs Cafeteria last Tuesday evening.

Over 500 volunteer campaigners reported \$228,108 to reach the goal right on schedule.

Leading the way was the Teams Campaign, led by Rod Swartz, who exceeded their portion of the goal by more than 34 per cent, with a total of \$268,490. Close behind was the Special Gifts Division, led by Ted Olson, with a 99 per cent of goal report. This announcement was given by Mrs. Olson in the absence of her husband who is in New York to make first calls upon industry to begin campaigning for the second phase of the new youth building.

Dr. Wing Mar reported that the Professional Division met its \$30,000 goal on time, and

that many professional people have not yet had a chance to give.

SWELLING THE local fund, the Los Angeles YMCA pledged a total of \$150,000 to the fund to build the new YMCA at 2800 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

One of the highlights of the evening was a \$15,000 gift to build the club lounge and chapel, donated by developer Ray Watt.

Ralph Marzullo was honored as the campaigner making the most number of calls for the Y, 91 successful calls, and was presented with a new pair of shoes to replace all of the shoe leather worn off in the drive. Mr. Marzullo also received a Huntington Portable Transistor Organ, donated by Bette Thomas Studios, for the highest individual money-maker. Other high workers were also honored with gifts donated by many Torrance businesses.

IN ADDITION to the celebration, the throng paused to express thanksgiving to all who gave and worked. George Post, general campaign chairman, stated that this was the first time he had seen the entire city unite in a great cause. "Our

city has finally come of age," Post said.

During the evening, Dr. Allen Pyeatt, retiring board chairman, was honored for his leadership of the YMCA during the past critical years, and new board chairman, Dr. Wing Mar was installed in office.

AT THE CLOSE of the evening, the volunteers who worked to raise the funds for the first unit were told that they would receive a ballot to enable them to vote on which addition to the main unit they would like to see built first, the gym or the indoor pool, and the date of June 9th was set for an informal "Beanquet" at the "tinbarn" Y to enable the reporting of additional funds that workers stated were still coming in.

The model of the new building will be put on display at local stores throughout Torrance to enable the public to see what their contributions will bring to the youth of the area.

At present, the total pledged to build the first youth program unit of the new YMCA is \$667,502. Anyone wishing to swell this amount even more, who hasn't yet been contacted may call the Torrance Family YMCA at FAirfax 8-1272.

Realtors Salute Community Builders

Realty Week activities sponsored by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors hit a peak yesterday with the presentation of honors to a number of community organizations for contributing to the growth of the city. Among the groups cited by President Dell Wright during the luncheon meeting at the board were The HERALD, Torrance Family YMCA, City Beautiful Commission, and the Chamber of Commerce. Evelyn Stillwell, classified advertising manager for The HERALD, accepted honors for the newspaper.

The philosophy of the real estate profession was discussed by John Carey, real estate educator who was guest speaker at the awards luncheon. Carey, known throughout the west for his training skills, has just opened a school at 2008 W. Carson St. in Torrance. The awards luncheon was planned "as the day the Realtors give recognition to those people and organizations who have contributed most towards the community's welfare," President Wright said. Theme of this year's Na-

tional Realty Week observance is "Move Up to More in '64—A Better Home Through a Realtor."

Realtor Week activities scheduled by the Torrance-Lomita Board began Sunday and will be concluded on Memorial Day. President Wright said the Torrance area Realtors were joining nearly 75,000 others throughout the United States in marking the week. One of the principal efforts of the week is to point out to the public the meaning of the term, Realtor.

"A realtor," Wright explained, "is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, one of the largest professional and trade associations in the world." He said a real estate broker must demonstrate his professional ability, must be approved by other members of the local board, and must subscribe to a rigid code of ethics. In selecting the motto "Move Up to More in '64—A Better Home Through a Realtor," Wright said, "Realtors are restating their faith in the continuing prosperity of the county and, at the same time, are pointing out that Ameri-

cans now, as in no time in the past, have the wherewithal to provide their families not only with adequate housing, but dwellings that will permit them to live in the manner they wish."

Wright added in his report on Realtor Week activities that his profession feels its members have contributed greatly to the nation's prosperity.

The Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors has sustained one of the most significant growth records in Southern California in recent years, Board officials report.

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