

LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD UNIT CALLED

Gambling Must Go, Say Ministers

Many Local Men Enter U. S. Ranks

Citizens Press For Game Ban

Out-of-town interests making thousands of dollars a week on gambling in Torrance will not be allowed to foist their "games" on the community in the 11th-hour effort to prevent passage of the anti-marble game ordinance, representatives of churches and Parent-Teacher groups told the Press this week.

Representatives of the Torrance Council of Churches said they will attend the next council meeting to insist on passage of the law.

Even members of the City Council assured the Press that they would press for passage of the ordinance banning the marble games declared illegal in nearly every other California city because they are used for gambling.

At the meeting of the Council on July 25, a petition was presented bearing the names of non-residents who operate liquor stores, bars, pool rooms and restaurants here asking that the passage of the ordinance be delayed until they can "get together," even to an election which could not be held until November.

Meanwhile the "take" of wealth from the games and pay-offs continue.

Thus the non-residents who are against banning the gambling devices from Torrance seek to force the games upon a community in which they have no interest, except for the "take" they get from the games. Their own business enterprises actually are not affected by the ban of the games.

Their children do not go to school in Torrance, and thus cannot be damaged by the games, one parent-teacher representative pointed out. The games are barred from the Shoestring strip and other nearby communities where most of the operators live.

At the next meeting of the City Council, it was said that the citizens of Torrance who have made an all-out effort to eliminate the gambling devices from the community will insist that the Council members stick to it.

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New School Employees Are Listed

The following classified personnel were employed this week with the approval of the Torrance School Board:

Donald Emmet O'Farrell, Custodian; Anna M. Brannum, Clerk; Leona Smith, Housekeeper-EDC; McDonald Dykes, Custodian; Arthur E. Schwind, Custodian; John L. Selby, Custodian; George L. Paichney, Custodian.

The following certificated personnel will be employed for the period August 28, to September 1, 1950 in connection with organization of the Ninth Grade Skills Program:

James G. Halle, Vatura Hicks, Leonard Lifton, Newton S. Metfessel, William E. Moore, Martin I. Wang.



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PICTURED ABOVE is the H and S Company of the National Guard, in Torrance, marching in a local parade. They have been ordered to report to Camp Cooke by September 1, for training before going to active duty.



IT MAY ACTION IN KOREA September 1, as the 40th Division of the California National Guard has been called to report to Camp Cooke at this date. Pictured above is M Sgt. Clyde Garver, local instructor who points out various parts of the tank to M Sgt. Vernon Crawford, M Sgt. Azael Garcia, Sgt. H. Woodrow Dyer and Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Vaughan (in the tank). All of the men are attached to the 578th Engineers Combat Battalion which is a part of the 40th division.

Steelworkers Seek Ban On Known Reds

Milky Williams Local No. 1414, United Steelworkers of America, C.I.O., wants to rid its roster of all known Communists.

Following up an appeal to Columbia Steel Company to fire all known party members, it has adopted a resolution asking members not to sign the Stockholm Peace Petition.

The local also appealed to the public not to sign the Stockholm petition on the grounds it is Communist inspired.

Last week, the grievance committee of USA-CIO, Local 1414, asked the company to assist in removing known Communists from the union by discharging them. They said they had little power to remove them from the union until fired, because they cannot drop a member for political affiliation.

The company is reported to have taken the position that it cannot fire a man for political activity.

However, both sides were reported to be studying the proposition that Communism as generally practiced and recognized is not a "political activity," but an effort to undermine the government of the United States by forceful methods.

Issue of Business Directory Begun

The Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the publication of a complete Business and Professional Directory to be completed within a few months.

WE THANK YOU (An Editorial)

The Press takes pleasure in printing below and acknowledging a letter from Milky Williams, Local 1414, United Steelworkers of America, C.I.O., in which the 1600 members of the local employed principally at Columbia Steel Co. state that they "recognize your newspaper as the Torrance newspaper to serve the community. . . . Therefore, we wish to notify you that we look to the Press and the paper serving the people. We in turn are urging our members and other members of organized labor to show their appreciation to you by patronizing your advertisers."

This spontaneous compliment is difficult to acknowledge. Newspaper people are supposed to be able to get any point across, but all we are going to say is that we thank the members of Milky Williams Local 1414, U.S.A.-C.I.O., and that we will continue to the best of our ability to merit this expression of confidence by giving fair treatment to the news and seeing that all sides have their opportunity of expression through the medium of the Press.

The letter from Local 1414 follows, in full: MILKY WILLIAMS LOCAL UNION 1414 UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA—C. I. O. 1316 Border Avenue Torrance, California July 27, 1950

Editor, the Press: Milky Williams Local No. 1414, United Steel Workers of America, C. I. O., wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation for the fair way which news of the community is handled in the Press. You are to be congratulated on your statement of purpose, with civic betterment as its objective. You give fair representation to all sides of issues which arise in the community.

During the period which has followed the establishment of your newspaper more than a year ago, members of this union have been able to gain the feeling that Torrance now has a chance to really grow into a large metropolitan area. You have established a new balance of power in city politics and civic affairs such as is necessary to the progress of any city. Torrance as a struggling community dominated by selfish interests has gone. Since the Press has come to Torrance there has been a surge of new business, new stimulation, and a revived interest in community affairs.

Milky Williams Local 1414, U. S. A.-C. I. O. recognizes your paper as the Torrance newspaper to serve the community. May we state that this is the opinion of all unions contacted in this community.

Therefore, we wish to notify you that we look to the Press as the paper serving the people. We in turn are urging members and other members of organized labor show their appreciation to you by patronizing your advertisers. Keep up the good work. The average working man is looking to the Press for unbiased news, as a guide in community affairs, and a medium of reaching the working man. We know your advertisers appreciate this as much as we do.

Very truly yours, W. J. HOELTING, Recording Secretary, 1414

Local Residents Back Telephone Campaign

The drive for better telephone service in Torrance, started a few years ago by a couple of individuals, and later championed by the Press, has reached city-wide proportions which the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. and Associated Telephone Co. can no longer ignore.

No Tax Gain For Schools; Budget Fixed

Torrance Unified School District's costs for the year will total \$1,454,682, according to the budget adopted Tuesday night by the Board of Education.

This is an increase over expenditures of \$1,189,733 of last year, and is made necessary by the increase in enrollment, staffing of new schools, and other gains.

Because of the increase in assessed valuation of the district, however, no increase in the tax rate will be necessary, it was said.

The total tax rate for schools, including the Junior college district tax of 60 cents, is expected to be \$2.84 it was said.

Recreation For Schools Expanded

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, on motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the County Counsel was directed to prepare an agreement under the Community Recreation Program, not to exceed the sum of \$4,822, with the Torrance Unified School District.

Supervisor Darby announced that with the County's assistance the City of Torrance and the School District will be able to provide an expanded recreation program as follows: After school, Saturdays, Holidays and Teen-Age Program at the Perry and Seaside Elementary Schools; After school, Saturdays and Holidays at the Fern Ave School; After school, Saturdays, Holidays and Teen-Age Program at the Torrance Union High School.

Haircut Hikes Effective September 1

G. J. Berger, Secretary-Treasurer of Barber Union Local 881 announced this week that new prices will become effective September 1.

Adult haircuts will be \$1.25; shaves \$1. Children's haircuts, with exception of Saturdays and days preceding holidays, will be \$1. Saturday and holiday rates for children will be \$1.25, according to Berger.

This new price regulation will cover the area including Torrance, San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, Harbor City and Waltham.

Sump Owners Ordered to Fill Or Fence Areas

City Manager George Stevens said this week, that property owners with oil sumps on their property are being notified to fill them in or fence them off for public safety. If this is not done as requested, legal action will be cited against them.

Council Approves Water Bond

Approved by city council of Torrance at its last meeting were plans for a proposed \$2,000,000 water system improvement bond.

The amount of the bond issue not being definitely set, it was believed that the \$2,000,000 figure is necessary to complete the improvements requested in the report.

Also approved were motions to consolidate the city's three water districts in preparation for the improvement and a motion to retain Montgomery as consulting engineer on the project.

School Contributes To Institute

During the past two years Torrance Unified School District collaborated with the County of Los Angeles in connection with County Teachers' Institute, according to a recent report.

Contributions by collaborating districts during the past school year were: \$500.00 for a school system consisting of an elementary district only; 2. \$100 for a school system having both elementary and high school districts.

Authorization was given this week for the School District to collaborate with the County of Los Angeles in connection with County Teachers' Institute by contributing \$100 for Institute purposes during the 1950-51 school year.

Ten institute credits are required for each teacher. These are earned by attendance at professional discussions conducted by educators and workshop conferences. One unit is earned for each hour of attendance.

City Council Approves Change In Sick Leave

Approved at the last council meeting by the City Council of Torrance were changes in sick leave and vacation allowances for City Employees.

The sick leave allowance is increased from six days a year to twelve, and the maximum accumulated sick leave is increased from thirty days to sixty.

The vacation allowance has been increased from two weeks a year to three weeks a year for employees with fifteen years or more service.

The Korean war situation came close to Torrance this week.

Ordered to federal service, several hundred local members of the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, California National Guard, began winding up their business and personal affairs.

They have been ordered to report for active service at Camp Cooke, near San Luis Obispo, on September 1.

The 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, commanded by Major Dallas I. Downs, is a part of the 40th National Guard Division of California which was federalized on orders of President Truman Tuesday.

With the 28th, 43rd and 45th infantry divisions of the National Guard, the 40th will be used to strengthen the army's ground forces, it was announced.

Harbor Area National Guard units attached to the division include Headquarters and Service units, Companies A and D and Medical detachment of the 578th battalion.

Maj. Gen. Daniel H. Hudelson, commanding the 40th, asked for volunteers to enlist this month to build the division to full strength.

Normally, the strength of the American National Guard Division is 18,000 officers and men. The present strength of the 40th division, according to the Defense Department, is 9917 officers and men.

Commanding officers of Companies A and D, representing Torrance, are Captain Merle R. Gilb of Company A and First Lieutenant Smith of Company D.

Maj. Gen. Daniel H. Hudelson, commanding the 40th, declined to divulge the number of men in the division but said it was a tank-supported infantry division.

He said it has one heavy tank battalion and three additional tank companies.

Gen. Hudelson said the call for (Continued on Page Two)

Building Soars To New High

Torrance building climbed to new high totals in July, as permits amounting to \$1,536,042 were issued by the City Building Department.

They included 207 new single family residence permits.

The big July total pushed the year's building permits to \$7,843,849, to exceed the total for the entire 12 months of 1949, when the building amounted to \$7,296,905.

While there were 838 new dwelling units built in 1949, the total 1135 for the first seven months of 1950. The six months total was 928 dwelling units.

West Basin Percolation Increases

The percolation rate of the test plot of Seaside Ranchos has increased to 4.2 acre feet of water per acre wet per day.

The West Basin problem, with respect to ground water, is twofold; first, to create a fresh water barrier to stem the advance of salt water intrusion. This must be a continuing program and will require a relatively small volume of water; second, to replenish the overdrawn basin through injection wells and water spreading, and this will require water in great volume.

Other members of the staff of the school district called to duty include Donald L. Sturges, a bus driver, and Hugh A. O'Brien, groundsman.

The School Board this week adopted a policy making the granting of military leave to all persons called to the armed forces automatic upon their receiving orders. This is to apply to both certificated and non-certificated personnel.

General Petroleum Corporation, Union Oil and other Harbor Area units of the oil industry have reported to the government that they are geared for mobilization to meet any national emergency.

That was the word from the quarterly meeting of the National Petroleum Council with government officials. It came in a statement issued after the meeting by Walter S. Hallinan, chairman of the council.

The council is an industry group which advises regularly with the government.

The industry, faced with increasing military demands, is taking early steps toward getting adequate steel supplies for its operations in event of controls. Steel was one of the big subjects at this week's meeting of the council.

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