

T.U.T. WINS OLD COUNCIL REPUDIATED

Steel Mill Seizure Is Ordered

Fourteen hundred employees of Columbia Steel Co. in Torrance, as well as their families and the business men of Torrance, gave a sigh of relief yesterday as announcement was made that there would be no immediate steel strike.

Instead of permitting the important basic industry of the nation to shut down and thus cripple defense production, President Truman invoked his constitutional powers and ordered government seizure of the mills. They will continue in operation under government control until industry and labor get together on their differences.

The Torrance Columbia works as well as other steel plants throughout the nation already had started the long process of shutting down as of midnight Tuesday.

However, the secretary of commerce was instructed to take over the plants, and all workers were told to be at their jobs yesterday morning as the government took steps to keep the mills in operation.

Government officials reported the industry had agreed to grant 650,000 steel workers 17 1/2 cent wage hikes, but balked on the union shop issue and extra pay for Sunday work.

Burglary Trial Set for Zitser

Judge Otto Willett ordered Jacob Zitser, 33, of 3618 Newton St., to be held for arraignment in Long Beach Superior Court on April 21.

Zitser, who is charged with three counts of burglary, appeared before Judge Willett last Friday.

Bail for the suspect, father of six children, was set at \$2500.

The bespectacled suspect, a disbarred attorney, acted as his own counsel and took the stand after Judge Willett verified his legal training. His testimony consisted largely of admissions of wrongdoing and an appeal for understanding apparently directed at his most-eyewitness, who was in the audience.

Det. Capt. Ernest Ashton said that Michigan authorities said Zitser was disbarred there after a forgery conviction for which he was put on two years probation.

Zitser, captured here last week while allegedly burglarizing a cafe, admitted a total of three burglaries, police said. They impounded about \$5000 worth of goods, believed to be loot, from his car and garage.

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Drale, Benstead, Schwab Elected

By M. L. O.

T.U.T. rides to victory.

On a wave of public indignation directed toward the present City Administration, the voters of Torrance Tuesday elected two of the three candidates on the "BID for Better Government" ticket sponsored by Torrance Unified Taxpayers.

They are Councilman Nick Drale and Victor E. Benstead. In so doing, the voters soundly "spanked" and defeated two other Councilmen who have refused to support Drale in his efforts to give the people a better break during his four years in office, and rejected Major Bob Haggard and Councilman Ed Karlow in their bid for reelection.

The third man elected to office was a man who refused to become allied with any team of candidates.

He is Mervin M. Schwab.

Drale came out top man in the race, with a total of 2658 votes, and he should be elected Mayor, in recognition of the popular acclaim which swept him back into office to do a job he is so capable of performing with support of colleagues who have the same community interest which he possesses.

BALANCE OF POWER

Schwab, who will no doubt hold the balance of power on the City Council, unless Councilmen W. Blount and H. Spelman resign, as it was reported they would do if Drale and Benstead were elected, was second, with 2371 votes.

Benstead ran third, with 2195 votes.

Albert Isen, lawyer and business man, and third man on the BID ticket, was fourth in the running, with 2067 votes.

Other candidates received the following votes:
Haggard, 1350.
George Downing, 656.
Karlow, 1915.
White, 1837.

The only other candidate on the municipal election ticket of Tuesday was Harriet Leech, who was returned to her job as city treasurer with a total of 3446 votes. She was unopposed.

The scope of the "indignation" vote of the people of Torrance against present "boss" controlled City Council policies was noted in the fact that the one man the "powers" wanted

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Drale Gives Praise to Supporters

Councilman Nick Drale, returned to office by a record vote on Tuesday, has asked the Torrance Press to express his appreciation to the voters for their confidence as indicated at the polls.

Drale said: "I want to express my gratitude to all of the workers who labored so hard on behalf of the BID ticket."

"We had a program and a principle. We feel that the people have rendered a decision that the time has come for the City administration to start working for all of the people—now and always."

"I shall devote the next four years to the interests of all of the people of Torrance, as I have in the past, and I want the citizens to know that they can call upon me at any time."

"I am for an open and above-board city administration, stressing economy and just plain good government."

Councilman-elect Mervin Schwab was not available for a statement at the time this newspaper went to press, but every effort was made to reach him.

Benstead in Thanks to City Voters

Councilman-elect Victor E. Benstead Jr. declared after the result of the vote cast at Tuesday's election, that "I hope to represent all the people of Torrance to the best of my ability."

"I want to thank all who worked so hard for my election," he declared, and also "I want to thank all those who voted for me."

"I deeply appreciate what Torrance Unified Taxpayers did in this campaign, and I want to thank the Torrance Press for its part in keeping the campaign clean."

CORRECTION

In the March 20th issue of this publication the statement was made that Delbert Vaughn had reopened his office at 1529 Pacific Coast Highway. This statement should have read that Delbert Vaughn had opened this office for the first time. Previous to his period of service in the U. S. Navy, Vaughn had managed that office for the Alter Realty Company.

Avalon-Carson Press Starts Publication

Pacing the growth of this tremendous Harbor District of Los Angeles county, and in response to demands by our readers and advertisers, The Avalon-Carson Press is presented to you today.

Published in conjunction with the Torrance Press, the new Avalon-Carson Press is being designed to meet the important newspaper needs of the Avalon Village, Lomita Square and Keystone districts.

Beginning today and every Thursday hereafter, each resident will receive a copy of the Avalon-Carson Press delivered free to the door-step by a "Little Merchant" carrier boy.

Every effort is being made by the staff of the Press to bring you up-to-the-minute news coverage in your neighborhood. Your contributions are welcomed. Phone in your news stories. Just call Torrance 1185.

Senator Knowland Asks Repudiation Of Yalta Pact

Repudiation of the Yalta agreement which enabled the Soviet Union to enslave all of China and led to the Korean war was demanded by U. S. Senator Knowland at a breakfast meeting at the Assistance League Clubhouse in San Pedro Friday.

Two hundred persons attended the meeting, including W. H. Tolson, Dr. Alden Smith, Marie Louise Owens, Kenneth D. Figgins, Frank S. Selover and H. O. Malmberg, of Torrance.

Senator Knowland was critical of our foreign policy, and declared that if steps could have been taken such as recommended by General MacArthur the catastrophe the United States now faces could have been avoided. "If Formosa is lost," he declared, "the first line of defense of this nation will be the shore lines of California, Oregon and Washington." He declared that our planes

are not allowed to bomb the very anti-aircraft weapons of the Chinese which are shooting down our planes. He further said that the Nationalists troops should be permitted to make commando attacks on the Chinese mainland to take the pressure off our troops in Korea. Knowland also declared that with only 17,000 U. N. troops in Korea, the entire burden of the war is being carried by the United States forces and taxpayers.

The senator also declared that states rights and the economy of the coastal states are being threatened by the Tideland Oil seizure by the government, and by importation of products of cheap, foreign labor, including fish, almonds, figs and other products of California. He charged that the people are not being told what is going on in relation to our foreign policy.

TAKE COUNCIL POSTS



COUNCILMAN BENSTEAD



COUNCILMAN DRALE



COUNCILMAN SCHWAB

Phone Strike Threatens Torrance Area

Curtailment of telephone communication this week threatened Torrance as 1,000 telephone and 15,000 Western Electric employees walked off the job in 43 states. They are all members of the CIO Communications Workers of America.

Southern California telephone employees contracts are not up yet. Local workers may walk off the job in sympathy, it was reported.

Mediation between the union and the various telephone companies have failed to bring an agreement thus far.

An American Telephone and Telegraph spokesman said that service is normal in most of the 43 states affected.

Combat Award

Cpl. Charles L. Mescheder, 1642 W. 208th street, Torrance, California, was recently awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, symbol of the front line fighting man, while with the 40th Infantry Division in Korea.

Vote by Precincts in Council Race

Pct.	Drale	Haggard	Karlow	Benstead	Downing	Isen	Schwab	White
1	61	50	125	43	21	44	187	147
2	65	35	69	44	30	42	90	62
3	82	29	21	75	10	69	28	19
4	85	63	59	71	26	69	75	40
5	85	25	20	32	7	35	27	16
6	54	31	30	46	12	36	47	30
7	93	69	87	74	27	71	122	61
8	32	49	71	58	23	63	99	54
9	59	30	30	46	16	49	43	28
10	103	27	31	84	25	61	59	41
11	103	55	70	85	37	69	93	66
12	96	15	8	86	16	92	21	22
13	92	28	31	72	20	72	41	33
14	89	71	97	70	25	79	118	69
15	70	26	24	62	24	59	40	22
16	103	31	23	90	17	89	38	21
17	86	50	58	64	14	70	71	34
18	68	41	61	54	20	51	86	56
19	56	38	29	44	13	26	33	12
20	104	35	63	78	27	64	80	93
21	75	49	73	58	34	45	93	62
22	49	43	40	38	9	39	54	19
23	53	16	26	54	15	45	29	33
24	22	29	24	25	5	22	22	26
25	43	68	70	38	25	34	76	84
26	79	34	38	68	14	65	49	28
27	17	48	64	22	11	24	58	55
28	31	29	61	21	7	24	64	58
29	54	7	32	52	7	51	38	35
30	32	12	41	24	8	27	43	41
31	28	39	25	23	10	22	38	37
32	141	28	42	121	28	96	59	38
33	165	23	39	148	18	142	39	43
34	47	16	50	37	19	39	66	74
35	97	36	68	75	21	73	82	80
36	27	21	60	23	10	29	52	61
37	29	23	80	19	11	16	79	74
38	78	49	75	72	24	64	82	63
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Torrance Seeks More Water From Metropolitan District

Metropolitan Water District water used in this area will be increased tenfold if a report of referee Gordon Zander, submitted to the Superior Court in a current suit is adopted, it was recently reported by Carl Fos-

sett, manager of the West Basin Water Association.

The report, which recommends 65 per cent curtailment of pumping of underground waters, would probably require, 50,000 acre feet of MWD water as compared with the 5300 feet now being supplied.

The suit being brought by the City of Torrance and two private companies, California Water Service and Palos Verdes Water Company, is to determine whether private individuals can be restrained from pumping too much water out of the West Basin. The water table is being undermined by current demand, it was revealed.

The MWD water supply would include 9000 acre feet to the Dominguez area, if that district is annexed by the association, 6500 acre feet to the recently annexed Inglewood area, 4500 acre feet to Torrance and an unspecified amount for the city of Los Angeles in the harbor vicinity, it was indicated.

Use of present association MWD allotments would increase to about 19,000 acre feet, it was indicated.

The Superior Court suit probably won't be decided for about a year and any curtailment ordered wouldn't be likely until about fall of 1953, Fossett stated.

Lions Select Meet Delegates

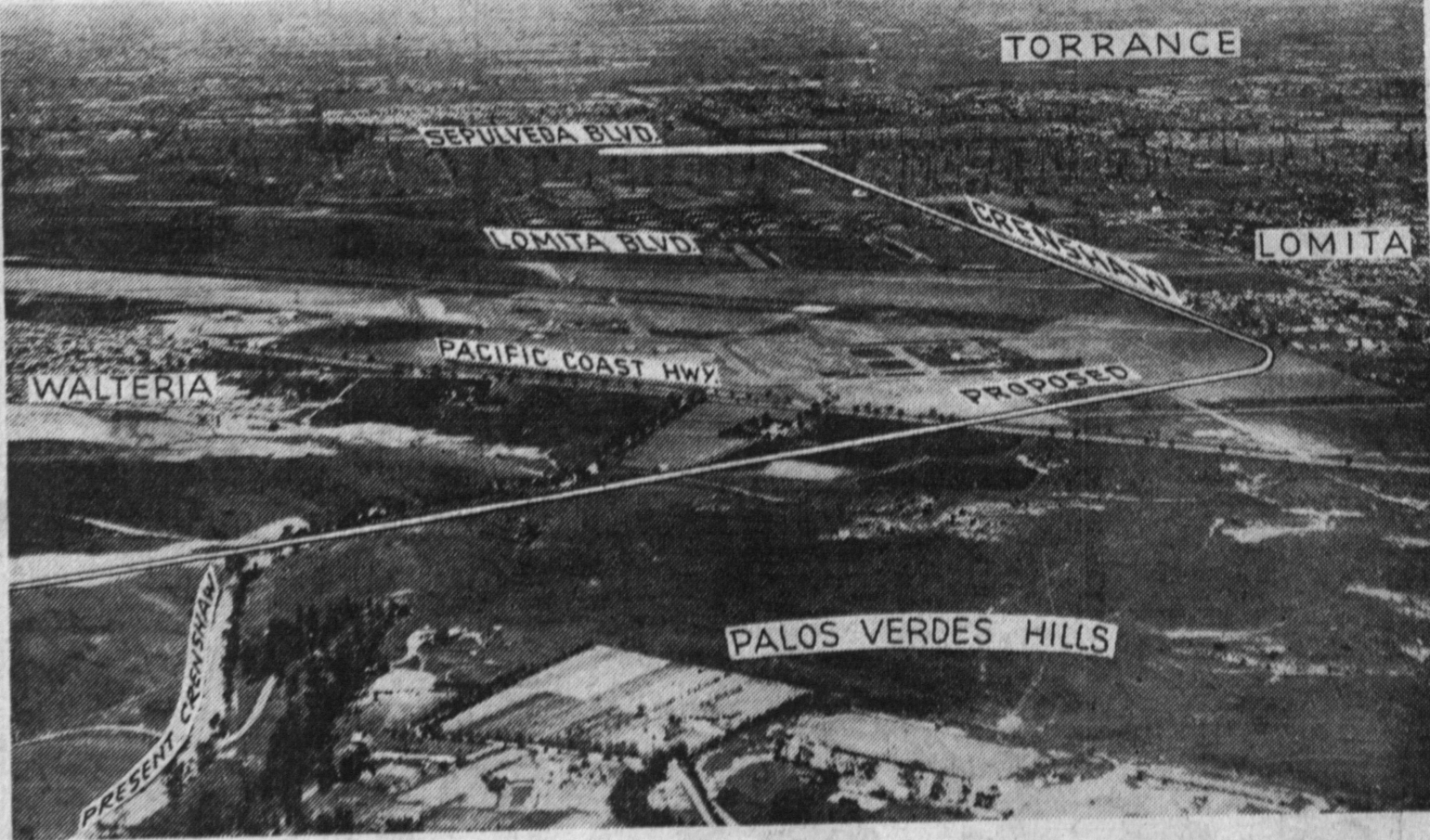
The zone run-off in the Lions Speakers Contest was held last Thursday in San Pedro. The Torrance winner, Lody Popovich, gave the winner of this contest, San Pedro's entry, plenty of competition.

The regional Speakers Contest meeting will be held on April 17 in Los Angeles, it was revealed.

Delegates to three Lions conventions were named this week. Lions Fred Boren and Warren Hamilton will represent the local club at the Catalina Convention on May 16, 17 and 18.

Roy Peterson and Milt Isbell are slated to attend the California-Nevada Convention at Santa Monica on May 30, 31 and June 1.

The Mexico City International Convention, June 26, 27, and 28 will be attended by Lion Paul Diamond, according to club officials.



Shown above is an aerial view of the extension of Crenshaw Blvd. as proposed by county officials. The stretch between Pacific Coast Hwy. and Lomita Blvd., to cost \$99,000, is due to be put out for bid within the next few months. Right of way for the section between Lomita and Sepulveda Blvds. is being acquired. These sections will connect present roadway to the

north and pavement nearly completed to the south. Upon completion the boulevard will be a through artery extending from downtown Los Angeles to the sea near Portuguese Bend. The section of the present Crenshaw Blvd. shown in the lower left corner was re-named Rolling Hills Road by the Torrance Planning Commission at their last meeting Wednesday evening.

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