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CITY'S DEMOCRATS GO FOR STEVENSON

Torrance Democrats were in line with the rest of the State in choosing Adlai Stevenson over Estes Kefauver in the primary, returns from 86 out of 150 precincts showed.

According to these figures, Stevens on also had a slight edge over President Dwight D. Eisenhower here.

Returns from 86 out of 150 precincts were as follows for the top offices:

For President — Democratic: Stevenson, 2644; Kefauver, 1848.

For President — Republican: Eisenhower, 2524.

For U. S. Senator — Democratic: Kuchel (R), 984; Richards (D), 2490; Yorty (D), 563.

For U. S. Senator — Republican: Kuchel (R-Inc), 2240; Johnson (R), 66; Pritchard (R), 122; Yorty (D), 190.

While Congressman Cecil R. King received the Democratic nomination by a wide margin, he was given considerable competition in the overall vote, though a 511 leading over Charles A. Franklin better than 2:1.

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas had an easier time, easily outdistancing his opponent, Thomas Brewer 7:1 according to 279 out of 298 precincts.

No further breakdown of the Torrance vote was available at this time. Partial election returns are as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL
5906 out of 9495 precincts

	Dem.	Rep.
Stevenson	325,337	
Kefauver	160,760	
Eisenhower		356,679

SENATE
5774 out of 9495 precincts

	Dem.	Rep.
Kuchel	98,601	333,628
Yorty	94,537	15,115
Richards	293,230	
Johnson		6,987
Pritchard		12,619

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12 HELD IN RAPE OF 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL

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Three of the five youths have pleaded innocent to the rape charge in court after first admitting it to juvenile officers, according to Sgt. D. C. Cook, of the Torrance Police Department's juvenile bureau.

Scheduled for their preliminary hearing in Long Beach Superior Court, June 19, are Joseph Fernandez, 18, of 1812 Marshall Field lane, Redondo; John Gomez, 18, of 23636 Pennsylvania avenue; Jesse Verdugo Grande, 20, of 2276 West 203rd street; Thomas Soto, 18, of 2562 West 235th street; and Felipe Perez, 18, of 2580 West 235th street, all of Torrance.

Grande, Gomez, and Fernandez all pleaded innocent.

Juveniles will be handled by the juvenile court in about two weeks, Cook said.

One of the three individuals being sought is a soldier. A warrant for the arrest of Patrick J. Malley, U. S. Army, has been issued.

The 14-year-old girl was picked up at her home May 25 on a rise and taken to the oil fields near Lomita boulevard and Crenshaw and raped for four hours by three carloads of youths.

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KIDNAP SUSPECT CAUGHT

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Charged with two counts of kidnaping and armed robbery and coming up for his preliminary hearing Friday is Edward L. Worthington, 25, of 5206 Armour lane, Redondo.

Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton, of the Torrance Police Department, spotted Worthington's distinctive white Ford while driving past Worthington's house last week.

Linking up the car with a car used in the gunpoint kidnaping of a 13 and 14-year-old girl last Monday, the armed robbery of the Inglewood Farms dairy, and the holdup of Milton Dahl, a milk truck driver, Ashton stalked Worthington out for two days.

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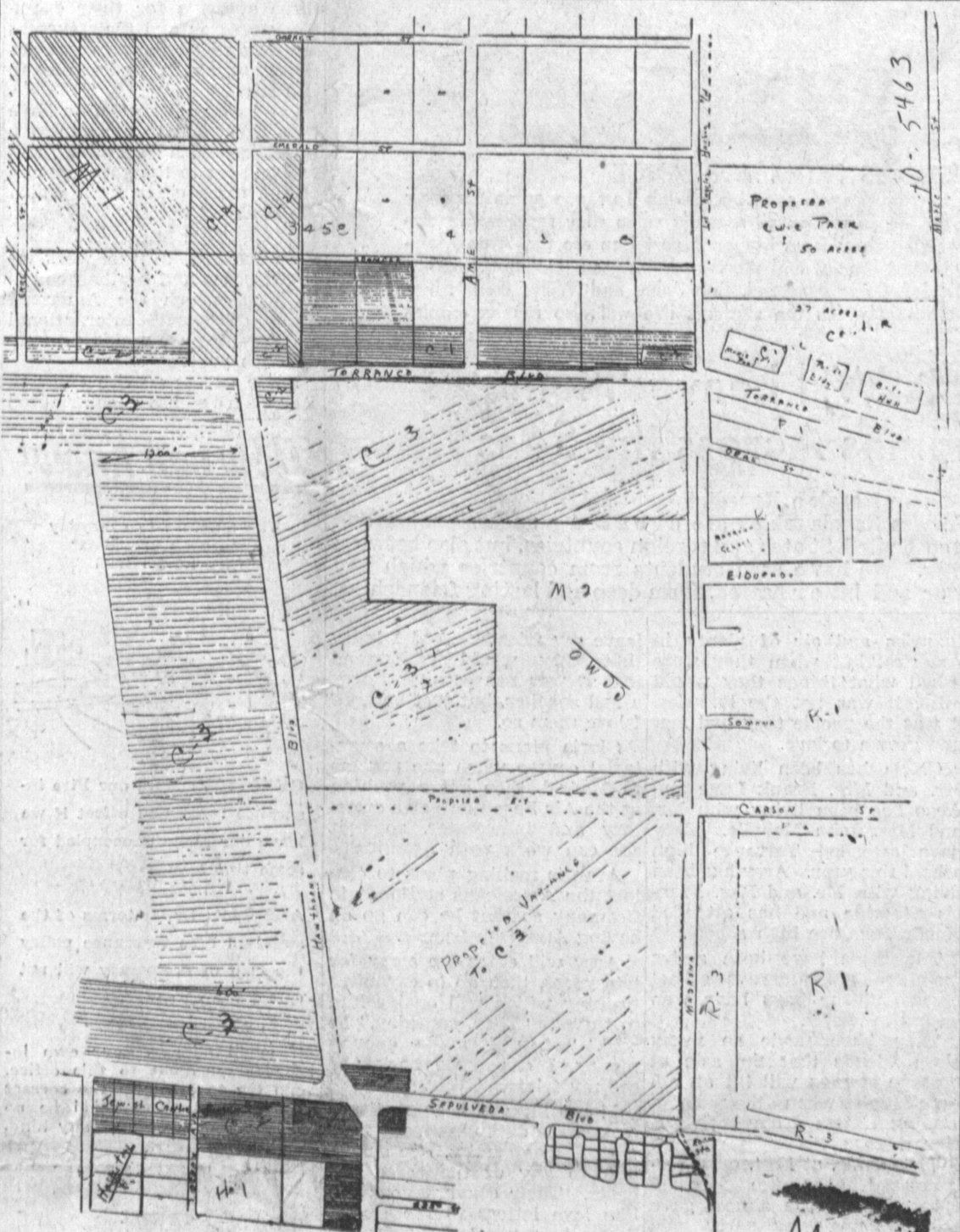
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WESTWARD, HO! This is a map of the newly proposed zone change submitted to the Planning Commission for study last night. It calls for a huge shopping area bounded by Sepulveda, Hawthorne, Torrance, and Madrona; also, an industrial area bordered by a commercial zone in the Victor precinct in exchange for a 50-acre park adjoining the civic center and a residential area east of the new shopping area.

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New Shopping Area Proposed

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ
Trains move. Planes move. Men move. But cities stand still.

Last night, however, a whole city moved. This city is Torrance.

Strangely enough, only a few individuals heard and felt the motion which rocked Torrance. But in a matter of months everyone will see what has happened for already the weight has shifted and the city's appearance has changed.

The word heard round the city was—REZONING. The ultimate effect—a giant shopping area of unparalleled proportions with room for 10 major department stores, 100 to 200 smaller businesses, and parking for thousands of cars.

The city's proposed new commercial center of gravity involves the area bounded by Sepulveda Blvd., Madrona ave., Torrance Blvd. and Hawthorne Blvd. plus certain border properties.

A number of other major developments followed in rapid succession.

Plans were started for the development of 10 square miles south of the Torrance city limits into an exclusive residential and commercial area (between Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes). The population is expected to reach the 40,000 mark eventually.

Vastly expanded shopping facilities than those existing presently will be necessary to serve these residents.

Earlier Study

An overall study was initiated in the fall of 1954 for the commercial rezoning of Torrance, with particular emphasis placed on the airport triangle, Hawthorne ave., and North Torrance.

The proposal was initiated by Councilman Victor Benstead, carried out by the Planning Commission under the guidance of George Powell, advisor to the commission and finally approved by the City Council.

In the meantime news broke of another major shopping center planned for Hawthorne ave. near 174th st.

Present Need

In the light of these developments and the ever-pressing need for a major regional shopping center which could take care of Torrance's 75,000 residents and the bordering communities; the huge area between Torrance Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd., flanked by Hawthorne and Madrona, emerges as the ideal location for an easily accessible centrally located shopping area.

(Beasley's recommendation is to rezone the area C-3 except for the CCMO property which will remain M-2).

Part of the plan calls for the proper development of sites and the satisfactory relocation of industrial land.

Land formerly zoned for industrial development in the area bounded by Madrona, (Turn to Page 18)

UNESCO No Issue In Torrance

The unenlightened attitude of the Los Angeles City School Board toward the UN and UNESCO fortunately has no such counterpart in Torrance.

"We're teaching about the United Nations as part of our regular program," Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools commented. "We're using the material provided in the regular text books and provided by the U.S. government."

"World citizenship," Dr. Hull explained, "is the responsibility of everybody. Of course we have a greater responsibility toward our country—but we can't evade the fact that we are part of the family of nations."

The Los Angeles school district is the only major school district which has placed a stigma on teaching about the United Nations, despite the fact that the United States is a member of the organization and the UN and UNESCO receive the wholehearted support of Democrats and Republicans alike.

He plans to finish the polka when he gets well.

He Saw Polka Dots

Don Lemen, of 2721 Andro, an electrical inspector for the city of Torrance, got the shock of his life while doing the polka with his wife at a dance.

Lemen slipped, fell, and suffered a severe sprain which caused his knee to swell badly. He was taken to the hospital and is temporarily assigned to crutches.

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HE'S THE MOST!

Award Night Dinner was held for the Torrance high school Thespian society at the school cafeteria. Taking part in the ceremonies were: (l-r) Rosemary De Camp, famous film and TV star; Jim Weyant, award winner for his original one-act play; Tom Quaggin, award winner for his two original one-act plays; Eddy Shaw, who won the top award of the entire list of honors; and Von Hershey, head of the drama department at Torrance high school.—Press Photo.

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