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## \*Controversial Civil Service Issue Defined by City Attorney

The City Council and City Manager have considerable control over Civil Service matters-more than the Civil Service Commission has been willing to concede as a result of recent controversies.

On the other hand, there are some definite limitations, too, to the council's and city manager's power.

That, in general, is the meaning behind the opinion issued last week by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer in regard to the status of Civil Service.

Remelmeyer came up with five major conclusions. Regarding the long-standing controversy over the methods whereby the Civil Service law may be amended. Remelmeyer ruled that it can be done by a majority vote of the council.

Some have tried to argue that one Civil Service ordinance may be amended by the council since it was adopted by the council, and the other must be submitted to the voters, since it was adopted by the voters.

Remelmeyer ruled that the authority to make and change laws was given to the council following the adoption of the city charter by local voters. This charter confers that right on the council, extending also to ordinances adopted prior to the adoption of the charter, such as some Civil Service legislation.

The council, however, cannot withdraw any department, appointive officer or emloyees from the operation of the

\* Increase or Decrease Authority

The council, by amending the Civil Service code, may also increase or decrease the present authority of the Civil Service Commission, Remelmeyer concluded further.

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Senator Thomas A. Kuchel Kingsdale avenue, El Nido park will make his appearance in serves the people of Lawndale, Torrance at two different El Nido, Hawthorne, Torrance places today, Thursday, October and Redondo Beach, 25, according to the local Re-

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certain charter provisions (article VI, section 1), Remelmeyer

The council, the city attorney stated, must be cautious in delegating its authority. "The better judgement would be that the present system of having the council ultimately approve the rules and changes therein should be continued," he de-

However, judging by the spirit of the city charter, the council probably could not abolish the Civil Service Commission, he indicated.

**Appointing Commissioners** 

His third finding states that the council, by amending the Civil Service code, may alter the membership of the commission as well as the rules of appointment and discharge of commissioners.

This is so, he reasoned, because commissioners are not appointive officers or employes hired by the city.

A majority vote of the council could increase or decrease the commission's membership and also change the rule making a 4/5 vote necessary to fill a vacancy or remove a com-

Regarding the proposal to have two members of the commission appointed by the council, two by the Coordinating Council of City Employees, and a fifth member chosen by the other four members, Remelmeyer stated:

"Such provision is illegal. Because, as provided in article IX, section 1 of the charter, all legislative power is in the council, all members of the commission must be appointed by the council. The legislative power of appointment of commissioners cannot be delegated to the coordinating council or to any other person or group."

The fourth major point stressed in Remelmeyer's findings involves the relationship between the city manager and the Civil Service Commission.

The city manager administers the Civil Service rules and regulations established by the commission and council, the attorney ruled, except where expressly provided to the contrary as in the formulation of job requirements.

Remelmeyer said that it is nowhere stated in the city code that the Civil Service Commission shall administer any of the provisions established by its rules and regulations.

Before there was a city manager, the commission administered its own rules and regulations. But this power was granted the city manager with the establishment of a city manager form of government. In Remelmeyer's opinion, the formulation of job qualifi-

cations and standards, on the other hand, is to be determined by the Civil Service Commission and not the city manager. This power has been granted to the commission specifically. City Manager and Council

Remelmeyer also cautioned as follows: "The right to make rules for the Civil Service does not vest in the city manager, who has little legislative power."

This power belongs to the council.

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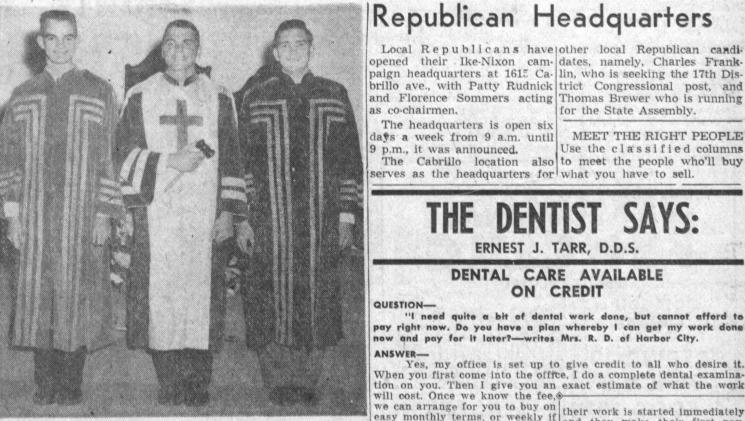
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"Nevertheless," he went on, "the rule-making power must be carefully exercised so as not to detract from the powers of the city manager as set forth in the charter, including his broad power to administer such rules."

The fifth and final finding deals with the removal of the appeal board. "By reason of the failure of the council to adopt an ordinance removing the commissioners from their position as a trial board or board of appeal (August 1955), it is my opinion that such offices were never vacated," the city attorney found.



DE MOLAY OFFICERS

Officers of the Torrance chapter, Order of DeMolay were installed at ceremonies held Saturday night. They are (I-r) Thomas F. Quaggin, junior councilor; John Sherfey, master council; and C. Kent Jackson, senior councilor .- Photo Arts

# NIKE SITE

A unit of the 47th Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade will occupy a permanent Nike guided missile site near the Torrance Airport in early December, Brigadier General Olaf H. Kyster Jr., brigade commander, said today.

The unit, Battery D, 865th Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, will have about 115 officers and men, all of whom will reside at the site or within 10-minutes

travelling distance from it. Completion of the site and its occupancy will accomplish another link in the Nike defense of the Los Angeles area.

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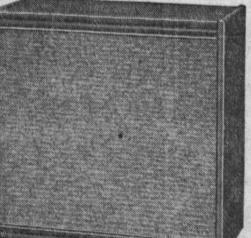
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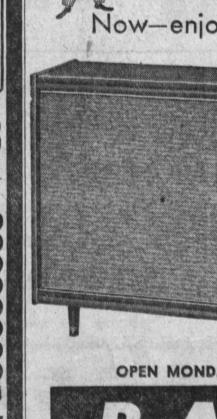
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