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NICKOLAS O. DRALE

Nick Drale Tells Candidacy for Reelection

Councilman Nickolas O. Drale has officially announced his candidacy for re-election April 12.

Drale has been elected to the City Council three times, serving one term as Mayor in 1954-1955. For more than a decade he has served the people of Torrance. With these many years behind him, he said he well can represent the voters and help them to understand the city's many problems. His record in public service is his platform of candidacy, he declared.

Drale has always insisted on public participation, discussion, and review of vital issues pertaining to the growth of the city, he said. He believes that good public and human relationships must prevail with all segments and persons of the community, for Torrance is a diversified community, combining business, industry, and a large booming residential population, he noted.

Drale said, "It is my humble belief that a man who has grown up in the hard, rough work of the steel mills, who later prepared himself and transferred his interests to business life, and then was trained in public service for 12 years by the voters of his community, is adequately prepared to serve the people of Torrance for another term of office."

After 12 years with Columbia-Geneva Steel in Torrance, Drale established his own real-estate and insurance business which has been operating since 1955 with the assistance of his wife, Frances.

Active in civic and fraternal organizations, the Drales reside in North Torrance where their son Stephen, 15, attends North High, and their daughter Pat, 13, attends Carr Elementary. Another son, Michael, 21, is an employee of the Ryan Aeronautical Co. Torrance plant.

Dollar Days Start Today in Torrance

Dollar Days are under way in downtown Torrance. The event, which will end Saturday, features the most unbelievable values of the year.

Downtown merchants are bending prices to the breaking point to attract new shoppers and old friends to this precedent-shattering event.

The special-value days are being linked to Torrance's Ride-the-Bus Week, which also ends Saturday. Under the city's program, rides to the downtown area from outlying sections are free from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



BOWLING PROMOTER Jerry Homel of the Gable House Bowl in Torrance talks to Press Sports Editor Mike Callas about the proposed National Bowling League. For details see "Looking 'Em Over" on Page 8-A.



EXCHANGES—Charles Deck, student exchange chairman of Konya Committee, examines Turkish Sunday supplement with J. A. Beasley, VIP chairman for Konya Days.

Magazine is part of literature gathered by Edward Deck, chairman of literature and book-exchange program with Konya.

—Press Photo

Torrance Gets Unofficial OK to Prepare for Konya Mayor

BULLETIN—Mayor Isen late yesterday received a phone call from Sen. Clare Engel's office that transportation has been arranged for the Konya Mayor and his wife by the Department of Defense.

The City of Torrance moved swiftly Tuesday night to extend a concrete and official welcome to the Mayor of Konya and his wife on strength of an unofficial but substantial assurance that the stars of the Konya Days celebration will be here.

The entire festivity will center round the Konya couple, and, but for the legwork and headwork of Councilman J. A. Beasley, VIP chairman, the event may have centered round a vacuum.

The City-to-City program, conceived by President Eisenhower and spawned by the U.S. Information Agency, has been nurtured with loving care by the Torrance Konya Committee. Under sponsorship of the latter, emissaries, books, magazines, newspapers, and commodities have been exchanged. Konya's municipal auditorium is named Torrance Auditorium.

When the 1960 Konya celebration took shape for Feb. 26-27, it dawned on nobody that the principal participants would assume the role of international hitchhikers, for whom the largesse of two plane seats would have to be begged by the sister city.

But the Defense Department, which through the Military Air Transport Services ferries congressmen and other fatly paid public servants on the wildest flights they can fancy, demurred when it was asked for two seats to implement the friendship celebration.

The State Department never heard of Torrance and apparently did not wish to, until Beasley commenced to exploit the mysteries of direct-distance dialing.

He rattled everyone in Washington from the office of Drew Pearson, who virtually committed TWA to fly the Konya couple over, to a voice in the White House, where he hit deadrock.

Finally a call to the Turkish political-desk officer in the State Department produced the result.

Beasley told his colleagues in the City Council that—although the official word will have to come from on high—he had received assurance transportation has been arranged for the Turkish honor guests.



EDWARD DECK

Democrats Plan Pot-Luck Dinner, Parley Thursday

Torrance Democrats Inc. will meet next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 21710 Vicky Ave. for a pot-luck dinner.

Arrangements and reservations are being handled by Junette West, FR 6-3647.

All registered Democrats may attend and participate in a business meeting to be held after the dinner.

Torrance Demos Help Draft Policy Guide

Rene Pekrul and Rose Craig, Torrance Democratic leaders, have returned from Fresno where they participated in drafting statements of policy on local and national issues.

The policy declaration covers issues from education to police brutality, calls for stronger fair-employment practices, abolition of capital punishment, and elimination of the House un-American Activities Committee. (See Editorial, Page 1-D)

Employee Insurance in

At request of City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, the City Council Tuesday night implemented the city employees' Blue Cross group insurance by resolution.

Cites Trash Mess, Fears March Winds

New Law Would Make Cleanup Mandatory by Private Citizens

Mayor Albert Isen exploded Tuesday night over litter scattered in downtown Torrance and demanded an ordinance requiring residents and property owners to clean up trash on their domain, whether they put it there or not.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier is preparing the ordinance for City Council consideration.

The Mayor said the wind and litter had conspired to create unspeakable messes; he singled out alleys and a theater for the brunt of his attack.

He said tenants of businesses backing into alleyways blamed the trash-pickup crews for littering an otherwise spotless area. Wade Peebles, director of public works, said he would tell the crews to be careful.

The new ordinance would compel residents to police their areas when they constitute a public nuisance.

"What's going to happen when the March winds come?" asked the Mayor. "Torrance is a clean city, and we're expecting every decent citizen to help keep it that way. These messes round town make me so furious I want to go file a complaint under the litter law."

Bradford Says Water Rate Low

Councilman George Bradford Tuesday night produced an elaborate graph to show Torrance industrial water rates are below that of a half-dozen comparable public and private firms.

Residential rates were in line, Bradford said.

He noted that only Dominguez Water Irrigation rates were lower than the Torrance prices.



NEW COMMISSIONER—Ken Miller (left), Torrance realtor, and Roy Bayer, architectural draftsman, get together on their appointment to city Planning Commission.

—Press Photo

Inside the Press

Unlucky in love? The Press today introduces a new feature on Page 1-B. "Wit's End" can keep you cool when the heat's on or warm up a romance that's chilling. Your problems are given tender, loving attention in Celia Joyce's new department. If you think your problem is hopeless, write to Celia Joyce.

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HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA BUS LINE ADDED

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines has announced a change in upper Hollywood Riviera bus route to accommodate residents living east of Colusa. New route will be via Calle de Arboles, Colusa and Calle Miramar.

That portion of route between Calle de Arboles and Calle Miramar via Pasqual, Granada, and Seville will be discontinued.



WASHINGTON BREAKFAST — Scouts sell first tickets to Washington Birthday breakfast to be served at Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., Sunday, Feb. 21. From left, Earle Sumpter,

Crossland Post service officer, Don Morgan, John Linaker, Police Chief Percy G. Bennett, Mayor Isen, Ricky Cramer, Larry Coshaw. Breakfast is benefit, planned as annual event.

—Press Photo

Top Values in Dollar Days Downtown