

# Nick Drale Rises to Defend Fireman



WIFE, BABY DEAD—Sgt. Jack Hahn takes Marvin Tylor from cell to interrogation. Tylor, of 23304 Falena Ave., is accused of slaying wife after argument early Tuesday. Baby, born

two weeks prematurely, was saved by Harbor Hospital doctors, only to die yesterday. Tylor, a refinery worker, was to appear in court yesterday before Judge Donald Armstrong.

—Press Photo

## Drale Leaps To Defense Of DeArmitt

Fireman to Answer Charges; Wife Starts On 1962 Campaign

Councilman Nick Drale Tuesday went on record as being vigorously opposed to the firing of Dick DeArmitt, Torrance fireman, for political activity in the most recent city election.

"If he wants to park his truck on a public street with stickers on it, that's his business," said Drale. "If his wife wants to write a letter in behalf of candidates, that's her business. This is still a free country."

Meanwhile, DeArmitt's attorneys indicated his answer to charges of active campaigning will be filed with the Civil Service Commission this week.

Support for his cause has been pouring in from unions, management, and clubs throughout the area.

The Torrance Fire Fighters, of which DeArmitt is president, and the state Fire Fighters have indicated they will assist him in carrying the case to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary to find him innocent.

DeArmitt's wife, Loradelle, already has started her campaign for the 1962 council elections. She is planning to contact every voter in the city in behalf of candidates yet to be announced.

Last week she told The Press she was proceeding on the presumption that suffrage is not a myth.

## Torrance Man Held as Pirate Off Cuba Coast

British authorities are seeking fast extradition of a Torrance man and his companion, accused of killing a yacht skipper and taking his boat in the Bahamas.

Alvin Table Jr., 25, formerly of 22218 Susanna Ave., and Billy Ray Sees, 23, of Arkansas, were caught Monday night by a gunboat of the Cuban navy.

The yacht, the Muriel III, ran aground off Cuba's northern coast.

On Sunday two men, posing as castaways, hailed the Muriel III, killed its captain, Angus Boatwright of Miami, and left its other five occupants to swim for shore.

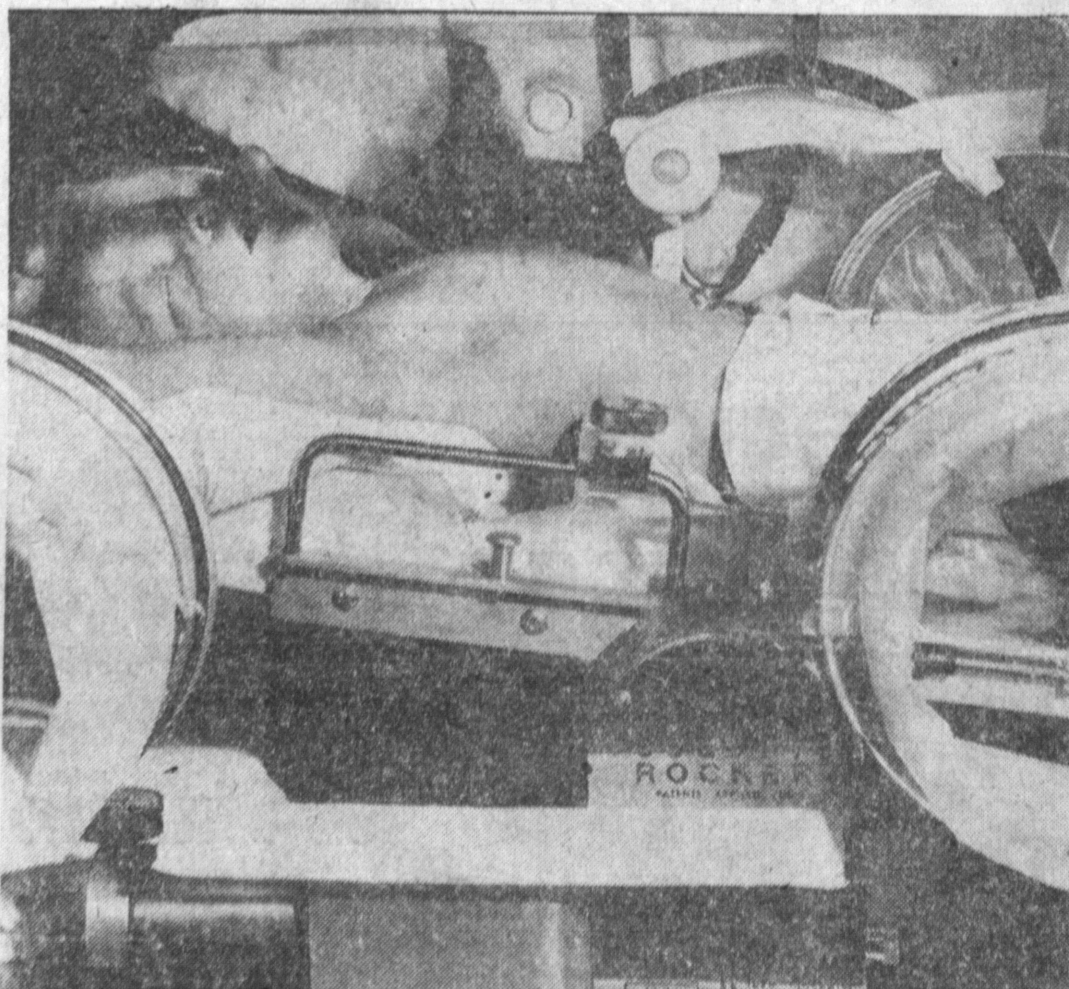
Also left behind was an 18-year-old redhead who identified herself as Barbara Table, wife of the suspect.

Here, Beverly Table, 20, said she is getting a divorce from Table. She said they have two sons, Mark, 2, and Jay, 8 months. Sees and Table are wanted in Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama on check charges.

The charges have precedence over any prosecution here.

## Institute Elects Torrance CPA

Robert R. Stowasser of 1224 W. Rittner St., Torrance CPA, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



BABY DOE DIES—Never to know what is meant by the expression "cruel world," Baby

Doe Tylor, born after mother was killed, tried to stand it awhile, then gave up the ghost.

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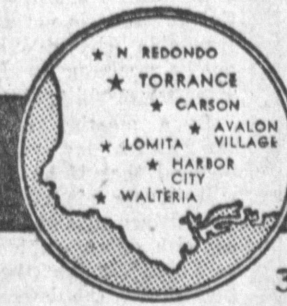


WELCOME—Frank O'Brien, public-relations director for Pacific Semiconductors, looks over welcome to Torrance with Dick Fitz-

gerald, manager of Chamber of Commerce at breakfast Tuesday. Electronic firm will build \$10,000,000 plant. (Story Page 4-B.)

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# Night Parking Ban Promises Turmoil



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# Council Orders Meter Removal

## Night Parking Ban Ordered Enforced

Car Owners Faced With New Dilemma: No Place to Go

(See editorial below)

A recommendation by Wade Peebles, director of public works, that the night-parking ban be enforced in city lots brought an observation that the ordinance be adhered to throughout the downtown area.

Councilman George Bradford said too many ordinances are being ignored.

The issue came up during a discussion of litter and how it further can be abated. Peebles said sweepers cannot sweep where cars are parked all night.

The ban is enforced from time to time on some streets and not at all on others.

What residents will do with their cars while they sleep was not explained. Few have garages, driveways, or any space to pull off the street. Many of those with garages have two or three cars and no private room to park them.

Enforcement of the night-parking ban is being viewed with apprehension by residents, who see it as worse public relations than the parking meters ever created.

## Trash, Parking Solution Simple

Determination to enforce Torrance's all-night parking ban is another indication of short-sightedness—nay, blindness—on the part of the director of public works and the City Council.

Mr. Peebles wants the 2-5 a.m. parking ban enforced downtown so the street sweeper can operate. He got no argument out of the councilmen. The consensus was that ordinances should be enforced.

Tagging cars under the all-night-parking ban will touch off a worse row than the parking meters ever produced. There simply is no place to park except on the street.

On Amapola, for example, if the law is enforced, about 50 cars will have to park on front lawns.

The solution is so simple it has eluded all those concerned in City Hall:

Park on one side of the street one night, the other side the next.

Post one curb: "No parking 2-5 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday." On the other side: "No parking 2-5 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday."

Alternate the parking lots the same way.

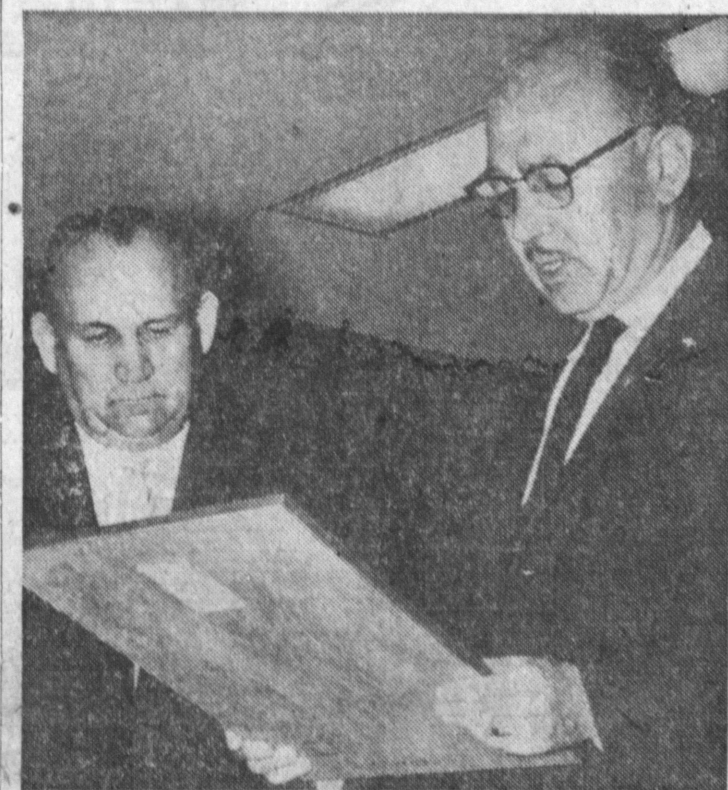
Do not tag the cars that are in violation: TOW THEM AWAY.

Saturday and Sunday freedom could reign.

We would have clean streets. We would have contented car owners.

We would free the graveyard police for more important duty.

The solution apparently is much too logical to be given consideration.



UNDER THE WIRE—Assemblyman Vincent Thomas is honored by perma-plaque resolution presented by Mayor Isen just before council silently agreed with Nick Drale the resolutions are too expensive. Thomas was honored for all the help he has given Torrance in Sacramento, departed before Drale spoke.

—Press Photo

## Last of the Perma-Plaques?

Councilman Nick Drale said Tuesday the city is paying too much to convey honors. He declared all these perma-plaques at \$10 a copy are running into money.

Virtually every week someone is honored by the council for something.

"Send 'em a blue folder," he recommended.

Later Mayor Isen delivered an emotional and stirring oration on the contribution lent Torrance by Robert Gottfried of Hollywood Riviera, who repaired Pioneer V, which is 5,500,000 miles in space.

Mr. Gottfried remained on earth to win the title of long-armed repairman, unchallenged—a feat considered by the Mayor to be conspicuous for ingenuity.

The Mayor wanted to send the scientist a perma-plaque in tribute to the accomplishment. His motion met with an ear-splitting silence.

Finally, Drale proposed, "I move we send him a letter—signed by the Mayor."

It was so ordered.

## Devices Die Hard; No Time Fixed

Completion of Order to Await Writing of New Ordinance

The City Council Tuesday ordered parking meters removed from downtown.

The action still is not entirely clear, since the motion—made by Nick Drale—called for elimination of the meters "as soon as possible."

Mayor Isen, making additions to the motion, asked if Drale meant "forthwith." Drale said yes. However, the wording "as soon as possible" remained, and it is anyone's conjecture how many weeks it will take.

George Stevens, city manager, said the meter heads could be removed at once. Such action was not ordered.

Apparently completion of the council's order will hinge on writing a new ordinance, a decision on how the posts are to be removed, and transfer of the balance of the parking-lot debt to the general fund.

Two downtown lots were being paid for from meter money. They are worth about \$100,000, and the city owes about \$18,000 on them.

It was explained that increased sales taxes and a boost in property values amply will compensate the taxpayers for this expense.

The new ordinance will impose a two-hour parking limit throughout downtown, a condition Councilman George Bradford demanded be rigorously enforced. He said the merchants themselves are the most

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REHEARSAL—Jim White, Carol Porterfield, and Lynn Keller rehearse scene from "Ten

Little Indians," to be given by Thespians at Torrance High Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m.

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