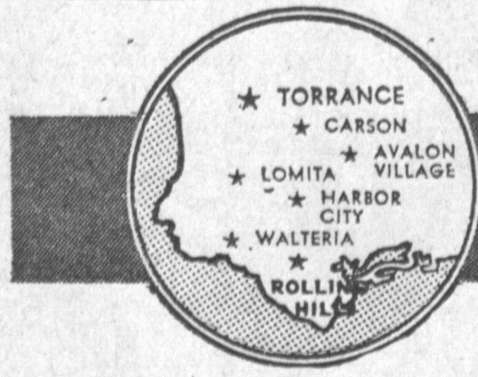


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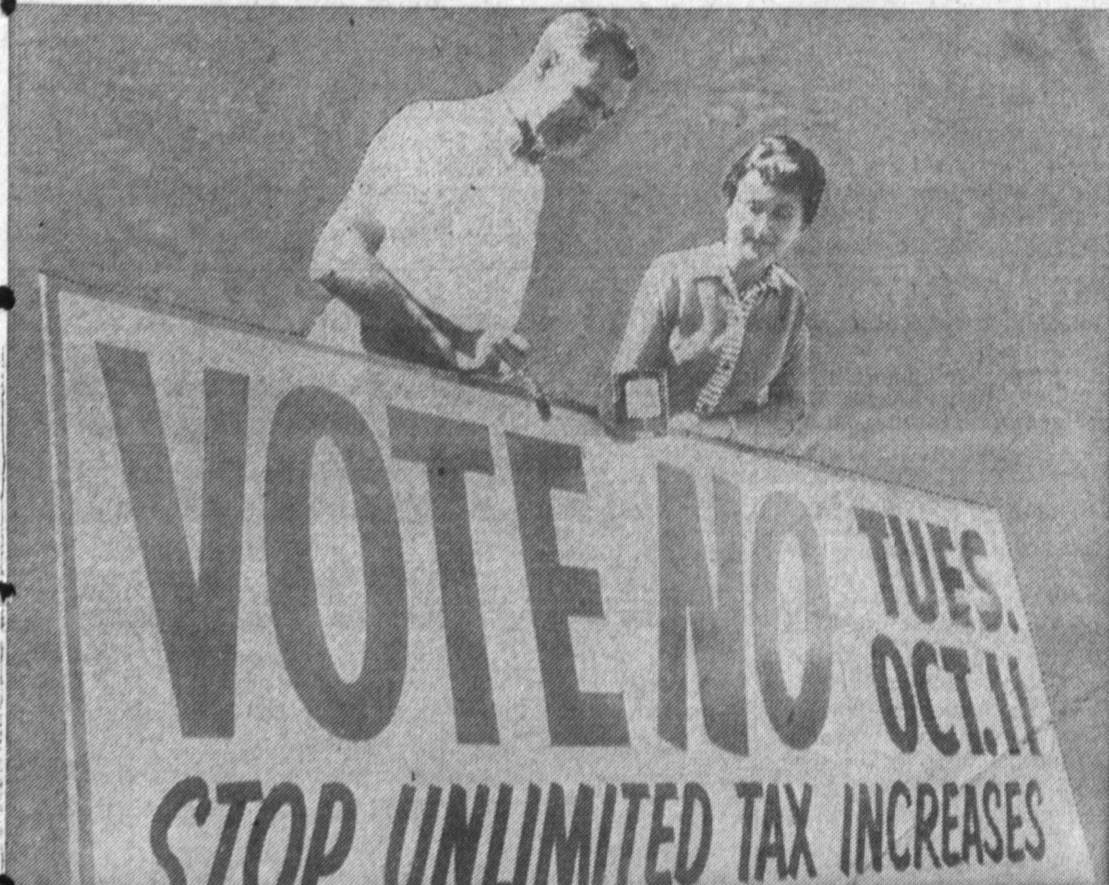
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FOES CLASH IN TAX FIGHT



ONE SIDE — Heading a one-man crusade to defeat the proposed school tax-50-cent override, City Planning Commissioner Bert Lynn denounced the school administration here this week as "an ever-growing monopoly constantly asking for more money without a time limit and seldom accounting to

the people," Lynn, here with his wife, Lillian, told the WALTERIA Business Men's Association and the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association this week "people are afraid to voice their opinions because of pressure by the school administration, but there is no fear in the voting booth."

Tempers Flare in School Tax Override Issue

The hottest local issue of the season, the Torrance Unified School District proposed tax override of fifty cents, entered the home stretch this week.

School officials, headed by Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, hammered home the points that increased population, the largest enrollment in the school's history here, and increased operating expenses make the tax override "absolutely essential."

"The tax will average a nickel a day, or \$20 a year," Hull said.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at all the elementary schools here, and at El Retiro Park.

Claiming this was a "false presentation to the voters," Bert Lynn, local civic leader and President of the City Planning Commission, announced "the tax override has no time limit."

Meanwhile, Hull announced a Committee of 100 has been formed to back a "yes" vote. He also added an affirmation of the tax override had been endorsed by the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, the Torrance Chamber of Com-

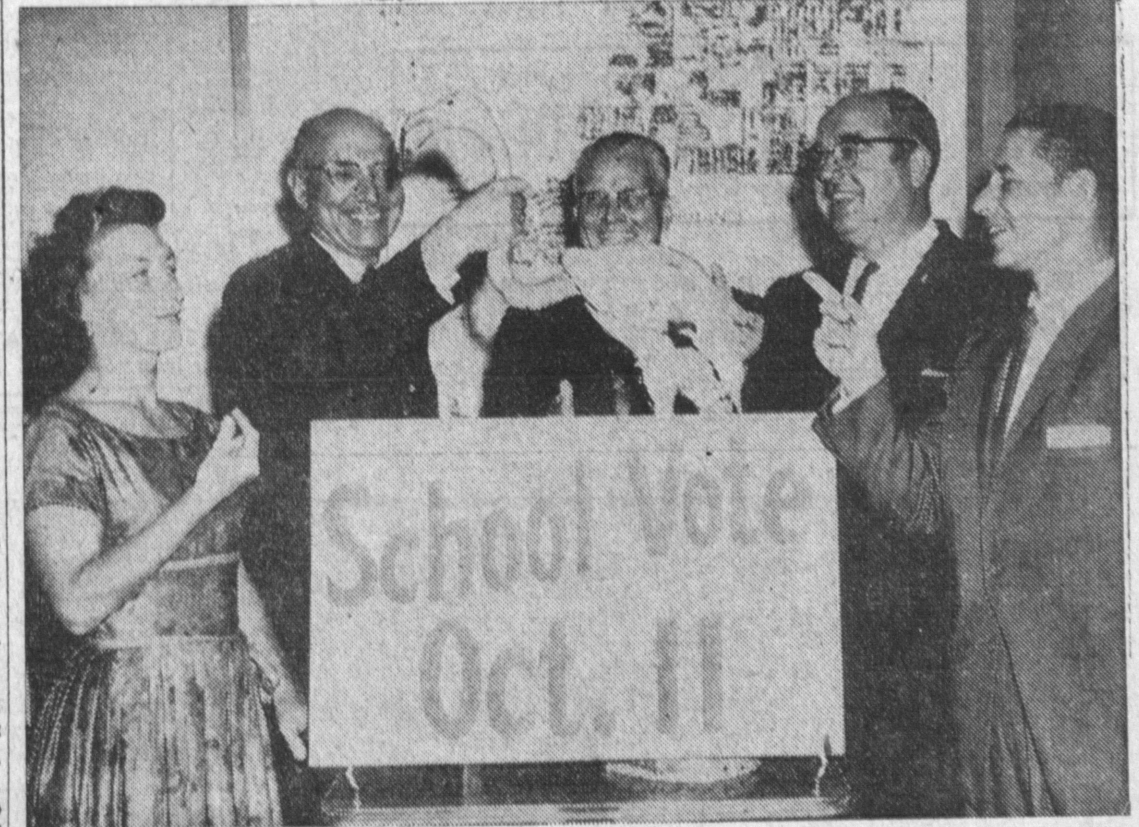
merce, Torrance Council PTA, as well as endorsements received from business and labor leaders and various religious spokesmen.

Many of these endorsees "do not live in Torrance, or they are indebted to the school district in one way or another," Lynn countered.

The fifty cent override tax would be used to pay increased operating costs of Torrance schools and would become effective in 1961-62, Hull said. "Operating costs include only salaries, books, equipment, operating bills, and similar things. They do not include construction of new buildings, which is paid for by bond funds," he added.

"If the operating tax ceiling were raised by this vote, it would be \$2.90. At present it is \$2.40, lower than any of the neighboring districts," he added.

In calling the election, the Board of Education cited these reasons: Constantly increasing enrollment, from 2000 to 27,000 in 13 years; Continued building, with thousands of children in newly-built homes; The inflation spiral, affecting all phases of school operation; A higher proportion of high school students, whose educations cost more; Less state aid; and More costly "Space Age" teaching equipment, science equipment, language laboratories, limited TV use, and others.



... AND THE OTHER ... Joining in the battle against the stark and supporting the Torrance Unified School District's request for a tax override are Mrs. William Poser, chairman of Mothers' Committee, Torrance Council PTA; Mayor Albert Isen; Fred W.

Mill, chairman of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee; Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle, and R. L. Herbert, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce education committee. Voters will decide Tuesday whether to authorize a tax override for Torrance schools.

Lions Club Eyes White Cane Day

Launching their tenth year of similar safes, members of the Torrance Lions Club will station themselves on street corners here Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15, to sell miniature white canes.

"White Cane Days," sponsored by the group throughout California and Nevada, is designed to aid the blind and partially sighted school children, according to Ralph Morris, president.

"In the past several years, the Torrance Lions Club has donated almost \$7000 to various blind and sight conservation projects, solely from monies raised from the sale

Mayor Al Isen to Represent City at Meet

Mayor Albert Isen will represent the City of Torrance at the forthcoming Inter American Municipal Congress in San Diego, Oct. 16 through 22.

With delegates coming from many South American countries as well as from throughout the western states, the convention will study approaches to administration and municipal government.

The legal basis and structure of municipal government, functions and citizen participation are topic headings, Mayor Isen announced.

Among speakers at the conclave will be Secretary General Carlos M. Moran of Havana, Cuba, and Jose De Sa Friere Alvim, Prefito Municipal of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

AiResearch Corp. Ready to Move Staff Here Soon

The first group of production employees will be transferred from AiResearch's facility at Century and Sepulveda Blvd. to their new 66 acre site at 190th and Crenshaw in Torrance within the next few weeks. Richard E. Palmer, division manager, announced today.

Start of production in the \$2.6 million facility culminates years of study by Garrett's AiResearch Company, Palmer declared.

The Torrance site was selected in the interest of AiResearch employees, after deciding additional facilities were needed for expansion, he said. A survey was conducted to determine where most employees lived.

It revealed that 80 per cent live in the South Bay area. As a result, Garrett limited its search to that area for the convenience of its employees.

By the end of the year AiResearch will have transferred 800 employees to the new facility.

Coffee Ready to Match Wits Debating Congressman King

Tom Coffee, Republican Congressional candidate for the 17th District, has accepted a challenge to debate the issues of the day with Cecil King, Democratic candidate for the same office.

Coffee agreed to the debate after King challenged the candidate. In a letter to King, Coffee listed six cities in which he would be willing to debate. They are Torrance, Inglewood, San Pedro, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach, and Westchester.

Coffee also named six subjects which could be covered. These include taxation, spending, foreign policy, labor, private enterprise and communism.

In his letter, Coffee offered to meet King in any newspaper office in the area where

details for the debate could be agreed upon.

Arrangements for the dates and meeting place are items to be discussed before an unbiased newspaper publisher. Coffee prefers to make arrangements for the debate in an office of a newspaper because, "they are widely known for having a sense of fair play."

Coffee further agreed to a series of debates rather than one alone.



WHITE CANE TIME—Members of the Torrance Lions Club have completed plans for their annual "White Cane Day," benefiting the blind and school children afflicted with eye trouble. Sale of the miniature canes is scheduled throughout Torrance all day Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15. Discussing the event here are Ralph Morris, president, Paul Ludwig and Dr. Robert Barrett.

Hoodlums Jump Couple in Brawl

The Skipper Inn, 190th St. and Hawthorne Blvd., was the setting early Saturday morning for a fight, when 4 men jumped Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Pigsley and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Yohe, all of Wilmington, as the couples were leaving.

The hoodlums knocked the men down, and belted

them with chains. They also knocked Mrs. Pigsley to the ground. The assailants drove off, but Mrs. Pigsley was able to get their license number.

The men were taken to Harbor General Hospital with teeth knocked out, and cuts and bruises.



TAROGATO, ANYONE?—Music maker Milton Marcus, teaching youngsters a host of instruments at Casimir, Lincoln and Carr schools here, can double in brass on any instrument available. In his private collection of 55 instruments are a tarogato, gypsy type saxophone, a sarrusophone, double reed invention, and an ancient bassoon, shown here.

Dominguez Water Company Seeks Huge Price Hike Here

The Dominguez Water Company, which serves some 5000 customers here, has applied for a 38 per cent rate increase. A hearing by the Public Utilities Commission is set in the Torrance City Hall council chambers for Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Oct. 19.

"In order to serve the public with good quality of service, we must be compensated for our product," a spokes-

man for the firm announced today. The water company is seeking a 37 per cent increase from domestic and commercial sales.

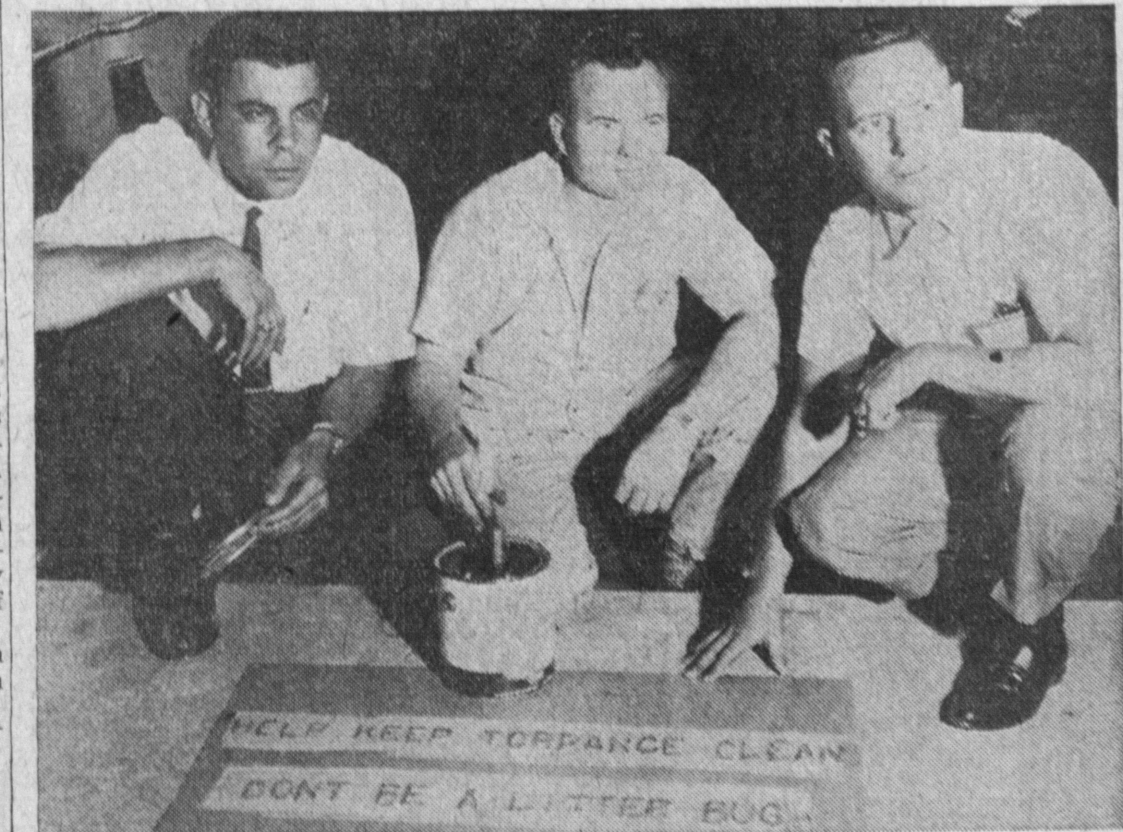
The application to the Public Utilities Commission also noted "general increases in costs have reduced the company's earnings to the extent that the present rates will not produce sufficient revenue to meet expenses in 1960."

The company plant valued

at \$8,624,609, has some 80 employees here. It was first formed in 1911 and reorganized as a corporation in 1937. It is entirely company-owned.

Covering a 35 square mile area, south of Los Angeles, north of Wilmington, east of Redondo Beach, and west of the Los Angeles River, the Dominguez Water Company listed the following customers:

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PAINT THE TOWN—Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce members are down on their hands and knees this weekend in a paint the town spree. Some 15 volunteers are stencil-

ing signs reading "Don't be a Litterbug—Keep Torrance Clean." Here launching the civic project are Jerry Dunn, Dick Florence and Bob Vroman, group president.

Local Pied Piper Teaching Here Plays 'Mean' Tarogato

The Pied Piper who tooted youngsters out of town in the historical yarn had nothing on Torrance music-maker Milton Marcus. In fact, he was a piker in comparison.

Music teacher in three Torrance elementary schools — Lincoln, Casimir and Carr — Marcus blows a mean Tarogato. For the uninitiated, a Tarogato is an ancient Hungarian gypsy instrument, a distant cousin to a saxophone.

Some men collect golf clubs, stamps, or fishing gear. Marcus collects instruments, the more unusual, the better.

"We have 120 'old timers' in our classes, meaning

2 of those Tarogatos, 3 sarrusophones in various sizes, contra base trombones, slide trumpets, horns, drums, bassoons — you name it.

A sarrusophone, Marcus explains, is a double reed sort of saxophone, invented a few years after the saxophone.

His classes in the three elementary schools here are large. "Music has more than charm for the juvenile beast," says Marcus. "Kids get to school early, so they get in a few licks of practice," he assures.

"It does not replace arithmetic or reading, as in some schools," says Marcus, "but in future pleasure and enjoyment in a school orchestra

youngsters who have studied for at least a year. We also expect between 150 and 200 beginners to start learning an instrument this year," Marcus adds.

Learning to play an instrument "gives youngsters discipline, a feeling of accomplishment, improves their citizenship, and develops a wonderful sense of responsibility," Marcus maintains.

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