



MAYOR ALBERT ISEN
... will run again

Isen Reports He'll Run Again

Incumbent to the post of Torrance mayor, Albert Isen Monday became the first candidate to officially file his intentions of running for election.

In an official announcement to the Press, Isen said: "For the past four years I have had the honor of serving as Torrance's first elected mayor. During that time, my constant objective has been to maintain and improve the efficiency of

our city services, while holding the line on taxes.

"Needs and requirements of all groups and sections have been given fair and equal consideration. Throughout my years of service, I have worked toward orderly growth and development of this community. Torrance has achieved national recognition as a good place in which to live and as an industrial center in which to work. Great national business concerns

have established themselves here in modern shopping centers and city government has met the challenge of population growth. It has been a continuous fight to maintain a good balance between industrial and residential zoning.

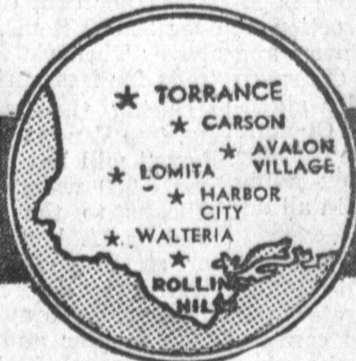
"GRABBING"

"In order to prevent an unnecessary and unwarranted rise in taxes, I have firmly resisted 'grabbing' of industrial land by residential builders.

"I am seeking reelection as mayor realizing that the next four years will bring new and interesting challenges. With the continued cooperation, goodwill and active civic participation of the people of Torrance, the future holds great promise. Good progressive policies will continue to attract new and diversified industry, providing jobs for our growing population. The substantial sales tax revenue derived from our new shopping centers

should make our tax outlook most favorable. Capital improvement projects will be continued out of income.

"Since 1930, I have been a lawyer in active practice, and my legal training has been very helpful in making important decisions on matters before the city council. My experience, and record of constructive legislation and accomplishments, qualify me to continue in office as mayor."



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ARRAIGNMENT SOUGHT FOR TRIO OF MARINES, SUSPECTS IN HOLDUP TRY

Pose as US Treasury Agents in Attempt To Rob Local Market

A trio of Marines landed Sunday, not on the proverbial "beach head," but in the Torrance police station after being arrested on suspicion of robbing a local market. Officers expected to bring the suspects to court for arraignment this week.

According to Robert Grieshaber, 25, assistant grocery manager of the Food Giant Market, 4848 W. 190th St., two of the marines entered the store at approximately 10 p.m. Saturday night stating that they were treasury agents and wanted to check the store's currency.

Thomas F. Walsh Jr., 22; David T. Larsen, 21, and Monty Leroy Love, 19 apparently had full intentions of committing robbery, said detective Sgt. John Hahn.

SUSPICIOUS

The Torrance police were called when Eleanor Schukert, a cashier in the store, became suspicious.

Although Love, who was waiting for his buddies in a car parked outside the market, fled when officers arrived, he was arrested early Sunday morning after the vehicle he had been driving was traced to him.

The two marines who entered the store were both well dressed, carried briefcases and were armed, according to Sgt. Hahn. When Torrance police officers requested that they show identification they claimed they had left it in their car.

Federal authorities will be notified and further charges may result in connection with the impersonation of federal officers said Hahn.

Another charge of robbery has been brought against the trio by the Brea Police Department, Hahn said.



TAKING OUT PAPERS—City Councilman J. A. Beasley Monday took out nominating papers at city hall signifying his intention of running for reelection. Incumbent Beasley, who has served the city both on the council and planning commission, is a veteran in the field of community affairs. Here he accepts the papers from Marjorie Moss, deputy city clerk, as Herb Jackson of the Walteria Businessmen's Association looks on.

Torrance Man Pleads Guilty

A 39-year old Torrance bookmaker made his conviction a "sure thing" when he pleaded guilty Monday to one count of bookmaking.

Nick Lococo, former co-owner of Lococo's Restaurant, 618 S. Sepulveda Blvd., was arrested July 29 by district attorney's investigators who alleged he had taken horse race bets from them at both his home and at his restaurant. The arrest took place at his residence, 4742 Sharynne Lane in Torrance.

ASLEEP AT WHEEL...

Off-Duty Policewoman Crashes Torrance Tree

A demolished car and a scarred tree told the story of a crash Monday morning which critically injured a 35-year old Los Angeles policewoman.

Apparently asleep at the wheel of her car, Mrs. Virginia Pickering, an off-duty policewoman, crashed into a tree on Pacific Coast Highway near Rolling Hills, according to Torrance police. Officers said the woman told them she fell asleep while driving westbound on Pacific Coast Highway. The accident occurred about 4 a.m.

Mrs. Pickering was taken to Harbor General Hospital with internal injuries as well as multiple cuts and bruises.



RIBBON CUTTING—Official opening ceremonies for the Joe Shell for Governor offices at 1112 Crenshaw Blvd. yesterday afternoon were well attended by area Republicans as well as the candidate himself. Shown here wielding the traditional scissors, the candidate is flanked by Ken Gordon, who will serve as manager of the Torrance office, and Phil LeFeuvre, assistant manager. Following the Torrance ceremony, Shell officiated at the opening of a second office in Redondo Beach.

INCUMBENT TO RUN...

Four More Candidates for City Office File Nominating Papers as Week Begins

Four more candidates for elective office had thrown their collective hats into Torrance's political ring during the first two days of this week, it was reported last night by employees in the city clerk's office.

Heading the list Monday was incumbent Councilman J. A. Beasley who took out nominating papers at the opening gun of his campaign to retain his old seat on the council.

Mayor Albert Isen, who had taken out two sets of papers Thursday, one for councilman and one for mayor, returned the mayor's papers Monday and announced that he, too, would run for reelection.

SEEKS POST

Ross A. Sciarrotta, 54 year old educator, reported that he would seek election to one of the three councilmanic posts that will be open during the April 10 municipal election.

Sciarrotta, who is instructor in political science at Long Beach State

College, took out nominating papers yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Naomi A. McVey, 17644 Cranbrook Ave., also will seek election to the city council, she said. She applied for, and received, her nominating papers yesterday morning.

Only new contender for the post of city clerk is Thirvin D. Fleetwood, of 3637 W. 182nd St. Papers were issued in his name to his wife, Norma, Monday afternoon.

No new contenders for the post of city treasurer had been listed as city hall closed last night. Both the incumbent Harriett V. Leech, 1681 Gramercy Ave.; and Fred Spangler, 5210 Carmel St. took out nominating papers for this position last week.

STREAM

The initial stream of candidates had apparently tapered off this week after an early rush last Thursday and Friday when Councilman Willys Blount, expected to be Isen's chief opponent, took out two sets of papers and Mrs. R. Pat Hogue, 4630 Tou-

can St., took out one set of papers for the mayor's post, in the name of her husband.

At that time nominating papers were taken out for the position of city councilman by Stewart E. (Bud) Rose, 4110 Carmen St.; John J. Barton, 4160 Via Lado; Mrs. Eva Bisou, 4914 Halson; and James Cicchini, 3002 El Dorado.

Taking out papers for the position of city clerk were: George Morehart, 18620 Kingsdale; Charles Deck, 20513 Toluca Ave.; Rose Craig, 4110 Carmen; and Herma Tillum, 3211 W. 166th St.

The City Clerk's office began issuance of nominating papers at noon Thursday. Final date for filing the papers will be 12 noon Feb. 15, not Feb. 5, as inadvertently mentioned in last Sunday's Press.

According to interested persons who have closely observed the brisk stream, an unusually large turnout of candidates is expected for each of the vacant city posts.

Sciarrotta Joins Candidate's Roster

Ross A. Sciarrotta, 54, of 21017 Madrona Ave., yesterday became the latest candidate to announce that he would run for election to the Torrance city council.

Sciarrotta, who is the father of eight children, is an instructor in political science at Long Beach State College.

He is well known throughout the community as an active participant in civic affairs and, during the summer, was contributor of a column on European affairs written on the scene. Column was carried exclusively in the pages of the Torrance Press.

Presently a member of the city's civil service board, he has served with distinction in that capacity for the past eight years.

A world traveler, Sciarrotta each year conducts tours for teachers in the U.S. and in Europe.



ROSS SCIARROTTA
... Candidate

Auto Mechanic Dies as Car Falls Off Jack

Death came to a Torrance automobile mechanic just one hour after the car on which he had been working slipped from its hoist and came crashing on top of his chest.

The mechanic, George Inase, 43, of 18528 Regina Ave., was pronounced dead at Torrance Memorial Hospital Monday.

Two stands held the vehicle above Inase, according to Torrance police. Apparently, one of the stands gave way and Inase's chest bore the full weight of the auto as it landed.

According to investigating officers, the accident occurred at Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance.

Heart Campaign

Officials of the annual Heart Fund campaign this week announced that the drive will be held in Torrance during the week of February 14-18.

Entire month was designated as Heart Fund Month by proclamation of the Torrance City Council last night.

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George Bradford Declines To Run

George A. Bradford, long time member of the city council and one of the city's pioneer residents, last night firmly stated that he would not run for reelection.

Friends and confidants of Bradford's had earlier expressed doubts that he would run for office again because of ill health although Bradford, himself, said that he had not reached a final decision until recently.

Bradford prided himself on being the "councilman with the tightest fist on a tax dollar" and conducted many a battle with city employees, often from the council bench, on the unnecessary expenditure of even small amounts of city funds.

Two Arraigned as Terror Bombers

Arraignment of duo of local men accused of bombing two Long Beach residences and an auto, took place in Long Beach Municipal Court Monday.

Felony charges were brought against Perry Joe Hensley, 22, of 21909 Avalon Blvd., Carson and Richard Frank Lester, 20, of Long Beach. Judge J. Merrill Lilley remanded the pair to jail in lieu of \$5,250 bail pending preliminary hearing set for tomorrow.

In a complaint issued by Deputy District Attorney Bernard E. Smith, the two men were accused of three counts of maliciously setting off explosives with intent to injure, intimidate or terrify a human being.