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Unique Precedent To Invoke 'Gag Rule' On Irate Citizens

The invocation of a "gag rule" on residents of the community who appear before the City Council to air a legitimate complaint could be a dangerous . . . and costly . . . decision.

At a recent session of the council an upset citizen appeared and asked to be heard.

His complaint was legitimate. His aircraft had caught fire while moored at Torrance Municipal Airport, the regular fire engine was out for repairs, and a hastily commandeered truck sent to the scene didn't carry equipment necessary to put it out.

The aircraft was virtually destroyed.

On a decision of the mayor the man was not allowed to speak, reasoning that if the man went to court, remarks that might be made by councilmen and/or employees could jeopardize the city's case.

Remarks made at an open council meeting are a matter of public record and may be introduced as evidence.

Other councilmen, aware that, in the soundest American tradition, the public meeting is the proper forum for airing grievances, fought for the man's right to speak.

To muzzle one man on the supposition that other elected council members will not guard their answers to his questions is ludicrous.

And the complainant, who might have been satisfied with airing his grievance before the council, will now almost certainly go to court for satisfaction.

The ready access to elected officials through open meetings is a fundamental part of the American heritage. The right to be heard is as much a part of our way of life as the Bill of Rights.

And such a blunder, leaving such a bad impression on the audience, can prove costly both politically and financially to the city.

Railway Notes Increases In '61 Business Activity

Revenues of the Santa Fe Railway system are showing improvement from the recent upturn in general business activity, and this trend is expected to continue into 1962 when modestly higher levels of gross receipts are anticipated. The system's net income for 1961 will be up moderately over 1960 but still somewhat below the average of the last 10 years.

For modernization and improvement during 1962, the Santa Fe has programmed gross capital expenditures of \$65-million to include 43 heavy duty diesel locomotives, approximately 1200 new freight cars of various

types, 25 new baggage cars, 238 miles of new continuously welded rail for main track replacement, completion of a 39-mile re-alignment of track on the Phoenix line in Arizona, further traffic control signaling, microwave communication installations, and many other improved facilities.

MORE MODERN

This program looks forward to a more modern high-capacity plant capable of efficient service and more economical operations to help keep abreast of constantly rising costs. It is also aimed at meeting transportation demands generated by continuing growth of population and industry in the region and in industry in the West, and keeping the Santa Fe on a competitive basis among railroads and other modes of transportation.

The ever present inflationary pressures remain a most constant threat to the railroads and their employees. These pressures in combination with long existing inequities in the areas of regulation and taxation work an undesired hardship on an industry that is recognized as most vital to the nation's production and distribution system. Congress should not delay legislative action to afford the railroads more nearly equal competitive opportunity in the field of rate making and to remedy grossly unrealistic tax laws with respect to depreciation of railroad equipment and other facilities. Fair and reasonable treatment in these important areas would contribute much to the health and vigor of the industry.

Note Crowding of Area Streets? . . . Little Wonder!

If you felt slightly crowded while driving to work today, it could be because California now has 88 motor vehicles for every mile of city streets and county roads—approximately two more per mile than last year.

State Controller Alan Cranston made this observation as he issued the report on street and road financial transactions for 1960-61.

The report discloses total expenditures of \$318,665,842 on local streets and roads, or 8.9 per cent more than in the 1959-60 fiscal year, Cranston said.

California's 372 incorporated cities spent \$187,944,688 on their street systems, up 11 per cent from the previous year. The 58 counties spent \$130,721,154 on their road systems, an increase of 6 per cent.

There are 31,599 miles of streets in the cities. The counties have 69,838 miles of roads.

The total number of motor vehicles in the State at the close of the 1960-61 fiscal year was 8,943,165—319,294 more than the year before.

Construction accounted for \$145,892,962 of the expenditures and \$119,749,774 was spent for maintenance. The balance went for engineering and administration, acquisition of rights of way, equipment and other real property.

The principal revenue sources for streets and roads include the gasoline tax, other state and federal subventions, local general funds, bonds, taxes for road purposes, and traffic fines and forfeitures.



YOUNG BUSINESSMEN—Local industrial and business interests are sponsoring groups of youngsters in establishing their own businesses as a part of the Junior Achievement program. Youngsters develop a product, market it and reap the profits . . .

all for experience in production and merchandising techniques. Shown here with the product of their own firm, picture frames, are Suzanne Clark, Eileen Bryan, Ronald Adcock, Ed Regalado and Doug Gibson.

Legislature to Consider New Program For Controlling State's Dope Addicts

Governor Edmund G. Brown last week asked the Legislature for \$4.5 million to operate the State's new program for the confinement and treatment of narcotic addicts.

Authorized by the 1961 Legislature, the California Rehabilitation Center program, "has already swept hundreds of addicts off the streets and out of the contagious centers of infection," the Governor said.

The Legislature has now convened in Sacramento to receive the Governor's 1962-63 budget requests.

The Governor said that "although this is a costly

program, it is one worth every dollar we have to pay to rid ourselves of this sort of traffic in human misery and degradation."

The total support budget for operating the Department of Corrections in the current year is \$47.3 million. The suggested budget is \$55.1 million, an increase of \$7.8 million. Capitol expenditures will increase about \$1 million.

VOTED FUNDS

The 1961 Legislature voted \$5,060,000 to rehabilitate, remodel and equip a surplus federal facility for use as a permanent center for the narcotics program. Negotia-

tions now are underway for securing the surplus Naval Hospital at Norco in Riverside County.

The same Legislature passed tough new laws increasing penalties for narcotics peddlers, the Governor pointed out.

Under the new program more than 300 addicts already have been removed from the streets for confinement and treatment in temporary headquarters at Tehachapi and the California Institution for Women, Governor Brown said.

By June 30, 1963, it is estimated more than 2000 addicts will be in the center program. The Department of Corrections hopes to have the center in operation by this fall.

Gibson in civic and youth activities in the area.

IMPRESSED

"I have been impressed, not only with John Gibson's honesty and ability as a banker and a businessman," said Menveg, "but also with his deep feeling of civic responsibility."

City Strip Councilman Names Menveg to Head Gibson for Assessor Committee

Heading Councilman John S. Gibson's campaign for county assessor is former Harbor Commission president, Lloyd A. Menveg, whose appointment as chairman of the Gibson for Assessor Committee was announced this week.

"The enthusiastic support already expressed by civic and business leaders throughout the county for the election of John Gibson as assessor, adds tremendously to my own enthusiasm in accepting this appointment," declared Menveg.

"I have worked closely with John Gibson during the past eight years on matters of vital importance to the people of Los Angeles city and county," said Menveg, "in accepting the appointment. I consider him exceptionally well qualified for the important post of county assessor."

Menveg noted that his terms as president of the Harbor Commission from 1954 to 1961 coincided with those of Gibson as president of the Los Angeles City Council.

GROWTH

"During this period, the Port of Los Angeles has experienced tremendous growth and development," Menveg continued. "As councilman from this district and as city council president, John Gibson deserves



LLOYD A. MENVEG
Chairman

top credit for this expansion, which has involved millions of dollars—and has not cost the taxpayers one cent! In fact," he pointed out, "the port now brings an annual net profit to the city of approximately \$4 million."

"From my own experience as harbor commissioner working with Councilman Gibson," stated Menveg, "I know that the increasing prosperity of our port affects not only the harbor area, but the entire county—in fact, all Southern California. This has given Councilman Gibson unique experience in understanding the interrelated problems of industry, business and population."

Such knowledge will be invaluable in the fair and equitable administration of the county assessor's office."

A native son and second generation businessman of Wilmington, Menveg has also been associated with

Marina Savings President Named Chairman of Board

R. C. Chase has been elected chairman of the Board of Marina Federal Savings and Loan Association. Chase, who will also retain his position as president of the association, is well known in the savings and loan industry of this state, and has guided the progress of this active Federal organization since its founding in 1956. With a charter granted from the United States government only six years ago, the association originally capitalized at \$500,000, and reports current resources at more than \$42,000,000.



R. C. CHASE
Chairman

This institution, a link in a network of federally chartered savings and loan associations across the United States, established a main office in Westchester initially and as demands for Federal savings and loan service have appeared in other Marina-South Bay locations, expansion for Marina Federal Savings has been rapid. An office is now active in Torrance—a part of the Del Amo Shopping Center—and a Lawndale office was opened in the latter part of 1961.

Governor Brown said that the addict control program is designed to do five things:

"1. Get addicts off the streets, reduce their chances of contaminating other men and women and help dry up the market for heroin peddlers.

"2. Protect society by reducing addiction and addict crime.

"3. Provide treatment for addicts.

"4. Control addicts — if and when they are paroled — through intensive supervision and chemical testing for drug use.

"5. Return them to centers if they return to drugs."

LEGAL NOTICES

CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS, FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned do certify that he is conducting a business at 6247 Silver Arrow Drive, Rolling Hills, California, under the fictitious name of HOLIDAY BUILDERS and that said firm is composed of the following persons, whose names in full and place of residence is as follows: CAROL JEAN CORBETT, 6247 Silver Arrow Drive, Rolling Hills, California.

Dated February 5, 1962.

State of California, Los Angeles County:

On February 5, 1962, before me, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared CAROL JEAN CORBETT known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that she executed the same.

(SEAL) RUTH H. PETERSON, Notary Public My Commission expires June 6, 1965.

Torrance Press, Wednesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 1962.

CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS, FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned do certify that he is conducting a business at 1641 Border Avenue, Torrance, California, under the fictitious name of FASHION RUG & UPHOLSTERY and that said firm is composed of the following person, whose name in full and place of residence is as follows: OLIN D. ROGERS, 22600 Normandie, Torrance, California.

Dated February 5, 1962.

State of California, Los Angeles County:

On February 5, 1962, before me, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared OLIN D. ROGERS known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged he executed the same.

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ESCROW NO. 1443

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Subject to issuance of the license applied for, notice is hereby given that the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at the premises, described as follows: 1508 South Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance.

Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for issuance by transfer of an alcoholic beverage license for these premises as follows: ON SALE BEER AND WINE (PUBLIC PREMISES).

Anyone desiring to protest the issuance of such license may file a verified protest with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control at Sacramento, California, stating grounds for denial as provided by law. The premises are now licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages. The form of verification may be obtained from any office of the Department.

MATYAS BOYTOR
Torrance Press, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1962.

CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS, FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned do certify that he is conducting a business at 1278 Sartori Avenue, Torrance, California, under the fictitious name of KENNY'S SHOE REPAIR and that said firm is composed of the following person, whose name in full and place of residence is as follows: SAM A. BATTAGLIA, 2415 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, California.

Dated January 5, 1962.

State of California, Los Angeles County:

On January 5, 1962, before me, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Sam A. Battaglia known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged he executed the same.

(SEAL) RUTH H. PETERSON, Notary Public My Commission expires June 6, 1965.

Torrance Press, Wednesday, January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 1962.

CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS, FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned do certify that he is conducting a business at 22505 Greenwich Blvd., Torrance, California, under the fictitious name of SURF LIQUORS & DELICATESSEN and that said firm is composed of the following persons, whose names in full and places of residence are as follows: Sidney Miller, 547 N. Flores Street, Los Angeles 45, Calif. and William Cline Reist, 267 Palos Verdes Drive West, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Dated January 15, 1962.

State of California, Los Angeles County:

On January 15, 1962, before me, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Sidney Miller and William Cline Reist known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged they executed the same.

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