# SPECIAL **ELECTION** \* **EDITION**

## Impossible Choice Between Qualified **Mayor Candidates**

The Torrance Press has been hard put trying to make an honest and decisive choice between the two top contenders for the post of mayor of Torrance.

Both of the frontrunners in the race, incumbent Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Willys Blount. have conducted unusually vigorous campaigns in their search for the top elective post in the city.

Both have shown a willingness to serve their city. its government and its residents. both have clearly outlined the issues at stake in Tuesday's municipal election and have meticulously shown their own stands on these same issues.

#### FIGHTERS

Both have shown, beyond a doubt, that they are professional political fighters . . . and any city that hopes to progress can use a fighter!

Willys Blount, will give up his seat on the city council, which he has held for the past 12 years, to seek election as mayor.

Albert Isen, incumbent to the post, seeks re-election to the post he has held for the past seven years. One unfortunate aspect of this campaign is that both leading candidates have personally attacked the

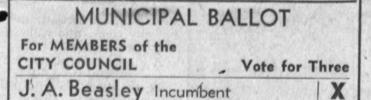
other in public and in paid political advertising. We urge our readers to overlook this regretable

and unnecessary fogging of the issues. For this reason, and for the first time in the his-

tory of this newspaper, the Press finds itself unable to make a choice between these two candidates.

Both are well qualified and both could do an excellent job of guiding the city for the next four years. We hope that after the election the scars can be healed and that we can get back to work building a

greater Torrance.



10c A COPY VOLUME XIII, NUMBER 100 SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1962 BLOUNT FILES \$500,000 LIBEL SUIT AGAINST ISEN **Also Names** Voluntary The Press Endorses. . . . .

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**ROSS SCIARROTTA** KEN MILLER --- Well known, respected and Outstanding educator, liked in the Central Torworld traveler, and authrance area, Miller is one ority on governmental afof the most able candifairs, Sciarrotta would dates to file for election be a breath of fresh air to the city council. His on the Torrance city sense of fairness is uncouncil. He is a firm bequestioned and his dedication and devotion to liever in removal or fencing of sumps and danthe betterment of the community is widely recgerous pitfalls within the ognized. Born and raised city. His background on the city's civil service in Torrance, he is aware of the problems facing board has been outstanding, unbiased, yet firm, this community, has deand his pledge to imcided opinions on how to prove city recreational deal with them; and has facilities make him one the time, energy and enof the top-ranking candithusiasm for the task. dates for the post. A Determined to help make



J. A. BEASLEY-Incumbent councilman Beasley has done outstanding work in his one term on the council. Recognized as an authority on street and highway development, he is currently president of the Inter-City Highway Commission, composed of representatives from 13 cities in the Torrance area. He has spearheded drives to improve Hawthorne and Crenshaw lighting, signalization and roadwork, and is thus responsible for saving many lives through reduced accident incidence. For these, and many other reasons we heartily endorse his reelection to the council.

### Retraction The Torrance Press

VOLUNTARILY retracts statements made in the first six paragraphs of an advertisement appearing on Page A-10 of the April 4 edition refering to the council record of Willys Blount, candidate for mayor of Torrance.

This item was placed as paid political advertising. by incumbent Mayor Albert Isen and a special committee which sponsored the ad.

The Torrance Press has always tried to remain within the bounds of good taste in both its editorial and advertising material.

LAST MINUTE BULLETIN

Mayor Albert Isen, contacted by the Press yes-. Isen. terday noon, said that he had been served and intended to file a counter

He said that he had instructed his attorneys to draw up the necessary papers and that he would bring suit for libel against Councilman Willys Blount. He stated that he would demand damages of \$1,000,000.

# **Group Which Sponsored Ad**

Councilman Willys Blount, incensed at some "highly derrogatory" statements against himself which were published in paid political advertisements, Friday filed suit for a half-million dollars against incumbent Mayor Albert Isen and the committee which allegedly sponsored the ads.

Blount also demanded re- nity papers and in an out-oftractions from the three newspapers which carried by an organization called the "City-Wide Committee to the advertisements. Re-elect Mayor Albert Isen."

Blount said that he had Advertisement was also intended to have the papers signed "Chairman, Jack Philserved on the mayor and the lips" and "Secretary, Polly other defendants Friday Watts." The two alleged night but that he had been signers were also listed in unable to get in touch with the suit.

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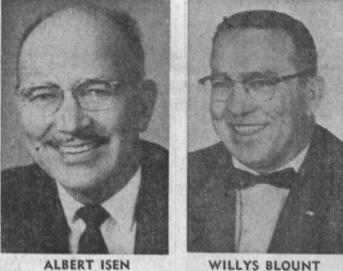
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### OUR MEASURES ....

## **Press Lists Stand On Special Issues**

In addition to the 40 candidates for public office which will be listed on the ballot Tuesday, voters will lso be asked to decide on four special measures.

In the first measure, a proposal to issue revenue oonds, totaling \$1,225,000 for the purpose of acquisiion, construction and financing additions to the Torance Municipal Airport, the Torrance Press finds itelf in unanimous support.

The fact that these are REVENUE bonds, which re required to pay themselves off from increased trerenue from the airport, are the deciding factor. Always tax conscious, the Press would not endorse a neasure of this sort that would hike the tax load.

Measure number two, which provides that money n the city's "Airport Fund" be used for the payment of principal and interest on the revenue bonds, we also favor as a logical and sound follow-through of the ïrst measure.

#### 'LAME DUCK'

Measure number three, an amendment to the harter which would allow newly elected members of he Board of Education to take office shortly after lection, the Press has long favored.

This will eliminate the "lame duck" session on he board and will also eliminate possibility of defeatd incumbents holding the office for several months before the successful candidate takes over.

Measure number four, a charter amendment which would provide for a continuance of the existing ivil service system covering city employees, and which, by a five-sevenths vote, of the city council plus consideration by the civil service commission, allow he council to amend any provisions governing civil ervice, we must disapprove.

We feel that this measure would place too much ower in the hands of the council and would be detructive to good government.

For CITY TREASURER	Vote for One
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JAMES SHIDLER - An outstanding candidate for the post of city clerk, Shidler is well known throughout the community and has conducted one of the most vigorous campaigns in the preelection period. He believes that the post should be effectively administered and that his responsibility, as city clerk, should be to the electorate. He has maintained his campaign free from any slate of candidates and is capable of maintaining the office in the face of the exceptional growth of the city.

political neophyte in Torrance, Spangler has amazed the electorate with his outstanding ability during the campaign. A candidate for the post of city treasurer, he has conducted one of the cleanest and most noncontroversial campaigns during the pre-election period, relying on his knowledge of the duties of the office to impress the voters. He served with distinction on the city-to-city program and as a volunteer on many civic programs. An able and successful businesssman, the Press firmly endorses his candidacy for the office.

## FINAL TALLY . . . **Open House Tues.** Night at The Press

Everyone's invited!

An open house will be held Tuesday night at the Torrance Press as final returns on the city-wide election start to roll in.

Candidates for public office, their friends and supporters are invited to drop by and sweat out the final fally with us.

The coffee pot will be on and there will be doughnuts for those who aren't too nervous to eat.

Torrance Press reporters will stake out at city hall and phone in the tallies, precinct by precinct, as they come in.

After the final vote is counted it will be a fine time for the losers to congratulate the winners, in the American tradition of good sportsmanship.

This election night gathering at the Torrance Press has, over the years, become a standard practice on this newspaper.

We invite everyone to drop by, have a chat with the candidates, and to start the ball rolling for a bigger and better Torrance.



CROWD GATHERS-Turnout at Friday's "Meet the. Candidates" night, sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce in the THS auditorium, exceeded all expections, it was reported yesterday. Although crowd was small at the start visitors soon began to drift

in, and by the half-way mark, an unusually large group had arrived. Above. Councilman Willys Blount. candidate for mayor, outlines his program for the audience.

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