

# \$1 Million Defense Pact for Torrance

# AREA-WIDE MEETING FOR STATE COLLEGE

## Magnavox Wins Huge U. S. Award

Fast-growing Torrance received another industrial shot in the arm yesterday when a million-dollar-plus defense research contract was awarded the Magnavox Research Laboratory here.

Sen. Clair Engle notified the Press by wire from Washington that the Army awarded a \$1,299,630 contract to Magnavox for development of an automated storage and retrieval system.

All but \$80,000 of the work is scheduled to be done in Torrance, the remainder at the Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

### First Of Its Kind

The system, first of its kind according to Magnavox officials, will be used for rapid retrieval of missile system engineering drawings by a method which puts the drawings on film.

Magnavox was reluctant yesterday to give any details of the new contract, declaring that any statements would have to come out of the firm's New York public relations office. The New York office was unavailable for comment until Monday, The Press was informed.

However, it was understood that Magnavox will undoubtedly have to enlarge its present local staff of some 300 persons, mostly electronic engineers and technicians.

The work will be of a military nature, as is all Magnavox's Torrance operation, primarily a research and development center.

The Torrance plant is part of the Government and Industry Production Division of Magnavox, and all of its local work is under government contract.

### Plant Opened in 1960

Magnavox opened its modern new plant here in July of 1960. The plant specializes in computer and data processing development, and produces special precision computers for the government.

Magnavox has other plants in Urbana, Ill., and in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, the main office of the Government and Industry Production Division.

The computer operation here and the G&IP division in its entirety are separate from Magnavox's commercial operation, which produces radio, TV and hi-fi equipment.

## School District Weighs Salary Boost Demands

Torrance Board of Education will continue its budget studies at Monday night's 7:30 p.m. meeting in the board chambers at district headquarters, 2335 Plaza del Amo Drive.

Among key items under consideration in the proposed \$15 million-plus budget are requests by teachers and other district employees for substantial pay boosts, a proposed new industrial and graphic arts program, hiring of a full-time public relations man for the district, consideration of additional employment of school psychologists, replacement of a foreign language consultant, and clerical and teaching staff increases.

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ARMY TODAY AWARDED CONTRACT TO MAGNAVOX COMPANY FORT WAYNE INDIANA FOR AUTOMATED STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEM. THIS SYSTEM IS USED FOR RAPID RETRIEVAL OF MISSILE SYSTEM ENGINEERING DRAWINGS BY PUTTING THEM ON FILM. CONTRACT IS FOR \$1,299,630. OF WHICH \$1,219,630 OF WORK WILL BE DONE IN MAGNAVOX RESEARCH LABORATORIES, TORRANCE, AND \$80,000 AT ARMY MISSILE COMMAND, REDSTONE ARSENAL ALABAMA=

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This is copy of telegram sent to The Press yesterday by Sen. Claire Engle informing that \$1,219,630 defense contract for specialized electronic work had been awarded to Torrance plant of Magnavox Research Laboratories.

## Special Classes in Reading Slated for Summer Schools

During the coming summer school session special effort will be made by the Torrance Unified School District to help every student who needs to correct his weaknesses and improve in reading, by holding special classes in remedial reading, according to Dr. A. N. Posner, assistant superintendent, educational services.

The special classes will be taught by regularly employed Torrance teachers — the same ones who understand and wrestle with the individual reading problems of their students during the winter months.

Throughout the past year each youngster's reading ability has been analyzed through testing and teacher observation. Conferences with parents of students reading below grade level have been held, with the recommendation that their children enroll in summer school.

"We believe we have been able to talk to all such parents," stated Dr. Posner, "but if parents were not con-

tacted who believe their children need the special training, they are urged to enroll them in school this summer" he said.

The new program calls for placing those who are in need of improving in both silent and oral reading into special groups where they will receive concentrated lessons in word recognition, phonics, comprehension and word analysis.

In order to chart the progress of each student, frequent reports and conferences with these students and their parents are being planned throughout the summer.

According to Dr. Lloyd Jones, curriculum consultant, the progress of each child will first depend upon his awareness of his weaknesses and his willingness to do something about them. "If the student can see that he is improving each day," said Dr. Jones, "and receives encouragement from his teacher and parents he will be spurred on to further progress."

Remedial programs in other areas such as arithmetic, spelling and writing etc., are being planned in the Torrance summer schools.



**STRATEGY PLANNERS** in campaign to bring new state college to Torrance work out program in meeting at Torrance city hall of citizens' committee leaders. From left, Ed Gregory, Stan Remelmeyer, city attorney; Councilmen George Vico and Ross Sciarrotta, Rev. David Beadles, chairman; Mrs. Polly Watts, Torrance school board member; Councilman Jay Beasley and George Heap, engineer and leader in fight against discarded Fox Hills site. —PRESS photo

## City Charters Busses for Supporters

Momentum continued to build today for sizable delegations from Torrance and surrounding South Bay and Southwest County cities to Wednesday's crucial meeting of the site selection committee for the area's new state college.

Two buses have been ordered by the Torrance city council to transport local residents from the city hall to the Westchester Elementary School, 9221 Fleetwing Ave., in the Aviation-Century area, for the 3:30 p.m. meeting which is supposed to produce the selection committee recommendation for the college site.

Councilman David Hayward of Redondo Beach has called a 12:15 luncheon meeting for Monday in the Devonshire Room of the Plush Horse Hotel in Redondo Beach to muster support among neighboring communities to bring the college to Torrance.

**Cities Rally** — Hayward indicated he expects representation from Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, Torrance, Gardena, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale and other areas — all key civic leaders who want the college in Torrance.

In addition, the group has been bolstered by solid support from Torrance citizenry and officials, and a ringing 5-0 vote of endorsement from the County Board of Supervisors, which indicated disfavor with the proposed Palos Verdes site and the anticipated \$8 to 10 million bill for installation and improvement of roads needed if the college were to go there.

If the state college board of trustees schedule is followed, the site selection committee meeting at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday will listen to the public, then prepare its recommendation to the full state board, scheduled to meet on the matter at 2 p.m. Friday in the auditorium of

San Diego State College.

Presumably the board will make a decision on the site Friday, since the college is supposed to be in operation by 1965, and land must be purchased, plans drawn, ground graded, and construction launched.

Recent action of the site committee, headed by architect Charles Luckman of Beverly Hills and Glenn Dumke, chancellor of the state college system, discarded the controversial Fox Hills site and indicated a preference for a site at Hawthorne and Crest in Palos Verdes.

Meanwhile, with the city of Palos Verdes divided over its reception of the proposed college, Torrance, ignored by the selectors, has been drawing stronger and stronger backing for the centrally located Sepulveda-Crenshaw property in the geographic heart and population core of the district the college is intended to serve.

### Letters Urged

Torrance and South Bay leaders have urged that as many people as possible who want the college in Torrance appear at the Wednesday afternoon meeting in Westchester to register their support, and that letters be written to Gov. Brown, Lt. Gov. Anderson, and to Luckman and Dumke.

Brown and Anderson can be reached at the state capital, Sacramento. Luckman's address is Charles Luckman Associates, 9220 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 46. Dumke's address is California State Colleges, 2930 W. Imperial Highway, Inglewood 4.

## Publisher Stresses Orderly Growth Pattern as Need

Need for sufficient balance between residential and industrial zoning was emphasized by William Zappas, publisher of The Press, in a panel on "Growth Problems Facing Torrance" presented at a luncheon sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Torrance at noon Tuesday at the Polynesian Restaurant.

Purpose of the event was to celebrate national recognition of the Torrance group as a full-fledged league. Honored guests included Councilmen J. A. Beasley, N. O. Drale, Kenneth Miller, Ross Sciarrotta and George Vico, Mayor Albert Isen, and Wade Peebles, city manager.

**Unifying Factors Cited** — Zappas traced growth of Torrance during the past 12 years. The publisher pointed out the fact that location of large industrial sectors at that time created a spotty residential picture which resulted in a lack of feeling of common identity on the part of residents.

Location of the civic center and shopping centers in the central part of the city were cited by the panelist as a unifying factor in the community's growth. Zappas also commended the city's recent action in rezoning the former Marble Tract into an area planned to accommodate well-defined residential and industrial divisions.

The scheduled new state college for the Southwest county area would have an

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## Housewives Get 2nd Chance On Swim Classes

The second session of the Spring Housewives Learn to Swim classes will begin Monday, June 3, at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd. Classes are held three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Class times are 9:30 a.m. for intermediate and swimmers; 10:30 a.m. for beginner and advanced beginner; 11:30 a.m. for beginners and 50-mile swimmer (those who want to swim distances for exercises). Fee is \$1.75 for the two-week six-lesson series. Registrations will be accepted at the plunge on Monday, June 3, when the classes begin. For further information, please call the Torrance recreation dept. FA 8-5310, Ext. 263.

## PARNELLI SOCKS FOE AFTER WIN

Torrance is the capital of the automobile racing world today — and the toast of the town — here and in Indianapolis — is 29-year-old Rufus (Parnelli) Jones.

Parnelli, in just under three and a half hours of high-speed left-turning around the 2½-mile Indianapolis race track, won the fastest and richest Memorial Day 500-mile race in history.

Averaging 143.137 mph, Parnelli toured the 500 in 3 hours, 29 minutes, and a shade over 35 seconds.

### Stormy Finish—With PUNCH

His total of \$148,581 in prize money — even after car owner J. C. Agajanian and Uncle Sam take their cuts — should leave the Torrance tornado an estimated \$45,000, pretty good take-home pay for half a day's work.

But the stormiest finish in 500 annuals didn't end when Jones got the checkered flag.

Parnelli had to prove himself with his fists as well as horsepower at the post-race luncheon yesterday. After losing driver Eddie Sachs charged on a national TV show that Jones' victory was "tainted." Jones and Sachs got into an argument at the luncheon that wound up with Parnelli decking Sachs, followed by a scuffle on the floor.

### Midget Race Set Here

Sachs charged that Jones should have been ruled off the track when his car began leaking oil near the end of the race. Second-place finisher Jim Clark of Scotland was bitter, both about the oil and about the climax to the race run under a yellow flag which enabled Jones, in engine trouble, to ease his way home.

Word was received here last night that Jones' triumphant return to Torrance would be highlighted by his next racing appearance — pushing a midget racer at Agajanian's local speedway on June 15. The race date and Jones' exact return are both tentative.

## City Continues Dairy Hearing

Torrance city council meets Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. to continue hearings on an ordinance to eliminate dairies from the city limits.

Attorney George Atkinson, representing the dairies, charged at last week's meeting that it would be illegal for the city to oust the dairies while their installations had "economic life" left. Atkinson said that if necessary the dairies would go to court to maintain their rights and that he was confident of victory.