series of articles in which

Jerry Keynolds checks into the costs of the several con-ferences and conventions to which the city regularly

sends representatives.

Mayor, Three Councilmen at **New York Session**

(Continued from Page 1) series of articles in which Olson. Vico spent it all and Olson spent \$241.03, returning the rest to the city. Beas-ley has submitted no vouch-er as yet, although he re-portedly did spend less than

e advance. Mayor Isen also went to Mexico City, but finance de-partment clerks say no ad-vance was given to the mayor. Isen, however, says he did receive an advance and return-ed some of the money to the

city.

Isen and two councilmen-Isen and two councilmen— Beasley and Sciarrotta—jour-neyed to Houston, Tex., in August, 1963, for the annual meeting of the American Municipal Association. Plane tickets for the trio cost \$170.60 each. Isen reported other expenses of \$177.20, and Sciarrotta spent an addi-tional \$241, Beasley, however. tional \$241. Beasley, however spent all of the \$400 advance

PERHAPS ONE of the most questionable trips—at least from the standpoint of numbers attending—was the May, 1963, session of the United States Conference of Mayors, held in the World's Fair City of New York. It cost the tax-payers \$595 to send the mayor to the conference. Isen was accompanied by Councilman Beasley (8652.50). Miller (\$598.05), and Olson (\$617.04). The average tax-payer might well wonder what three councilmen were doing at a conference of

There were seminars con ducted by the Independent Cities of Los Angeles Coun-ty in Palm Springs, an anniversary meeting of the Amer-ican Municipal Association in Miami, Fla., and several smaller meetings in such smaller meetings in such places as Las Vegas, and at Avalon on Catalina Island. In every case, except one, Torrance has been amply represented at these resort city conventions. The Miami trip, for instance, cost \$3.150.48 for five councilmen. Lyman and Vico did not attend.

THE LATEST trip involved 18 city officials connected with the urban renewal projwith the urban renewal project now being considered in Torrance. The group flew to San Francisco for an all-day briefing at the Housing and Home Finance Agency regional office—a trip that cost the taxpayers \$274.60 plus overnight lodging for two councilmen.

Those two councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta, drew advances of \$50 each for the overnight stay, adding another \$100 to the bill handed taxpayers.
When all the bills are add-

ed up, city councilmen have spent slightly more than \$15,000 of the taxpayer's money in the past 18 months. Two other officials—the city clerk and city treasurer— responsible directly to the elec-torate have added another \$1,000 to the bill presented the taxpayers.

That is about half of the story! MORE MORE MORE MORE

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Torrance to Get License Fee Payment

A total of \$60,141.93 has apportioned Torrance as its share of revenue from state motor vehicle license fees, according to State Con-troller Alan Cranston.

This is the first of three payments to be made during the 1964-65 fiscal year and represents revenue from fees collected from June 1 to Nov. 30, 1964. Apportionments to be made in April and June

will be larger.
California cities and counties received a total of \$12,478,269.

Zone Request Being Studied

A petition for R-4 zoning on property located at Palos Verdes Drive South and Forrestal Drive has been taken under submission by the Re-ginal Planning Commission.

The property, owned by Palos Verdes Properties, is presently zoned R-A-12,000



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