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YEARS OF SERVICE . . . Precinct board members at 908 Cota Ave. assist Mrs. Elizabeth L. Moore (with back to camera) as she voted yesterday in the city's municipal election. The board is led by Mrs. Florence N. Gramling (at left), who has served on election boards since 1924. Others in the picture are Mrs. Ruth L. Leatherman, who first served on the election board in 1929; Mrs. Marie Taylor, who be-

gan her service in 1932, and Mrs. Hazel Hutton, a relative newcomer with but 10 years on the local board. With them is City Clerk Vernon W. Coil. Mrs. Gramling, who has served on election boards longer than any other election official in the city, has used her home as the polling place for the past 20 years.

(Press-Herald Photo)

School Board Eyes Major Reductions in New Budget

School budget cuts totaling \$879,897 were recommended to the Torrance Board of Education Monday evening, but trustees served notice that still further cuts will be required.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, suggested the cuts in a special budget study session of the board. Trustees generally agreed with Dr. Hull's recommendations, but took no formal action at the meeting.

"In my mind, we've just got to cut down a lot more," Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, president of the board, told Dr. Hull. "I've got a whole list of things I think we can do without," she added.

THE PRELIMINARY budget, presented to the board a week ago, called for expenditures of \$21.1 million. With the cuts recommended by Dr. Hull Monday, the total figure would be reduced to \$20,274,290.

To balance the new budget, Dr. Hull recommended that \$700,000 of reserve funds be spent. He also presented a revised estimate of income showing a gain of \$88,434—largely from an increase in the assessed valuation. A special health insurance tax of 4.07 cents would net \$115,000 in additional income, while an increase of nearly 4 cents on the general fund tax rate would raise the additional \$93,644.

If approved when the board takes final action, the new health tax and the increase of the general fund rate—coupled with a special 2-cent levy voted last week to finance a new child care center—would mean an increase of nearly 11 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

"We have a general idea of how the board is thinking," Dr. Hull told trustees, "so let us take a look at this and bring it back later."

WHILE TRUSTEES took no vote on the proposed cuts, a

majority of the members indicated they will press for additional cuts.

Trustee William J. Hanson said he wants another \$200,000 cut from the preliminary budget, noting that salary increases total about 10 per cent over current year, wants the same 10 per cent guideline applied to the entire budget.

"All these things are wonderful," Hanson said, "But we've only got so much money."

HANSON HAS been severely critical of any effort to

spend a part of the \$3.9 million reserve fund, insisting it will be needed in the next two years. He previously has urged that the reserves be increased by imposing additional taxes.

Approximately \$750,000 of the reserve will be used to meet progress payments on school construction projects now under way in the event the June 7 school bond issue fails to pass, Dr. Bernard Garen, assistant superintendent for business, told trustees. Spending an additional \$700,000 to finance next year's program would reduce the re-

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Upsets Mark Balloting in Area Cities

Incumbent Willard M. Brown, a Lomita councilman since the city's incorporation, lost his bid for re-election Tuesday. Successful candidates were incumbent Clyde S. Bernhardt; Arnold James (Jim) Cole; and Ray H. Ferrin.

Veteran councilman and mayor L. Pete Jensen was defeated in his bid for re-election to the Gardena City Council. Elected were Ken Nakagawa, Donald H. Davidson, and Harvey Chapman. Davidson and Chapman were incumbents.

Rolling Hills Estates voters elected incumbents Jack O'Hara and Jack L. Hopkins, and challenger Alexander M. Shemet. Incumbent Ray Slaney was defeated.

Palos Verdes Estate turned down a ballot proposal to make the offices of city clerk and city treasurer appointive, while re-electing incumbent Edgar W. Gibb to the council and adding Joseph T. Barnett and William Goodhew to fill two vacancies.

Incumbents Win In All City Races

Salary Raises Vetoed

Torrance voters said "No, No" to Go Go yesterday, as well as to a City Council which was seeking a salary increase.

Voters delivered overwhelming verdicts on three amendments to the city's charter, adopting a ban on topless attire in public places by a 3-1 vote and turning down by 2-1 majorities two measures which would have increased the salaries paid the mayor and councilmen.

The topless ban, authored by Mayor Albert Isen and dubbed the "Go Go Amendment," was sent to Sacramento for the approval of the State Legislature by a 9,000-vote margin. The amendment received 14,420 "yes" votes and 5,350 "no" votes.

Both salary measures failed, although slightly more voters favored an increase for the mayor. Amendment "A," which would have increased the salary of councilmen to \$300 per month was defeated, 13,573 to 6,099. Amendment "B," which would have given the mayor a salary of \$400 per month, lost, 13,136 to 6,479.

The Press-Herald had recommended a "no" vote on both salary measures.

Passage of the "Go Go Amendment" marked the first time that a community has voted on an issue which is essentially moral. Backers of the measure have predicted it will put the State Legislature in the position of having to adopt stronger statewide laws or surrendering to cities the power to act on the issue.

San Francisco Meeting Slated

Bert Lynn, member of the Torrance Board of Education, and Dr. Walter Buettgenbach, curriculum consultant for the Torrance schools, will attend a conference on vocational education in San Francisco April 25 through 29.

Area Housewife Wins Cash Award

A Torrance housewife is the latest winner of the Press-Herald cash award bonus.

Mrs. Eugene C. Deppe, 4304 W. 230th St., received a check for \$10 from the Press-Herald after her name was selected at random for the cash award this month.

"We almost got \$60," her husband told her on being informed of the award.

Had the Deppes been regular subscribers to the Press-Herald, they would have received a bonus of \$60—the \$10 monthly award plus a \$50 subscriber's bonus. In addition, their carrier boy would have received a \$10 award.

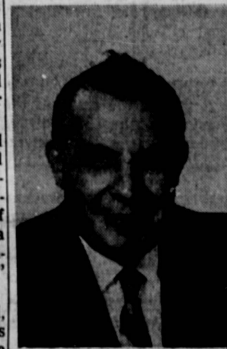
Next month, an additional \$25 bonus will be added to

the jackpot, so the winner could walk off with a check for \$85—if he or she can show a subscription receipt for April. Since names are selected at random from throughout the Press-Herald circulation area, you can make sure you're qualified for the extra bonus by calling the Press-Herald circulation office at DA 5-1515 and ordering the Press-Herald today.

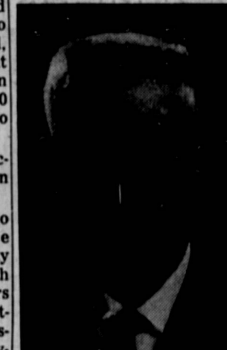
The Deppes have lived in Torrance for the past 11 years. He is employed by the Southern California Gas Co. Mrs. Deppe, a native Californian, looks after her home and cares for three daughters—Jennifer, 13, Denise, 11, and Cheryl, 9.



KEN MILLER



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JAY A. BEASLEY

O'Leary Quits Committee Post For Campaign

William (Bill) O'Leary, chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee of the 68th Assembly District for the past two years, has resigned that office.

O'Leary, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 17th District, said he resigned to devote his time to the campaign.

He is seeking to unseat veteran Congressman Cecil R. King in the June 7 Democratic primary.

Coil Top Vote Getter in City

It was incumbents all the way as 20,191 voters turned out to return six city officials to new four-year terms.

Mayor Albert Isen won a third term by a margin of less than 1,000 votes in the closest contest of the day. Isen polled 10,205 votes while challenger Nicholas Dralle finished with 9,242.

City Clerk Vernon W. Coil, Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert, and Councilmen Ken Miller, Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., and J. A. Beasley all won easily.

BOTH COIL and Rupert piled up landslide victories, while Miller was accorded the largest number of votes given a councilman in the city's history. Miller led the slate of 16 council candidates with 11,010 votes, while Sciarrotta received 8,963, second highest vote in the city's history. Beasley was returned to office by a margin of 1,405 votes over fourth place Orin P. (Bud) Johnson.

Beasley received 6,331 votes to Johnson's 4,927. Also running strong races, but finishing out of the money, were Edward Talbert, Clifford J. Peterson, and Leo F. X. Salisbury.

Coil led all candidates, polling 14,495 votes. Rupert topped the 14,000 mark by 170 votes.

A TOTAL of 39 per cent of the city's voters went to the polls.

Isen took an early lead in the mayor's race, holding a 300 to 500 vote edge throughout most of the night. Late returns, however, pushed his margin to more than a 1,000 votes.

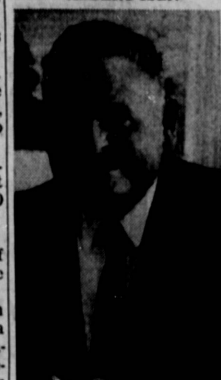
Yesterday's win was the closest of Isen's colorful 12-year political career here. The mayor polled a 3-1 majority in 1962 against Willys G. Blount and defeated Dralle in 1958 by some 1,700 votes.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro fed early returns in the council race to a computer for analysis and predicted victory for the three incumbents early in the evening. The computer reported Miller and Sciarrotta running stronger races than 1962. Miller more than doubled his 1962 vote total and moved from third to first in the race.

Beasley, according to the computer's report, got the advantage as Johnson, Talbert,



ALBERT ISEN



VERNON COIL



THOMAS RUPERT

Election Returns

Complete but unofficial returns, city of Torrance municipal election:

COUNCIL	
Miller	11,010
Sciarrotta	8,963
Beasley	6,331
Johnson	4,927
Talbert	4,554
Peterson	4,163
Salisbury	3,855
Cagle	2,913
Forsythe	2,476
Bandell	1,398
Abshire	1,285
Belcher	1,272
Bisou	1,267
Briganti	1,259
Morris	794
Wright	632

MAYOR	
Albert Isen	10,205
Nicholas O. Dralle	9,242
CITY CLERK	
Coil	14,495
Casey	3,909
TREASURER	
Rupert	14,170
Fleetwood	3,973
CHARTER AMENDMENTS	
No. A (Council Pay) . . .	
Yes	6,099
No	13,573
No. B (Mayor's Pay) . . .	
Yes	6,479
No	13,136
No. C (Topless Ban) . . .	
Yes	14,420
No	5,350