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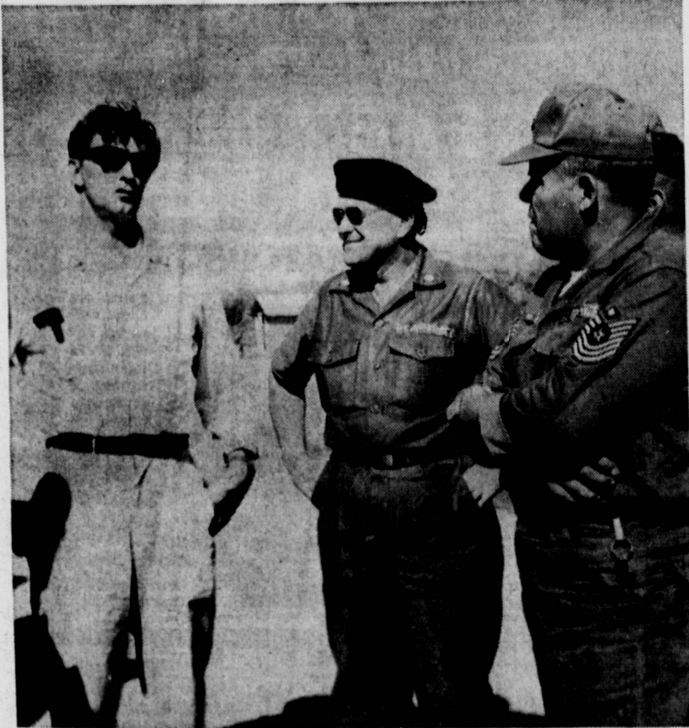
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VIET NAM MEETING ... Film star Bob Mitchum chats with Green Beret Major Bob Sloan and Air Force M/Sgt. Mark Arrietta of Torrance during a visit to Phang Rang in Viet Nam. He went to Asia to visit the troops and has his heart stolen by a group of orphans. For details, see staff writer Tim O'Donnell's story today on Page 1, Section C.

Torrance Bonds Lose In Heavy City Voting

Early Returns Show Thomas Chapel Leading

Fragmentary election returns for local partisan offices indicated this morning that Judge Ralph C. Dills was taking a strong lead for the Democratic nomination in the new 32nd Senate District and that Republican Robert Stevens was emerging as the strong vote getter in the new 25th District.

Few surprises were apparent in other local races as Republican incumbent Charles Chapel was well ahead in his bid for renomination in the 46th Assembly District, and Democrat Vincent Thomas is leading in the 68th Assembly District.

Lawrence Townsend, member of the city's Civil Service Commission, took a lead for

nomination on the Democratic ticket in the 67th Assembly District to succeed Clayton Dills who is retiring.

Incumbent Congressman, Democrat Cecil King in the 17th and Republican Alphonzo Bell in the 28th, were leading their races.

Dr. Don Cortum ran unopposed for the Republican nomination in the 17th Congressional District.

Other early returns today indicated the Watts Hospital bond proposal probably would be defeated and the measure for Water bonds would be approved. The statewide voting on school construction bonds apparently is winning.



TRANQUILINO VALDEZ Marine Pvt. Tranquilino M. Valdez Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tranquilino Valdez of 21138 Martin St., has completed individual combat training at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Measure Wins Large Backing, Still Rejected

Torrance's \$9 million school bond proposal was narrowly defeated Tuesday as more than 60 per cent of the city's 54,000 went to the polls for the primary and special elections.

With all of the city's 224 precincts tabulated, the unofficial count left the bond measure short of the two-thirds majority needed to carry. With all but one precinct reported, the vote was 21,333 Yes and 12,554 No.

THE MORE than 32,000 persons who marked ballots in the school bond issue was a record for a local election it was believed.

"The people of California have a constitution that says 12,000 people can tell 21,000 they can't have schools for their kids," Superintendent J. H. Hull said early today. "If we were after a light-

ing district, a memorial park, or a sewer district, we could do it by a simple majority," Dr. Hull said.

"We have to live with it until the people get smart enough to change it," he added.

THE SUPERINTENDENT told the Press-Herald that double sessions would have to be the immediate answer to overcrowding which will come at several of the city's schools. He had pointed out before the election that boundary shifts and other means of spreading the class load out had been utilized to the fullest already.

Another bond proposal will have to be put before the voters. Possible election dates are limited to late August or early September, on the November general ballot, or in February 1967.

Chamber Becomes Agency Of Commerce Department

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday was officially designated a Cooperative Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce, one of nine such city and county groups to be selected in Southern California.

Accepting the certificate of appointment from Dr. Stanley K. Crook, director of the Commerce Department's Los Angeles field office, was Bruce Jones, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

By mutual agreement with the Commerce Department, the Chamber of Commerce will make available to Torrance - South Bay business firms a wealth of information covering the fields of foreign and domestic marketing, technical information, exporting and importing, and financial analysis and man-

agement aids for small business.

REMARKING on the establishment of the new facility, Jones said, "The Torrance Chamber of Commerce is pleased to take a leading role in a program which will do much to assure the economic stability and healthy growth of business in southwest Los Angeles County."

The Torrance Cooperative Office will have available all of the services of the Commerce Department.

Publications on hand for referral by businessmen in the new office library include Commerce Business Daily, International Commerce, Marketing Information Guide, Construction Review, Handbook of Federal Aids to Communities, Statistical Abstract of the United States, plus other special information as published.

Dr. Crook urged the business community to take full

advantage of the tremendous amount of information amassed by the Commerce Department and which will be available through the chamber of offices.

HE SAID THAT not only will state, national and international marketing information be accessible, but detailed statistics on Los Angeles County communities can be obtained also.

In addition to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, other Cooperative Offices are maintained at the Kern County Board of Trade, Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Riverside County Department of Development, San Bernardino County Economic Development Commission, San Diego Chamber of Commerce, San Fernando Chamber of Commerce, and Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce.

Firm Intensifies Program Against Obscene Calls

Pacific Telephone has stepped up its program to cope with obscene and threatening telephone calls, Jim Leggett, Torrance manager of the utility, said today.

The company's current move, he said, implements its long-standing practice of working closely with customers and law authorities to control the problem.

Leggett said company business office personnel and telephone operators are receiving special training to assist customers in dealing with such calls. Cases requiring further action are referred to

the company's security agents who are specialists in combating telephone abuse and fraud.

The current efforts, Leggett explained, are in keeping with concern shown throughout the nation over the volume of harassing, abusive, obscene or threatening calls.

Leggett pointed out these calls violate state laws and that Pacific Telephone and the rest of the Bell System are strongly in favor of prosecution of violators.

Section 653M of the California Penal Code makes it unlawful for persons to make obscene, threatening and other annoyance calls. Persons convicted under this section are guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to imprisonment up to six months, a \$500 fine, or both.

Leggett said company security agents investigated nearly 800 complaints last year from persons reporting they were victims of some kind of annoyance calls. Of arrests made in connection with these cases, 80 per cent resulted in convictions.

"Persons who believe they

are victims of annoyance calls are invited to call the company business office and discuss the problem with a trained customer representative," he said.

In aggravated or extreme instances, particularly where there is a threat of bodily harm, the company will attempt to identify the source of the call, and will work closely with law enforcement agencies on the case.

Leggett said there are certain steps the individual may take in coping with annoyance callers.

These steps, he said, usually include insisting that the caller identify himself and that no information be volunteered or further conversation take place until this is done.

In cases where annoyance calls persist, company representatives advise customers how to obtain information that would assist in identifying the caller.

Customers also are advised they can, if they desire, change their telephone number or arrange so that it does not appear in the telephone directory or "information" record.

Record \$275,000 in Scholarships Listed

More than a quarter of a million dollars in scholarship money has been won by this June's crop of high school graduates, according to Dr. Albert N. Posner, assistant superintendent of education for the Torrance Unified School District.

Torrance youngsters, who captured a total of \$275,172 in scholarships, topped the class of '65 by over \$100,000. Scholarships awarded to their counterparts a year ago totalled \$172,014.

Earning the scholarship money were 168 students. A year ago 127 grants were awarded.

Forty-seven awards were in the four-figure bracket this year as opposed to 39 a year ago.

Ford to Lecture on California Culture

"Our Musical Heritage" will be discussed by noted music leader, John Arnold Ford, before the Christian Single Adult Group, Friday, at 7:30 p.m.

Ford, whose appearance is sponsored by the Southern California Gas Company and Greek Theatre Association as a community service project, will discuss the cultural assets of the Southland at the meeting to be held at First Methodist Church, 119 Torrance Blvd., Redondo Beach.

Son of retired Los Angeles County Supervisor John Arnold Ford, the featured speaker will illustrate his talk with slides and vocal selections. He has appeared as bass soloist with the San Francisco and Los Angeles Opera Companies and with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and Hollywood Bowl Symphony. He has also performed in opera and light opera productions at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles.

Ford, founder of the Educational Opera Association, will highlight the Greek Theatre and the Los Angeles Music Center in providing information on the area's cultural advantages.

Council Meeting Delayed

Because Tuesday, its regular meeting day, coincided with the primary election date, the Torrance City Council deferred its meeting for 21 hours and will meet at 5 p.m. today to consider an agenda which includes, among other items, the introduction of an ordinance which would place a 90-day moratorium on relocation of buildings within the city. A study on relocation permits has been ordered.

A \$104,000 Bonus

The signing of Kemer Brett to a major league baseball contract by the Boston Red Sox for a bonus of \$104,000 has been reported reliably to the Press-Herald. A source close to the El Segundo baseball star told the Press-Herald the contract agreement was reached shortly after Brett was selected by the Boston Team, who picked fourth in the major league draft in New York. Details are published here today on Page 13, Section C.

Graduation Lists Published

A listing of the city's more than 2,000 graduating seniors is published today in the Press-Herald beginning on Page 10 of Section A. The lists include 532 graduating from North High; 639 from South; 371 from Torrance; 295 from West, and another 211 from the district's Adult Education program. Graduation ceremonies for the class of '66 have been scheduled at each of the four high schools at 8 p.m. next Wednesday.

New Site Selected By Board

Selection of a site for a continuation high school was approved by a split vote of the Board of Education Monday night following a lengthy discussion of the issue.

A deadlock on selection of Torrance High School's practice baseball field was broken when Bert M. Lynn, who had been abstaining, cast his vote with Dr. Donald Wilson and Dr. Kurt Shery to approve the site.

Mrs. Kenneth Watts and Board President William Hanson opposed the site. Mrs. Watts opposed the area because of its proximity to the new Navy site which will be developed as a vocational center.

Dr. J. H. Hull agreed that the approved site was not ideal, but indicated it was the best the district had.

A four-month escrow was authorized for the Navy property which was recently approved for transfer to the school district by the federal government.



SEALING A PACT ... Chamber of Commerce President Bruce Jones (left) shakes hands with Dr. Stanley K. Crook to complete agreement designating the Torrance Chamber as a Cooperative Office for the U. S. Department of Commerce. Looking on at the center is Manager J. Walker Owens of the Torrance Chamber. (Press-Herald Photo)