Housing Code Inspections to Be Started

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PLAN FOR THE FUTURE . . . Members of the Torrance Friends of the Library PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.... Members of the Torrance Friends of the Library who are making plans for a reception honoring the city's newly appointed li-brarian, Russell J. West, check out materials to develop the theme of the recep-tion, "Portrait of a City Library." Pictured are (from left) Mrs. Richard Kreuger, recording secretary, who is reading from Shakespeare; Mrs. Ray R. Fitting, pro-gram chairman, checking a copy of the Press-Heraki; and Richard T. Hall, bond chairman, who reads to his son, Rikki, 2. The reception honoring West is sched-nled for Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. (Press-Herald Photo)

Torrance Plane Plunges Into Harbor; Two Dead

Housing Checks Resumed

Inspections of homes in the city to check compliance with the city's housing code will be resumed this week the Press-Herald was told yesterdav by J. E. Scharfman, assistant city manager.

A 60-day moratorium which had been ordered by the City Council ended a week ago, and the city has scheduled the inspections to be resumed he said.

At the same time, residents of the so-called Pueblo area of homes along Del Amo Boulevard between Crenshaw and Van Ness have been of-fered "advisory home inspections" to be made at the resident's request.

. . . IN A LETTER to residents, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro explained that the inspections would be made on a voluntary basis and not related to the urban renewal program which has triggered the North Torrance inspection

City Council Defers Decision on Salaries

granted for an 18-month pe-

COST OF the total employe

As a condition of the 3 per

package, Ferraro said, would amount to nearly \$700,000.

cent increase, spokesmen for

four city employe associa-tions said, the city would have to agree to work with

a Joint Salary Survey con-ducted yearly by several lo-cal agencies, including the

city and county of Los An-city and the Los Angeles City School System. Ferraro recommended a 3

per cent increase, some ad-justments in three specific classes, and full payment of

health insurance premiums. Total cost of the proposal would be \$396,000, Ferraro

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THE CITY manager's of-fice, however, initially rec-ommended that no increases

be granted. The recommend-

ation made last night was the

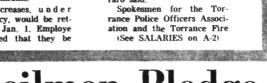
Action on salary increases for city employes was delaved by Torrance councilmen last night until April 25.

Councilmen voted to delag the matter so costs of longevity pay proposal submitted by employes could be com-puted. Cost of the package for the first year is estimated at \$300,000, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said.

The council, however, asked for estimates of the cost of such a program for several years into the future

. . . THE PROPOSAL submitted by employes calls for a 5 per cent increase after 5, 12, and 19 years. Councilmen also asked for cost estimates for a program with similar increases after 7, 14 and 21 years.

In addition to the longevity increases, city employes also asked for a 3 per cent across-the-board increase and for full payment of health insurance premiums.



said.

Planes Crash In Air

Two area men who had flown from Torrance Munici-pal Airport on a training flight are missing after their light plane collided with another Tuesday afternoon and plunged into the harbor near Long Beach.

Officials were still check-ing to identify the victims this morning, although it was reported that a plane which had flown from Torrance airport with a Lomita man and a Palos Verdes Peninsula man had not returned. Names of the two men were not revealed. The light single-engined

plane in which the missing flyers had been flying collided with a twin-engine Cessna with the pilot and three pas-sengers aboard. The Cessna landed safely at Long Beach airport.

Two Plead Guilty in Burglary

Two teenagers arrested March 17 in connection with the theft of some \$1,300 from a safe at North High have entered guilty pleas in South Bay Municipal Court. Everett Theodore Vogus Jr., 18, of 3224 W. 187th St., and Ralph James Hill, also 18, of 15001 Crenshaw Blvd, each entered a plea of guilty to burglary charges before Judge Otto B. Willett Mon-

Newspaperboy Held Up---

A 13-year-old newspaperboy who had just started out to make collections along his North

Reception to Honor New City Librarian

"Portrait of a City Library" Past." Umbarger will discuss plays by Torrance artists and will be theme of a reception honoring the city's newly ap-pointed librarian (Russell J. West, who was administra-tive librarian in Torrance, will dis-uss a "Portrait of the Fu-sussel J. West, who was administra-tive librarian in Torrance, will dis-uss a "Portrait of the Fu-sussel J. West, who was administra-tive librarian in Torrance, will dis-uss a "Portrait of the Fu-ture." More than 700 invitations have been mailed by mem-bers of the Friends of the Friends of the Torrance Library who are in torrance Library, who are in torrance Library who are in torrance Library

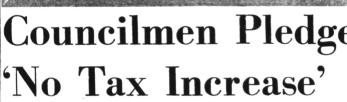
charge of arrangements for Four Held For Theft

the reception and program. Speakers at the reception Four persons, including a Dempsey, 18, of Lawndale; Speakers at the reception will include Mrs. Dorothy H. Jamieson, who served as li-brarian in Torrance from 1935 until 1961; Harold N. Umbrager, senior librarian for the county now assigned to the Torrance Library; and West. Mrs. Jamieson, daughter of Mrs. Jamieso

Mrs. Jamieson, daugnter of Ogram Ave. to investigate a Ogram Ave. Petrick met offi-urban renewal program now approve April 18. Mrs. Isabel Henderson, found-possible burglary of an auto-er of the Torrance library, will speak on a "Portrait of the Arrested were David J. just a few minutes earlier."

said council approval would be needed to seek court or-ders for the program. A LONG waiting list of re

result of a compromise plan developed by the city coun-cil's Finance Committee, Ferraro said.



Senator Murphy Wants 'Propaganda War'

By JERRY REYNOLDS Press-Herald City Editor Senator George Murphy Monday called for the "biggest propaganda campaign ever conducted" to explain the goals of American foreign policy in Southeast Asia.

At the same time, Senator Murphy said the time has come when the United States should change its tac-tics in fighting the Vietnam war.

Speaking to newsmen during a visit to TRW, Inc., in Redondo Beach, Murphy said the United States has become the special target of commu-nists who have "taken over the big lie technique from the Nazis.

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HE SAID this nation has "lost the propaganda war mis-erably in the last 20 years." "We have been able to sell everything else," Murphy added, "we should be able to sell belief in this nation." Murphy said the propa-

ganda campaign should start with the President telling the American people "in clear and precise terms" why American troops are fighting in Vietnam today and what the objectives of the nation's policy are.

HE ALSO called for a re-evaluation of the role of the United States Information Agency (USIA), noting the agency was not created to be a news service but to serve as the propaganda arm of the U.S. government.

The Republican senator said The Republican senator said the nation has been fighting a limited war with hopes of bringing the enemy to the conference table. "Obvious-ly," he said, "the time has come when we should change tactics." tactics."

Murphy said he felt the U.S. should bring its full mili-tary force to bear against the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese, "This is one

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thing the enemy will under-stand," he declared.

SENATOR MURPHY said he would defer to military men when it comes to making military decisions and suggested that the war might end much sooner if politicians are kept out of the decisionmaking process. He did, however, suggest

that the harbor at Haiphong be mined in order to close it and said that restrictions against bombing certain mili-

against bombing certain mili-tary targets should be lifted. Murphy said he was not in favor of bombing population centers. "I feel we should designate certain areas as military targets." he said, "and give a warning to civil-ians in the areas, then take them (the targets) out." them (the targets) out."

HE SPECIFICALLY mentioned airfields and industrial complexes which have been off-limits to American bombers.

During questioning about the California political scene, Murphy said Senator Thomas Kuchel will 'get exactly the same help as all other Republican incumbents" in his bid for re-election to the Senate

next year. Murphy said he would not get involved in the primary election and would support the party's nominee in the general election. Murphy is chairman of the Republican Senate Campaign Committee.

AT A SPECIAL ceremony at TRW, Inc., Murphy an-nounced that Black Foxe School of Los Angeles has been selected to host an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer

Training Corps un it begin-ning in September. Selection of the Black Foxe School, Murphy said. "indicates the exceptional nature of your educational pro-gram and your interest in the Air Force aerospace education course.

THE CURRENT city rate is \$1.2380 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Funds needed to repay the bond issue, if it wins voter approval, will be raised through a library tax increase of from 2 to 4 cents. At the same time, however, council-men said they would reduce the general fund tax rate by an equal amount, thereby maintaining the present overall tax rate.

The bond issue which will require a two-thirds majority for approval, will provide funds for a new central li-brary, for at least one new branch library, and for the purchase of books.

IN OTHER action last night, the council:

 Continued until April 25 a public hearing on a request for a zoning variance which would permit a drive-in thea-ter near the Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boule vard.

• Referred to a special neighborhood committee a request for a change of zone from M-1 to C-R or to C-3 with a precise plan on porperty

orrance route Tuesday evening was accosted by two teenagers, threatened with a chain, and final-ly forced to collect from a customer and then turn over to his assailants, Torrance police were told. Charles Brewer, who said he had just begun his collection route shortly before 7 p.m. Tuesday, was not hurt. Police are questioning two older teenagers about the incident.

Call Special Meeting - - -

Lomita councilmen will convene this eve-ning for a special session to consider plans for the formation of an improvement assessment dis trict. Mayor Joe A. Haslam has called the special session in the conference room of the Lomita City Hall, 25332 Narbonne Ave., at 7:30. The assess Jial, 25:532 Narbonne Ave., at 7:30. The assess-ment district, which would be known as Lomita Improvement District No. 1, provides for the acquisition of rights-of-way, construction of curbs and gutters, and paving of Alliene Avenue. Prop-erty owners would pay for the \$34,000 project. Councilmen will be asked to set a formal public hearing for May & 1967. hearing for May 8, 1967.

Electronic Dealer Robbed ---

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Two men who browsed around Signal Elec-tronics at 22307 Ocean Ave. for several minutes Tuesday afternoon had more than stereo com Tuesday alternoon had more than stereo com-ponents on their mind, Manfred Borks of the firm told police shortly after the pair had departed. Borks said one of the men finally approached him and demanded money from the register. After taking the bills and forcing all employes to lie down behind the counter, the two bandits left the store and fled south on Ocean Avenue on foot. The loss was placed at approximately \$480.

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