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**THIS IS THE ONE . . .** Four-year-old Lisa Pischel (at right) tells Jack Koshimizu, a produce clerk at a Torrance market, "This is mine" as she selects a pumpkin for the traditional Jack-o-Lantern. Helping Lisa to make her selection is her big sister, Laurie, 10. The girls, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Pischel, will join thousands of area youngsters tomorrow night as they make the annual "trick or treat" rounds. (Press-Herald Photo)

# Council Stands Firm On Red Freeway Route

## Citizens' Group Fails in Plea For New Vote

City Councilmen stood firm on their decision to endorse the "red-dash-red" route of the proposed Torrance freeway at last night's meeting.

The seven local legislators refused to reverse their stand when representatives of South Bay Citizens for Community Action presented two petitions requesting the council to oppose all freeways in Torrance.

The first petition, allegedly bearing 2,400 signatures of Torrance residents, is aimed at the City Council.

The second petition, thought to list 3,000 signatures, is addressed to Gov. Ronald Reagan and local state legislators, asking them to introduce legislation to remove the Torrance freeway from the master plan of freeways.

marks about the hearing, saying that the 1,000 people at the gathering were not a representative group from the entire community.

LEWIS ALSO questioned the legality of the State Division of Highways hearing because he thinks the red-dash-red route was not publicized far enough in advance.

However, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier told councilmen he didn't see anything illegal about the hearing.

The red-dash-red route varies slightly from the red route. It courses through the spot now occupied by Riviera Hospital, which is due to be ripped down soon anyway. It avoids about 100 homes in the Torrance Heights area, displacing apartment houses instead.

Councilman Ken Miller reminded Lewis that the council's easiest course would have been to avoid a confrontation and ignore the freeway question. But he said the council was justified in its decision to endorse a freeway route because of the vast number of cars that will be brought into the city in future years with the many new stores and industries being built.

IN FURTHER action, the council voted unanimously to grant a conditional use permit for construction of a gas station in a shopping complex planned for the (See COUNCIL, Page A-3)

## Officer Beaten By Mob

A Torrance police officer was struck a severe blow to his head with a tire iron Friday night while trying to break up a fight in the parking lot of a restaurant at 18120 Hawthorne Blvd.

Resting at home after the incident is Officer Clayne Virgin. Doctors at Little Company of Mary Hospital required 29 stitches to close a four-inch laceration on his head.

Arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and assault with intent to commit murder were Tasy T. Asuega, 20, and Peni Poumele Jr., 19, both of 2101 Vail Ave., Redondo Beach.

OFFICER Virgin reported that the melee broke out about 10:30 p.m. while he was working off-duty on crowd control for the restaurant. He observed a fight between a Samoan and a white youth and attempted to come between them.

The Samoan youth allegedly wrestled Officer Virgin to the ground, where a second Samoan, identified as Asuega, struck him with a tire iron. Officer Virgin had already identified himself as a police officer and drawn his gun on Asuega, he said. At this point, Officer Virgin said, a third youth, identified as Poumele, began struggling with the armed policeman in an attempt to free Asuega.

ADDITIONAL police units arrived just at that moment to render assistance. Hero of the day was 16- (See FIGHT, Page A-3)



**CANDIDATE SPEAKS . . .** Dr. Max Rafferty (left), state superintendent of public instruction and Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, talks with Herman G. Link, manager of Sears Del Amo, prior to a speech to Sears' employees here Monday. Dr. Rafferty addressed some 400 Sears employees during the Monday morning program. (Press-Herald Photo)

## To Washington

### 'Send a Team,' Rafferty Says

Dr. Max Rafferty, Republican candidate for the United States Senate, asked some 400 employees of Sears Del Amo to "send a team" to Washington next Tuesday. "This is no year to horse around," Dr. Rafferty declared. "If you're going to

send a man to the White House, don't send him alone; send him with a team."

And, added the GOP candidate, "I suppose that means you should vote for my opponent if you vote for Hubert Humphrey."

DR. RAFFERTY threw away his text to spend most of his time answering questions during his 30-minute appearance here Monday.

He hit hard at the Supreme Court in answer to a question about rising campus unrest and disturbances. Dr. Rafferty said he, as a senator, would vote only for Supreme Court justices who qualify as America's greatest judges. The court's decisions, he said, have established the climate which breeds both campus and civil unrest.

Speaking directly about the disturbances on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, he said regents are "split right down the middle."

IN ANSWER to another question, he said the Pueblo affair was like trying to "unscramble an egg" and declared, "This egg should have been unscrambled 24 hours after it was laid."

Dr. Rafferty said he feels that an investigation to determine the truth behind the Pueblo is the first order of business. If North Korea is right, he said, then there

"MY OPPONENT reminds us he was a mayor and he was in the legislature and he was Gov. Brown's right-hand man.

"But he doesn't mention why nobody knew who he was until he refused to act on Watts, or why he's being (See BLATCHFORD, A-3)

## Campaign Heats Up

### Blatchford Hits Record Of Democratic Opponent

Republican Congressional candidate Joe Blatchford met more than 200 Harbor College students yesterday with a pledge to "speak out and make decisions" and a description of his opponent as "almost a prototype of the old political order."

Obviously buoyed by the size and enthusiasm of the young audience, Blatchford, 34, criticized his opponent, Glenn Anderson, for "refusing to stand on his entire record and refusing to appear before the voters during this campaign."

"Unfortunately," Blatchford said, "my opponent is almost a prototype of the old political order.

"HE WAS in state government for 25 years and nobody heard much from him. Then, when the governor

was out of the country, the riots started in Watts.

"But Glenn Anderson couldn't make a decision. Glenn Anderson couldn't act. Glenn Anderson couldn't be found. For hours Glenn Anderson did nothing to stop the looting and burning and killing in Watts.

"And after the National Guard was finally called and the riots were finally stopped, the McCone Commission, appointed by Gov. Brown to investigate the riots, singled out Glenn Anderson as the only public official who had helped contribute to the scope of those riots."

BLATCHFORD said he was disturbed not only by Anderson's "record of indecision," but also because An-

## Narcotics Hot Line Open to Teenagers

Torrance High Line, a 24-hour answering service for anyone with a narcotics problem, is currently being sponsored by several local churches. A similar service offered in Palos Verdes has been successful in combating narcotics abuse.

Number for the High Line is 320-2020. Any child, teenager, or adult may call the number day or night. Four teams of counsellors will be on call to offer immediate assistance or refer the case to a specialist.

Team members are professional counsellors, local ministers, and church laymen experienced in dealing

with narcotics problems. Parents are particularly invited to call the High Line if they suspect their children are using drugs.

Spearheaded by the Torrance Church of Christ, the High Line is also sponsored by Seaside Community, Wal-

## Volunteers to Staff New Youth Job Center

The Torrance Youth Employment Service, which was closed down by the state of California for lack of funds last spring, will be reopened this week by volunteer help.

Manning the office, located in a trailer at Torrance Unified School District headquarters, 2335 Plaza del Amo, will be members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club and the PTAs of the four high schools.

The Youth Employment Service office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

INDIVIDUALS wishing to hire teenagers to do house and garden odd jobs and businessmen needing part-time help are invited to phone FA 0-1361 during office hours to place job orders.

Coordinating the volunteer services is Mrs. Larry Smith, philanthropy director of the Junior Woman's Club.

Students interested in applying for jobs will do so through their high school work experience coordinators, who will refer their applications to the employment service.

IN ADDITION to matching student applications with job requests from prospective employers, the volunteers will follow up job performance and working placements by contacting both employers and employees to see if conditions were satisfactory.

## Breakfast Scheduled In Lomita

The Lomita Kiwanis Club will hold its 21st annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday at "the house that pancakes built" — the Lomita Scout Hall, 24822 Narbonne Ave.

The breakfast is scheduled from 7 a.m. until noon, according to William C. Orr, chairman. William Hammond is president of the Kiwanis Club.

Proceeds from the annual breakfast are used to support programs of the Kiwanis Club, including Scouting programs in the city of Lomita.

PROCEEDS from the first 19 breakfasts were used to finance the Scout Hall, which was completed in 1947. Except for weekly meetings of the Kiwanis Club, the hall is used exclusively for Scout activities.

The Lomita Kiwanis Club is the oldest service club in the small city—chartered Dec. 7, 1936.

## Kidnap Suspect Freed

Torrance police have freed their only suspect in the rape-kidnaping of a 4½-year-old Hawthorne girl. The Inglewood man was freed over the weekend due to lack of evidence. Police said his alibi eliminated him as a suspect. The young victim was abducted Thursday from in front of Madison Elementary School while waiting for her babysitter to pick her up. Three hours later, she was found wandering in a San Pedro park by Los Angeles police. The child had been sexually assaulted.

## Gas Explosion Injures Man

A 21-year-old man was burned about his face and hands last night when a gas line exploded at his home. Deputies from the Lennox Sheriff's Station said Arthur W. Jordan, of 4567 W. 167th St., was trying to install a gas dryer by connecting it to a gas line from the water heater. He was unable to complete the installation and attempted to relight the water heater burner when leaking gas ignited. The explosion blew out several windows. Jordan was taken to Gardena Memorial Hospital with burns about his head, face, and hands.

## Police Jail Burglar

A 30-year-old Westminster man has been arrested in connection with several burglaries committed in Torrance. James William McEneaney was arrested Saturday in Westminster when he was caught in the act of burglarizing a home there, according to Torrance Police. He was brought to Torrance Monday to face charges here. Police believe McEneaney is responsible for at least 21 burglaries in Torrance.