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# COP'S MEMORY LEADS TO ARREST AFTER BULLET-PUNCTUATED CHASE

## Pair Flee Officers On Patrol

After escaping police in a bullet-punctuated, high-speed chase, two Garden a youths were arrested Tuesday because of a local officer's photographic memory, according to police.

Robert J. Long, and John Varga, both 18, were jailed on suspicion of theft and traffic charges at Long's home more than an hour after they allegedly fled two policemen in a five-mile-long, 100-mile-per-hour pursuit.

The chase began about 3 a.m. when Officers Bob Hammond and Frank Solis started to park on 187th Pl. near Falda Ave. The auto sped away as the police machine approached.

Shots Fired  
When the fleeing car ignored police red light and siren, Officer Solis fired four warning shots from his service revolver. These, too, were disregarded by the driver of the wildly driven car as it roared north of Crenshaw Blvd. through red lights and stop streets.

But the motorized flight ended in an alley near 104th St. in Inglewood, where the pursued auto ran out of fuel. Its two occupants got away on foot before the two Torrance patrolmen and units of other departments alerted by radio could surround the vicinity.

Light Flashes  
Back at the local police station, the license number and description of the auto caused a light to flash in the mind of Desk Officer Lonnie Brown. He remembered giving a traffic citation to a youth in the auto six months previously. He checked his citation records and came up with Long's name and address.

Police were waiting at Long's house when the foot-sore pair arrived.

They were turned over to Garden a investigators, who said the pair admitted thefts from autos in this area.



INSPECTING FACILITIES . . . Two students at the new Stephen M. White Junior High School, Arlene Rose, 14, and Ronnie Way, 12, look over control panel of \$5000 school intercommunication system before the school opened Monday. Parents of nearly 200 students greeted the opening of the new school by keeping their children home in protest over lack of bus service.

## En Route to School

## Parents Attack Safety Hazards

Some 100 to 200 students failed to show up for classes at the newly-opened Stephen White Junior High School, 22101 S. Figueroa St., Monday, as parents protested the lack of transportation for the children to get to school.

At a meeting last night at the school, Principal Albert Cartwright told the group that a committee from the Los Angeles Board of Education would come out Friday to study the problem.

Since children in the area north of Carson St. between Vermont and Normandie Aves. live within two-and-one-half miles of the new school, the schools do not furnish transportation.

## Y to Hire New Man If Goal Is Reached

The Torrance YMCA will be able to hire another full-time man to handle the increased youth work in this area if the current YMCA drive reaches its goal, Y campaigners were told at the kick-off banquet held Monday evening.

Arnold Leonard, an aspirant for the second YMCA post if the fund drive reaches the required \$24,000 goal, told the group that the program could be doubled with two men and that adequate supervision of leaders and high school programs would be possible with a larger staff. He challenged the group to support an "All-American YMCA in their 'All-America' city."

63 Groups Served  
Joe Wilcox, YMCA secretary pointed out that the YMCA now is serving 63 youth groups and predicted a growth to 125 within the next year if the goal can be reached. He said

## Census Reveals City Is Young

Torrance is a young city and it's composed of young people, it was revealed yesterday with the release of results of the special census taken here on Oct. 10, 1956. According to the report received yesterday by City Manager George Stevens, the average age of Torrance's 82,241 official population is 25.6 years.

The special census report, compiled by the Bureau of the Census, contains a complete breakdown of the city's population by age, color and sex as it was recorded during last October's special census.

60,000 More  
The October census showed a gain of 60,000 persons over the 1950 federal census, or a gain of 298.8 per cent, the special report stated.

The bureau also confirmed earlier reports that there were 22,653 occupied dwellings here on Oct. 10, with an average of 3.62 persons occupying each dwelling unit.

Largest age bulge in the city is those under five years old. This age group accounted for 14,013 of the city's total population.

Next was the 5 to 9 group with 11,564; the 10 to 14 group with 6864, and the 15 to 19 group with 3555.

Half Under 21  
Nearly half of the city is less than 21 years of age.

On the other end of the age ladder, the report showed that only 84 persons exceeded the age of 85.

In the battle of the sexes—the men win by 200.

The city's Oct. 10 population was composed of 41,228 males and 41,013 females. The males hold a slight edge through most of the early years, but after the age of 55, the women forge ahead in numbers until they outnumber men nearly three to one after the age of 85.

Areas Counted  
The special census tracts used by the bureau to facilitate the house-to-house canvass of population show that the largest number of residents

## Gotts Retains Head Job With Merchants

Charley Gotts, operator of Daniel's Cafe, was named to serve his second term as president of the Torrance Retail Merchants Assn. at a meeting of the board of directors yesterday morning.

Elected by the new board to serve with Gotts as officers of the group were George Whitteley, of Whitteley Motors, first vice president; Tim Moore, of Moore's Women's Wear, second vice president; and Frances Lee, of Bernard's Bootery, secretary-treasurer.

Other board members announced in the HERALD Sunday, include Paul Diamond, the Gay Shop; Vern Lovelady, Lovelady Hardware; George M. Naylor, Torrance Hardware; J. H. Paget, J. J. Newberry Co.; A. Robinson, Lawson's Jewels & Sport Shop; O. R. Trueblood, McMahan's Furniture; and William Zappas, Torrance Press.

Under Gotts' leadership during the past year, the Retail Merchants Assn. has inaugurated a "Shop in Torrance" campaign with newspaper advertising, radio spots, billboards, and bus ads.

In addition to the shopping promotion, the group has led the campaign for establishment of an off-street parking assessment district for the downtown area, and has sponsored a number of special events to attract shoppers into the downtown area.

## SITE OF Little Company of Mary HOSPITAL



VISIT HOSPITAL SITE . . . Nursing sisters of the Little Company of Mary visit the Torrance site of the new 125-bed hospital to discuss fund campaign with local industry leaders. Mother M. Genevieve (left), Provincial of the Sisterhood, today announced a \$100,000 pledge from General Petroleum Corp. presented by A. E. Thompson, manager of the Torrance refinery. Mother M. Patricia and George W. Post, campaign treasurer, show architect's drawing of \$2,500,000 institution.

## General Petroleum Gift Biggest Ever Made Here

A pledge of \$100,000 for the Little Company of Mary Hospital campaign from General Petroleum Corporation was announced this morning by Mother M. Genevieve, Provincial of the Sisterhood and its highest-ranking officer in the United States.

The gift is the largest in Torrance philanthropic history, and marks the second time General Petroleum has set the pace in gifts for hospital facilities here. In 1953 the firm gave \$60,000 to Torrance Memorial Hospital.

The signed pledge card for the corporation's gift for the new 125-bed institution was presented by A. E. Thompson, manager of General Petroleum's Torrance refinery and president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

"We are happy to do our share in helping to meet the hospital needs of Torrance," he said.

Plomert Speaks  
At a breakfast of the combined executive and industry committees for the campaign, R. I. Plomert Jr., manager of the corporation's tax department, declared that creation of the new hospital depends upon a unified effort by the community.

"No one industrial gift, no single local business, no mere handful of homeowners can assure the success of this big job," he said. "It must be a combined effort, an effort in which all industrial firms, all local businesses, and all homeowners participate. We have tried to do what we consider

## Grocery Clerks Will Get \$100-Per-Month Pensions

A \$100-per-month pension plan for grocery store clerks with 30 years of service has been approved by nine Southern California Retail Clerks Union and the Food Employers Council, Inc., according to Ben Scott, secretary of the Harbor Area Clerks No. 905.

The agreement will affect some 1200 workers in 150 stores in the Harbor area, he said, as well as 30,000 workers in stores throughout Southern California. Scott was one of six trustees named to administer the plan.

\$100 Pensions  
The plan will offer \$100 per month pensions to food store employees at the age of 65 after 30 years of service. Workers will be able to retire at 55, but with reduced pensions, and clerks with less than 30 years service will receive smaller pensions. All benefits are in addition to Social Security and will be given to widows and disabled workers.

## \$5,000,000 Fund

Officials estimated that the fund would bring in about \$5,000,000 per year, which will be invested and administered by six trustees. Representing the unions will be Scott, Joseph DeSilva, Los Angeles Clerks Union No. 770; and Orrin Lutterback, Long Beach Clerks Union No. 324. Representing the employers will be Thomas K. Ware, mayor of Gardena; Robert K. Fox, president of Food Employers Council; and Jerome Buddinger.

Scott had high praise for the plan, which is one of the first of its type and covers nearly all market employees in the area. Drug clerks now are negotiating for a similar plan, he declared.

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