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### New Shoestring Demo Club Meet Slated Saturday

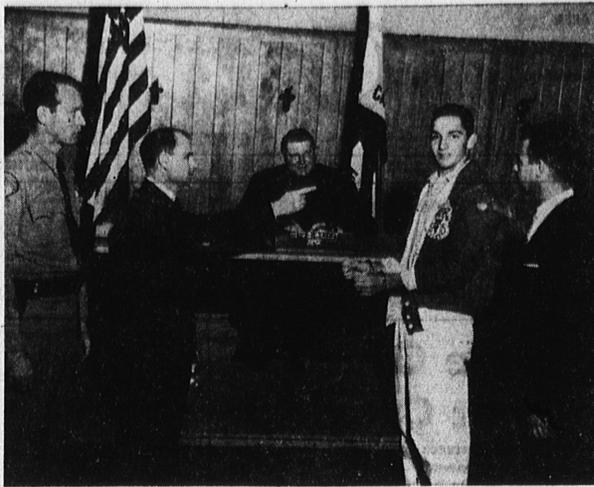
The Shoestring Democratic Club will meet Saturday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Morris Groceman, 20808 S. Brighton Ave.

The agenda will include the election of officers for the coming year and the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. The club is being served by a slate of temporary officers at present. The temporary officers are Morris Groceman, president; Larry Branch, vice president; Bill Wilson, secretary; and John Manning, treasurer.

The newly formed club received word last week that the Los Angeles Democratic Central Committee has approved their charter. The club will serve the section of the Los Angeles City Strip adjacent to Torrance. The chartering of this group will bring to four the number of Democratic clubs in the Torrance area.

### Torrance Herald

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**STUDENT TRIED . . .** The importance of civil rights was demonstrated in a mock trial held Tuesday at Torrance High School, as a student was tried under the Russian and American systems of justice. Shown are Court Bailiff Steve Weidinger; Prosecutor Bob Goetz; Municipal Judge Otto Willet; Defendant Richard Rice, accused of car theft; and Defense Attorney Don Hitchcock. Rice was sentenced to death under the Russian system, but found not guilty by American standards. (Herald Photo)

## Student Sentenced to Death in Mock Trial

A Torrance High School student was sentenced to death Tuesday because two people accused him of car theft.

The sentence of Richard Rice was used to illustrate the importance of civil rights to American citizens. The "trial" took place at a Torrance High School assembly as part of the observance of "Bill of Rights Week."

THS students saw two mock trials conducted—one of the type which take place under Communism and one of the American type. Accused of car theft in both cases, Rice was found guilty and sentenced to death "as an example" in the first case. In the second, he was found not guilty by a jury of fellow students.

**Trial Held**  
Acting as judge in the Russian-style court was former Torrance Police Chief Willard Haslam, while South Bay Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett was presiding in the American-type case. Prosecutor in both cases was Assistant City Prosecutor Bob Goetz, while defense attorney in the American trial was local Attorney Don Hitchcock. (There was no defense attorney in the Russian-type trial.)

### Local Students Semifinalists In Competition

Two Torrance students have been named as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition, placing among 7500 high scorers throughout the nation.

The two are Davil L. Burdick, son of Neil Burdick, 1407 Cota Ave., Torrance High School, and Robert Sibole, son of Robert Sibole, 4732 Pacific Coast Hwy., Junipero Serra High School.

The semifinalists outscored 300,000 fellow seniors in 1,000 high schools throughout the country. They face a three-hour college board examination to be given on Jan. 11 and if they repeat their earlier performance, will be considered for the final 800 awards to be announced about May 1.

Merit Scholars may make their own choice of college and course of study. The value of each of the four-year Merit Scholarships varies with the financial need of the student, ranging from \$100 per year to \$2200 or more.

The scholarships are sponsored by some 60 business and industrial firms, as well as professional societies, foundations, and individuals. The Sears-Roebuck Foundation is the largest sponsor, with 100 awards worth \$500,000 given annually.

### Soliciting Approved

Permission for the United Cerebral Palsy Assn. to solicit funds in the city next May was granted Tuesday by the city council.

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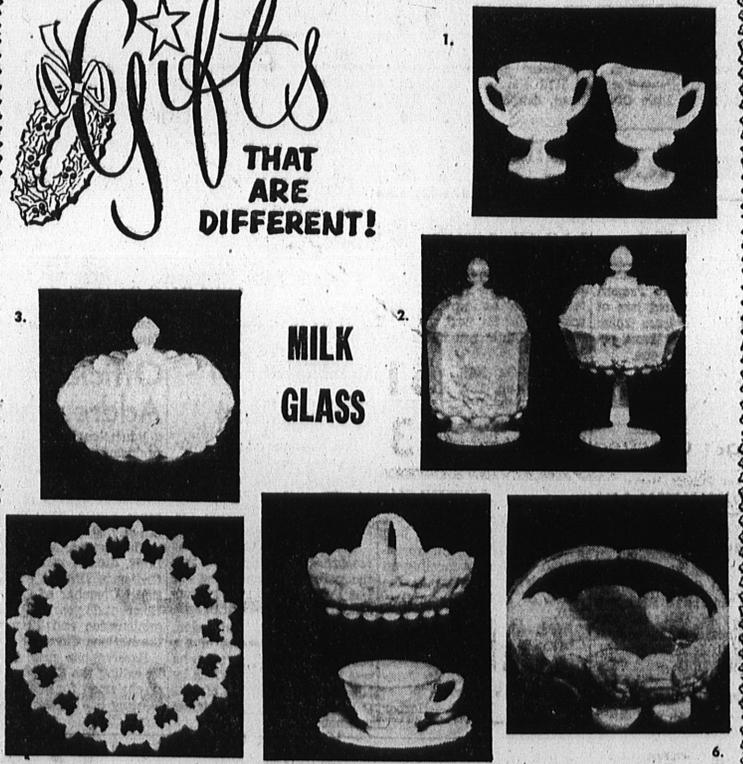
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### Applications Accepted By Air Force

Applications are now being accepted for nomination to the cadet class that will enter the United States Air Force Academy in June 1958, according to S/Sgt. Leland Mason of the San Pedro Air Force Recruiting office.

Applicants must be at least 17 and under 22; male citizens of the U.S.; single; morally and physically fit; between 5'4" and 6'4" in height.

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