

5 NABBED HERE IN DOPE RAIDS

200 Others In Roundup

At least five Torrance area persons were arrested over the week end as Los Angeles Police Department narcotics officers rounded up more than 200 persons suspected of violating various narcotics laws.

Harbor Division officers reported the arrests of:

- Barbara Dwyer, 20, of 1904 Camino de la Costa;
- Frank Saucedo, 20, 25517 S. Normandie Ave.;
- David L. Sanders, 1545 W. 215th St.;
- James E. Kellam, 2334 W. 241st St.;
- Russell M. Ward, 2352 W. 238th St.; and
- Fred A. Enriquez, San Pedro.

THE ARRESTS here and throughout the county over the week end culminated four months of undercover operations, police officials reported Monday evening when announcing the area wide arrests.

The investigations started four months ago when officers of the LAPD narcotics division were sent into the field to make "buys" of narcotics from suspects. During the period, police spent more than \$8000 in

city funds to purchase narcotics including morphine, amphetamine, heroin, marijuana, and others.

Secret indictments were obtained from the Grand Jury last week on 145 suspects on evidence gathered during the investigation.

The arrests started Friday night with about 100 police officers assigned to the roundup. Many of the officers worked around the clock to make the arrests before word spread on the raids, officials said.

AMONG THE caches of dope seized by police were 30 ounces of heroin in one home and 14 ounces in another. The two caches alone were worth an estimated \$150,000, police said.

Another haul of 40 caps of heroin was made with the arrest of Leo Feeley, 27, of Los Angeles, an unemployed laborer who was named as the man who was using juveniles, including his teenage wife, as peddlers in the Southwest Los Angeles and Harbor areas.

Feeley's mother also was arrested by police who said she was trying to dispose of a cache of narcotics her son had hidden there.

Police Nab Suspect in Check Caper

An alleged bad check artist who had been the object of an area-wide hunt was arrested by Torrance detectives within a block of the police station here Tuesday, police report.

Eugene Ronald Russo, who reportedly used the name of Gary Sterling Froman, and Kenneth Richard Jedlicka were apprehended by Sgt. Mickey Fisher after a day-long search for a license number turned in by a market official who had spotted the car.

The men, both 19, are residents of Redondo Beach. Five sticks of marijuana were seized by arresting officers after the car driven by Jedlicka was stopped on Torrance Blvd. near the city hall. Both men have been booked on charges of check forgery and violation of the state narcotics code.

A formal complaint is being sought on the charges, Fisher said.

SILVER DOLLAR DAYS

THREE - DAY SALE OPENS DOWNTOWN

Lucky shoppers in downtown Torrance today, tomorrow, and Saturday will have a chance to collect a total of \$200 in silver dollars in addition to savings offered in storewide sales during "Silver Dollar Days," it was reported yesterday.

Downtown retail merchants are cooperating in the area wide sale, and will offer a large selection of outstanding Dollar Day bargains in addition to giving shoppers a chance at the extra silver dollars.

Names will be listed in store windows throughout the downtown area on the three days of the sale. Persons shopping downtown who spot their names in the window may claim the prize from that merchant by presenting proof of their identity.

Change given to shoppers throughout the three days also will include silver dollars, to stress the nature of the sales event, according to J. H. Paget, spokesman for the retailers.

Check today's HERALD for special values offered by the merchants.

NEW ARLINGTON AVE.

Road to Nowhere Still Stalemated

Slim hopes that the Public Utilities Commission would ease its requirements for a modern signal warning system where the proposed extension of Arlington Ave. would cross what is referred to as the "aluminum spur" near 203rd St. was expressed this week by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier.

Citing conversations with a PUC staff member, Remelmeier said it was indicated that chances were small that

ON SATURDAY

Konya Salute Slated

Celebration of "Konya Day" here Saturday will be opened with a press conference and a luncheon at the Palms to be followed by a motorcade through the city, it was announced here yesterday by sponsors of the international event.

Planned to build interest in a cultural exchange with Torrance's sister city of Konya, Turkey, in a people-to-people program, Saturday's celebration will include a ceremony, gift exchange, and treeplanting at the city hall at 2 p.m. Turkish folk dances will be featured at the city hall ceremony.

ON HAND AS the city's interpreter will be the former Zerrin Kulman, daughter of a former Turkish diplomat who is now Mrs. James R. Talmadge, of 1723 Camino de la Costa. Mme. Ismet Sanli, who will speak later to the members of the Executive Dinner Club, has been invited to participate in the program Saturday afternoon.

that chances were small that the city would get permission to put up a simpler, and less expensive, "cross-back" signal system at the crossing.

Stalemate on a crossing signal is one of the matters which is holding up completion of Arlington Ave. southward from 190th St. to 203rd St.

HOWEVER, Remelmeier pointed out that the cost of the required signal to the city may be as little as \$6000, not the \$10,000 which had been reported to the council earlier.

At the same time, members of the council and city manager's office were instructed to continue negotiations with the Pacific Electric Ry. for an easement across their right of way near 203rd St. The offer of PE to give up an easement over the 100-foot right of way for a total price of \$2500 was termed too high by councilmen. It was pointed out that the balance of the right of way for Arlington had been acquired at no cost.

IN OTHER action, the council asked for the comments of Airport Manager Jack Egan on reports that lease rentals for Acme Aircraft on the airport had been hiked from \$190 to \$800 a month without council action on the matter. The council also denied a claim for damages totaling \$7500 submitted by Wilbur I.

Jones of 129 Via La Circula, for alleged damage to his property by faulty drains in the area.

Approved was a recommendation from the city engineer that the city request installation of traffic control signals at Hawthorne Ave. and Carson St. near the new Del Amo Shopping Center. Answering questions from members of the council, City Manager Stevens agreed that someone should have made the request earlier, probably when the encroachment request for the extension of Carson St. was processed about eight months ago.

BLOOD BANK TO BE HERE TODAY

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its first visit of the year to Torrance today when it is stationed at the Civic Auditorium from 3 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

A quota of 250 pints of blood has been set for today's visit, according to Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman for the local Red Cross Chapter.

Donors must be 18 years of age and must weigh at least 110 pounds, she said. Those who have not made appointments may call the local Red Cross office at FA 8-0510 this morning or check in at the Civic Auditorium this afternoon after 3 p.m.

Ismet Sanli To Speak at Dinner

Miss Ismet Sanli, journalist, lecturer, and former member of the Turkish delegation to the United States, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Executive Dinner Club of the Torrance Area at a meeting to be held at the Plush Horse at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Born in Turkey, and reared in France and the United States, the daughter of a Smyrna newspaper publisher, Miss Sanli was the only woman member of the Turkish delegation at the San Francisco and United Nations conferences.

Considered an authority on Middle East politics, Miss Sanli has achieved a reputation for combining sprightliness with ability and glamour with a fine record of achievement as an international journalist.

Earlier Saturday, Miss Sanli will participate in "Konya Day" celebrations.

Demos Fete Thomas Here On Saturday

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, representative of the 68th Assembly District in the state's legislature, will be honored Saturday evening as the 68th district installs its new officers at a dinner meeting at the Palms.

The popular assemblyman will be cited for his work for the district which includes acquisition of a National Guard Armory here, establishment of priorities for freeway systems in this area, and others during the meeting, according to Rose Sarukian, chairman for the event.

Man Sentenced in Pay Check Fraud

A plumber's helper charged with accepting four unemployment checks while employed was found guilty by a jury in Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett's court yesterday and was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail and make restitution of the unemployment aid.

James H. McKenzie, 29, of 21809 Moneta, was found guilty on charges that he accepted unemployment checks totaling \$160 while he was earning about \$100 a week pay



TROPHY TIME AGAIN . . . Mrs. Grover C. Whyte (left) and Mrs. William I. Laughon show perpetual trophy which will be presented to the person selected as Torrance's outstanding citizen of 1958. The trophy, a memorial to the late Mr. Whyte, publisher of the HERALD for many years, and Dr. Laughon, long-time Torrance physician, will be presented at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet next Wednesday night, March 4. Nominations are open until Monday.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"A concentrated drive is on in California to do away with death sentences. What do you think of capital punishment?" That was the question the HERALD's photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

W. D. Brugger, 5000 Merrill St., printer: "Inasmuch as there is no setup for rehabilitation at present, it remains practical to continue with the death penalty. However, I believe that a broad program should be set up to utilize psychiatric services to reclaim some of these lives. Were such a program initiated, I would withdraw my support of capital punishment."

Adele Valone, 21109 Van Deene Blvd., housewife: "I think the death sentence is terrible. Who has the right to take anybody's life but God? A criminal suffers in jail. If society wants to see him suffer, he could do so while serving a life imprisonment sentence, without his blood on society's conscience."

Jean Vent, 5112 Carol Drive, claims assistant: "In some cases it is necessary. Where murder has been premeditated I believe in 'an eye for an eye.' In other cases, there should be a life sentence. We must have strict sentences to protect the public."

Terry Knox, 23229 Meyler St., housewife: "As far as I'm concerned, I think it is as morally wrong to take the life of the murderer as it was to take the life of the murdered. The guilt of the executioner must be equal to that of the life he squelches."

Jerry Sampson, Beverly Hills, salesman: "I am opposed to capital punishment because I do not think it deters murderers. It is an uncivilized way to handle offenders from whom society merely needs to be protected . . . and does not need to, in turn, murder."

Man Hit by Auto; On Critical List

A 51-year-old Torrance man remained on the critical list at Harbor General Hospital late yesterday after he was injured by an auto at 23863 Hawthorne Blvd.

Warren Reynolds, of 24405 Neece Ave., was hospitalized after he was struck by an auto Tuesday night. The vehicle was driven by Robert S. Johnson, 43, of 3700 Via Corvelina, Palos Verdes Estates, according to police.

More Stores Announced For New Del Amo Center

Opening of the new Broadway Department Store here last week is only the beginning, it was reported Tuesday at the February breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting to salute the new Broadway and its officials, the members of the Chamber were told by Robert Ashton, vice president of the Del Amo Estates Co., that in addition to Broadway and the Sears store now under construction, agreements had been reached with Thrifty Drugs for 20,000 square feet; Food Giant for 56,000 square feet; J. C. Penney Co., 70,000 square feet; Woolworths, J. J. Haggerty, Silverwood, Otre Cafeteria, Lerner's, and others.

ASHTON REMINDED those who had been speaking of what Torrance was like 10 or 20 years ago that his company could speak of the area when it was part of the Rancho San Pedro as granted to a veteran Spanish soldier by his king in 1784.

It was suggested later that the heirs of the original land holder had been keeping the 85-acre site available just for the Del Amo Shopping Center during the intervening 175 years.

WILLIAM BELDING, manager of the new Broadway Del Amo at Hawthorne and Sepulveda received the symbolic key to the City from Mayor Albert Isen.

Belding, in turn, presented officials of his firm, including Miss Dorothy Marshall, general manager of the Broadway Department Stores, and James Brewer, director of planning for the stores. Brewer explained the details which were culminated last week in the opening of the new shopping facility.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE to the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce and the city officials of Torrance during the construction and pre-opening events of the new store was voiced by Belding, who said he and his associates were "deeply grateful" for the help.



OFFICIAL WELCOME . . . Mayor Albert Isen (center) welcomes William Belding (right), manager of the new Broadway Del Amo, and Robert Ashton (left), vice president of Del Amo Estates Co., during breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the American Legion Hall Tuesday morning. Plans for further development of the center were detailed by Ashton. (Herald Photo)