

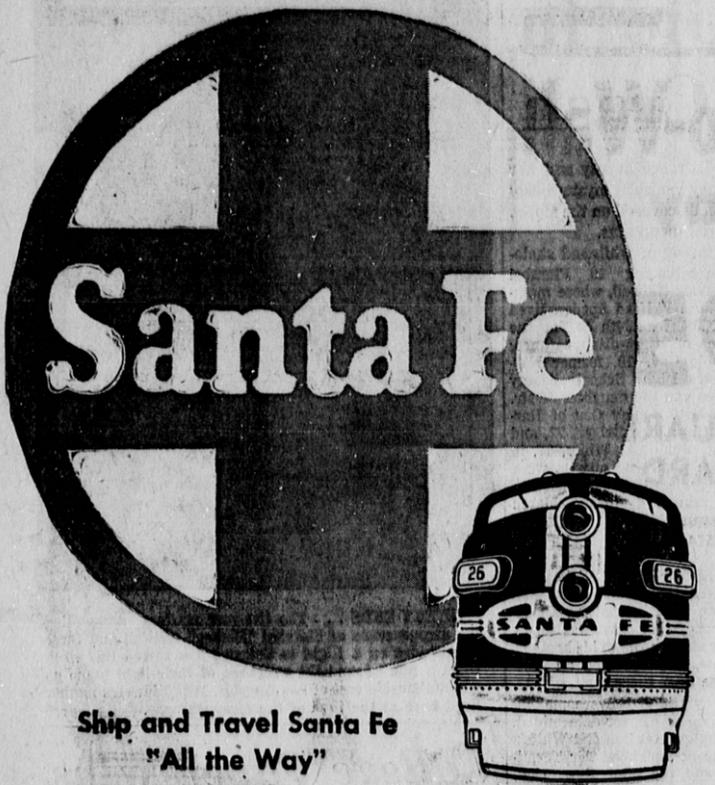
Reds Don't Need Fire Escapes

(Continued from Page 1) had changed since they were printed two years ago. The desk had five drawers and three keys. The drawers didn't close and the keys didn't work. The first new Russian phrase I learned from the people was "Nyet ra-bawteh" which means "It doesn't work." This was applied to the windows, keys, drawers, telephone, elevator, bedlamp, and sometimes, the plumbing. The dunk-type pen at the registration desk also was "nyet ra-bawteh." A step-on type garbage pail sat in the corner. On the night knob, I had a choice of one station. The phone on the night

table was a radio with a single mah jong tile, E, two K's back to back, an N backwards, K, and a Hebrew gimmel. A, B, an upside down L, a mah jong tile, E, two K's back to back, an N backwards, K, and a Hebrew gimmel. RUSSIAN HOTEL rooms do not have telephone books. However, this is no great deprivation since the last Moscow book was published in 1951, and all numbers were changed in 1957. So who needs a switchboard? The bathroom was white tile and the tub was pure joy. It

was roomy and high and there was plenty of hot water. The shower was above the tub and attached was a hand spray, the need for which I never did figure out. The towels were dingy and badly worn. THERE WAS NO closet; instead the room boasted a large cabinet with three wooden hangers. Since I didn't know how to phone for a maid I approached one in the corridor. In my very best Berlitz Russian I asked, "May I have some hangers, please?" "You have the hangers," was the reply. "Only three . . ."

"How many does one need?" she snapped. "I would like ten." "Money spoils people," she replied authoritatively. I DECIDED things had gone far enough. "Never mind the political lecture, just get the hangers." In three minutes I had 10 hangers. This maid was the lemon of the lot and I learned to avoid her. The other maids of the floor were cheerful and motherly. Irena showed me pictures of her family and brought me some fresh bread she had baked. Milla polished my shoes and rinsed my hose although I never asked for this service. My room was kept clean and I considered the maid service excellent. I was astonished to discover that this 36 story building which housed 1500 guests had only six elevators and two of them were "nyet ra-bawteh". There were no fire exits. I checked the staircases four times and found them locked. And then there was the mystery of the 12th floor. No guest was allowed to get off on 12—indeed, 12 did not even show on the elevator light system. THE AMERICANS around the hotel whispered that the communications center was on the 12th floor and all the rooms were bugged. I didn't believe it and I still don't. But the locked staircases were a frightening fire hazard and I decided to ask the director about it. "The staircases are always locked," I told her, "and there are only four elevators operating in this enormous hotel. What would happen in case of a fire?" I asked. Her answer was a Soviet gem: "There ARE no fires in a planned economy!" Copyright, 1959, Field Enterprises, Inc. Thursday: People's Court reveals Domestic Problems.



Santa Fe

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Evening Bookkeeping Classes Still Open
There is still time to enroll in the Bookkeeping class at Torrance Evening High School, according to Bruce Broadwell, instructor. The course is for those who want to gain fundamental understanding of bookkeeping to enable them to qualify for beginning bookkeeping jobs or to obtain better jobs. Enroll in the class in Room 201 of Torrance High School on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.



SISTER CITY SPEAKERS . . . Charles H. Wortham, who recently visited Konya on the City to City Program, gave a talk on Turkey Wednesday before members of the Carl Steele PTA. Mrs. Joseph J. Boylan (left), Junior Woman's Club International chairman; and Mrs. Jack Erving, International Relations Ch. woman of the Torrance PTA Council, participated in the program. Torrance and Konya were praised as sister cities. (Herald Photo)

BIRTHS

TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
JONES—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dale, Lomita, a daughter, Jerri Annette, Oct. 9.
DORAN—Mr. and Mrs. John J., 1528 W. Torrance Blvd., a daughter, Deborah Ann, Oct. 8.
POPE—Mr. and Mrs. Keith, Manhattan Beach, a son, Kurtis James, Oct. 9.
MOSHER—Mr. and Mrs. Edward, 2462 Grand Ave., a son, Donald Mosher, Oct. 10.
SAUCEDO—Mr. and Mrs. A. Redondo Beach, a son, James Angelo, Oct. 10.
MARTIN—Mr. and Mrs. Wesley, 4350 Vanderhill Rd., a son, Oct. 12.
ULLRICH—Mr. and Mrs. A. R., Redondo Beach, a son, Larry Ray, Oct. 13.
DIROLL—Mr. and Mrs. Francis John, 2619 Loftview Dr., a daughter, Cynthia Ann, Oct. 13.
BEATTY—Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon W., Redondo Beach, a daughter, Laura Lee, Oct. 13.
ANDERSON—Mr. and Mrs. William L., 2113 Marjorie Ave., a son, David Lee, Oct. 14.
MARTIN—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L., Hawthorne, a daughter, Paula Jean, Oct. 14.

Obituaries

COLIN McLAY
Funeral services for Colin McLay, 75, of 21716 Reynolds Drive, will be held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel tomorrow morning at 10 with the Rev. Eldon Durham officiating. Cremation will follow. Mr. McLay, a resident of the area for 10 years, died Thursday. He was a native of Blossburg, Penn. Surviving are one son, James C. McLay, of the Reynolds Drive address; five grandchildren, and a son-in-law, LeRoy Rodenberg of Conoga Park.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-In mistaken conflict
- 2-Man's name
- 3-Wine cup
- 4-Arabian
- 5-Tolls
- 6-Neckpieces
- 7-Nunes
- 8-Mental images
- 9-Temporary shelter
- 10-Pedals
- 11-Possesses
- 12-Possessive pronoun
- 13-Greek letter
- 14-Man's nickname
- 15-Sea eagle
- 16-Symbol for silver
- 17-Mild expletive
- 18-Propose to
- 19-The self
- 20-Great Lake
- 21-Relieved
- 22-Railroad station
- 23-Positive pole
- 24-Runs away to be married
- 25-The caama
- 26-Exist
- 27-Meadow
- 28-Provides food
- 29-Obtain
- 30-Slave

DOWN

- 1-Cloth measure (pl.)
- 2-Vander
- 3-Mechanical men
- 4-Talked
- 5-Existed
- 6-Part of "to be"
- 7-Ethiopian title
- 8-Man-died brick
- 9-Strike out
- 10-Appellation of Athens
- 11-Church service
- 12-Lease
- 13-At that place
- 14-Imposed monetary penalty
- 15-Light, old woman
- 16-A state (abbr.)
- 17-Before
- 18-Label
- 19-Time gone by
- 20-Dethrone
- 21-NP
- 22-Transaction
- 23-Wears away
- 24-Lasssed
- 25-Old
- 26-Womanish
- 27-Hard of hearing
- 28-Otherwise
- 29-College official
- 30-Actual being
- 31-Sink in middle
- 32-Place
- 33-Note of scale

PREREADING

PUZZLE PRISON
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'Y' Forming Reading Club

South Bay youngsters may now improve their reading ability at the Torrance YMCA this fall, according to Douglas Cannon, YMCA program secretary. These reading clubs, Cannon stated, are planned for boys and girls desiring help in remedial, developmental, or speed reading. An excellent certified instructor has been secured from the Kendale Reading Center to begin classes on Nov. 2. Free diagnostic testing and consultation is available to both parents and children. Cannon added: "Appointments for Oct. 27 and 29 may be made by calling the YMCA office at FAirfax 8-1272. Two clubs, consisting of seven children each, will be meeting three days a week at the YMCA. Boys and girls will be registered on a first come, first served basis. A nominal charge will be made to cover costs of instruction and materials. Additional information can be obtained by calling the 'Y'.

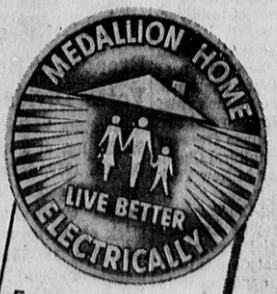
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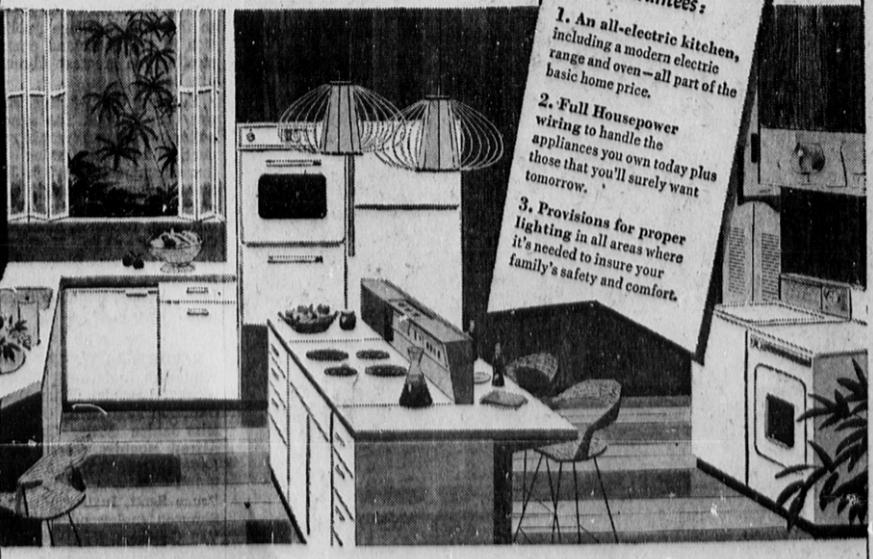
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