

YWCA Building Feud Flares; Local Group Shut Out

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MAN HANGS SELF IN CITY JAIL

Dope Suspect Ends Life by Shirt Noose

A 24-year-old North Torrance man, arrested by police Friday night on suspicion of narcotics law violations, hanged himself in the city jail before noon yesterday.

Jerry Eugene DeGoche, who resided at 18412 Ashley Ave., was picked up by Officers Thomas Lloyd and Robert Keith at his home after his sister, Barbara, had called the police.

DeGoche had been checked in his cell at 9:50 a.m. yesterday by Sgt. Jack Hahn, on duty at the station. Less than 10 minutes later, Custodian Larry Carpenter found the prisoner hanging in his cell with a noose fashioned from his shirt.

ing he had been "high all day." Officers said he apparently had not been drinking. "I want him out of the house and put in jail if possible," the officers were told.

OFFICER Charles Oates, who was acquainted with DeGoche, was called to the scene, and the man was arrested on a charge of violating the State narcotics code.

ATTEMPTS BY Fire Department rescue squad to revive him failed, and he was pronounced dead about 15 minutes later by Dr. Matthew Ellenhorn, who was called to the station by officers.

Capt. John Maestri, who took charge of the case yesterday, said officers Lloyd and Keith spotted DeGoche Friday evening when they went to his Ashley Ave. home. He was on the porch at the time, about to enter the house, the officers reported.

"NO, I'M going in," he answered when the officers asked him to stop.

His sister, Barbara, invited the officers into the house, say-

AT THE TIME of his arrest Friday, DeGoche was on two years probation for a 1959 conviction of violation narcotics laws, police said.

His body was removed to Stone and Myers Mortuary on instructions of the coroner.

Council Set To Hear Beef Next Tuesday

A feud which has smoldered for a number of years between the Torrance YWCA and the Harbor YWCA with which it has been affiliated took on more heat this week when a Torrance Y-Teen club, which has been meeting in the YWCA building at Carson and Plaza Del Amo for two years, was locked out by the Harbor group.

Local backers of the YWCA, who were successful recently in getting the local YWCA released from affiliation with the Harbor group, are up in arms, calling the move by the San Pedro group "spite."

THE DELTA Y-Teen gathered at the building, their regular meeting place for two years, Wednesday evening and were forced to conduct their meeting outside.

The building, located on city land and built with funds raised locally by the Junior Women's Club and other groups, was erected in 1951 under the

direction of Torrance Businessman Sam Levy.

A LEASE ON the building was granted to the YWCA by the city, the lease going to the San Pedro group as the parent organization.

Spokesman for the San Pedro YWCA says that group must iron out the technicalities of ownership, and that they are consulting attorneys.

SPOKESMAN for the Torrance group, however, says the San Pedro YWCA has known since July that Torrance was to be released from the control of the San Pedro group.

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COMPACT MODEL . . . Bon Bon, pocketbook size Chihuahua, rode in style to El Nido Park Saturday to attend practice sessions for South Bay Chihuahua Club sponsored all-age show to be held in park Oct. 16 at 1:30. Potluck will be featured, according to Homer Johnson, chairman. Bon Bon is owned by Mrs. Arthur Booth of Gardena. (Herald Photo)

Bunco Operations

Stronger Laws Urged by McKesson After Arrests

Stricter laws to protect the buying public were urged by District Attorney William B. McKesson yesterday after four of nine persons accused of operating an accordion-sales racket in the area were placed under arrest.

The four were arrested in New Orleans Friday where police said they were setting up a similar operation.

The arrests followed a series of complaints by residents of the area that they had been

bilked by paying as much as \$625 for accordions worth \$275 or less.

"We get altogether too many of these complaints from people who have been morally if not legally duped by questionable sales promotion campaigns," McKesson said.

"The complaints come from people who will pay as much as \$700 for a product—usually a household appliance—they could buy for \$125. The

promoters of these sales schemes manage to keep just within the law but the law is too lenient and should be rewritten to eliminate what appears to be a legal racket."

McKesson said the sales pitch, shunned by established local merchants, usually comes from some hastily-formed company which moves into an area for a crash sales program.

The sales pitch, he declared, Continued on Page 2

New Plant Nears Completion Here

A capacity in excess of 500,000 pounds per day of urethane polyester base will be available to users through the newly-formed CPR International Corp. (Chemicals Plastics Research), according to President T. P. "Pat" Dougan.

This tonnage will be supplemented by virtually unlimited manufacture of other urethane chemicals and formulations with completion of production equipment installation at the company's new Torrance plant in this month he revealed.

CPR International is engaged in research and development in the field of chemistry with emphasis on urethanes and production of urethanes.

A COMPLETE line of fabricated products and formulations for the aircraft, missile, marine, heating, airconditioning, packaging, construction and furniture industries also will be produced at the 6½ acre site at 555 N. Alaska Ave., Dougan said.

Included are rigid and semi-rigid urethane foams, rigid and semi-rigid solid urethane elastomers and coatings, sealants and electrical potting components.

SPECIAL equipment now being installed will be capable of producing flexible urethane foam stock up to 80 inches wide and 24 to 32 inches thick in any specified length or density, Dougan declared.

Officers of the new corporation have worked together as a team in the pioneering, development and production of urethanes since 1948. They are, President Dougan, vice-presidents Harry Gerstein and Harold B. Gartner, and Sam Chess, research director and secretary-treasurer.

THIS TEAM assisted in the creation of many "firsts" in the use of urethane including atomic energy applications, Navy submarine construction, encapsulation of satellite instrumentation, Continued on Page 2

A Penny for your Thoughts

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has voted to back a move to raise pay of city councilmen from \$100 a month to \$250 and pay of the mayor from \$100 a month to \$350, saying it would attract better candidates, among other benefits.

What do you think?

Sterling Bullock, 2075 Torrance Blvd., city employee: "I am against a pay increase for councilmen and the mayor as most of them have their own businesses. I don't think the city can afford the hike. We have good men now and more pay wouldn't change it."



Mrs. Sterling Bullock, 2075 Torrance Blvd., housewife: "I agree with my husband. The mayor and councilmen we have are doing a good enough job on the pay they are getting. Why pay them more and raise our taxes? I think their pay is supposed to be expense money, anyway."

Gerald Samford, 22910 Alexander, American Standard employee: "Why not raise their pay if they are entitled to it? It's a good job, isn't it? So pay them for their time. We all get paid."



M. E. Klimm, 1952 Plaza Del Amo, Accountant: "I don't think the mayor's salary should be increased, but I do think the councilmen should get more pay. They do more work, as far as I am concerned, and I feel they are entitled to a raise."

Miss Ann Hern, Plaza Hotel, food processing company employee: "I think the mayor and the councilmen make enough money as it is and I don't think they need a raise. These men are elected, not hired, and they shouldn't be paid for doing their job, as it isn't full time."



Adequate Library Facilities Asked

The proposed West Torrance library should meet the minimum size requirements established by the County Library District, W. J. Hanson, chairman of the library commission said this week. The commission asking the council to provide 4000 square feet for an ultimate 20,000 books.



READY SOON . . . The new Torrance plant of the CPR (Chemicals Plastics Research) International Inc., at 555 N. Alaska Ave. in the new Central Manufacturing District of Torrance will begin production of urethane polyester base sometime this month, company officials reported

here yesterday. The plant is built on 6½-acre site and will include facilities to produce rigid and semi-rigid foams and products for aircraft, missile, marine, heating, construction, furniture, and other industries.



WHAT'S DOING . . . While shopping in Downtown Torrance Colette Landeville and Deedee Everly check new community bulletin board erected by Chamber of Commerce in parking lot next to their offices at 1511 Cravens. Civic messages and notices of city activities will soon be displayed. (Herald Photo)