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BANDIT SLAYS MARKET OWNER

Cold-Blooded Killing Had No Witnesses

A young father of six who had just begun operation of a Torrance market this fall was shot to death under mysterious circumstances in his market Friday night.

Peter Berrera, 33, who was operating the Shoestring Market at 1552 W. Carson St., was found by two teenagers who entered the store to make a purchase. He was face down on the floor behind the counter, a bullet in his brain.

Douglas Gets New Contract On Air Study

POLICE detectives said there was no sign of a struggle, and that Barrera had been shot in the left side of the head, indicating that he probably was not resisting arrest at the time he was slain.

Robbery appeared to have been the motive, according to Det. Adrian Thornberry. A small amount of money remained untouched in the open cash register when police arrived at the market, which is located just east of Western Ave. on Carson St.

STORE OWNER Clemente Barreras, who lives behind the market, said Berrera had leased the store recently because "he always wanted to have his own grocery store some day."

A full-scale search for the gunman was ordered after the cold-blooded killing was discovered. The victim's wife was reportedly on a shopping trip at the time of the shooting. She returned to the store to find the police and a crowd of onlookers on the scene of the shooting.

"HE WAS a fine and ambitious young man," Barreras said.

Detectives were still "beating the bushes" last evening in an attempt to turn up some clues. There were apparently no witnesses.

IT IS anticipated that the system will be composed of sensitive detectors that will indicate the presence of either unusual numbers of microorganisms in the atmosphere or of varieties which are not usually present. This would give an alert to the possibility that an attack had taken place. Identification of the organisms would be undertaken as a separate step.

BEING MOBILE, the monitors could be re-deployed whenever necessary to adjust to tactical, topographical, or meteorological changes.



SAXON QUEEN . . . Nancy McDonald, North High School senior, rides in her convertible throne during half-time of the North-Hawthorne football game Friday night. Miss McDonald was elected 1960-61 Homecoming Queen by student vote and reigned over activities honoring the school's alumni (Herald Photo)

Some Irrefutable Facts (An Editorial)

The downgrading of the nation's world and domestic situation by Senator Kennedy in the campaign, now roaring to a close, calls for some serious consideration of irrefutable facts relating to the economic situation even in this election year of 1960.

To ignore the existence of a slackening of the country's record prosperity in some areas would be naive and ignorance of fact. Yet, while looking squarely at these warning signs, is it not only fair to look beyond to reliable causes and effects?

While talking about the letdown in steel output should not one be aware of the increase in steel production capacity that certainly enters into any sensible conclusion? Is the average citizen so blind as not to be able to see the evolution that is taking place all about him? Does he not see the increase in the use of aluminum and other metals in his own automobile, his home, and the appliances he uses every day of his life?

Certainly, employment in the steel and aircraft field is down in the Torrance and the Los Angeles area. But, can it not be understood that the aircraft business in the past decade has undergone a revolution calling for skills in the new era that were unnecessary only a few years ago to mass-produce airplanes?

Let's look at the record.

In the month of September employment in the United States reached 67,767,000 — the highest for and September in history. At the same time, unemployment dropped 400,000 to 3,388,000 and the average of factory workers was at an all time high.

We ask you: "Is this bad?"

In 1952 when President Truman left office, employment stood at 61,035,000. Yet this is the year to which political seers on the left make nostalgic reference and implore this nation to return to its standards. When President Eisenhower took office, they say, progress was suspended.

In this last seven and one-half year period the Gross National Product climbed from \$347 billion to \$503 billion, personal income soared from \$273 billion to \$408 billion; average personal income now stands at \$6520 as compared to \$5120; average weekly wage is up from \$67.97 to \$90.68 and savings deposits have grown from \$83.5 to \$155.4 billions.

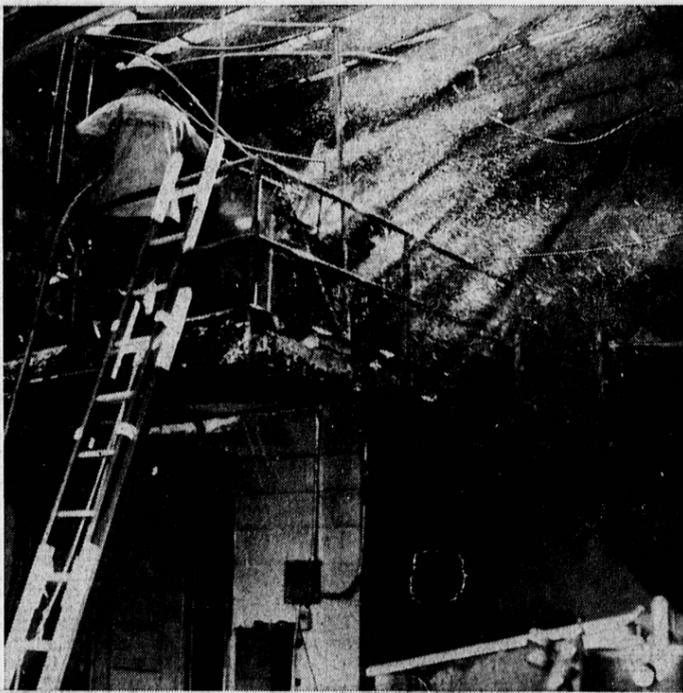
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Furthermore, in these same years which Senator Kennedy derogates as years of "decline," automobile registrations have climbed from 53 million to 73 million; owner occupied homes are up from 57 per cent to 63 per cent; and total assets of United States individuals — the property of the people — have grown from \$373 billions to \$546 billions.

We ask you: "Are these the dangerous signs of a 'second class nation'?"

These facts should be in the mind of every voter when he goes to the polls on Tuesday. He has a right to vote for any candidate he chooses; but, he should not be swayed into voting for any candidate who has made capital of ignoring the facts.

The voter possessed of these facts, and desiring to retain the achievements of these good years, can vote with assurance for NIXON and LODGE.



FIRE SCENE . . . Fireman pours water on plastic processing equipment at the recently opened CPR International plastic company plant at 555 Aliska St. Friday noon after fire started on the delivery chute and raced back into the plant. President T. P. "Pat" Dougan said it would be several days before extent of damage could be determined. (Herald Photo)

Attorney Doubts Sunday Barber Shop Laws Valid

A Sunday closing law for barber shops would probably be held unconstitutional if adopted by the city council, Robert K. Dower, assistant city attorney, has decided in an opinion prepared for next Wednesday's meeting of the council.

Answering the question put to him last September by the council, Dower said such a

law, even if based on the public health issue, probably would be held discriminatory if limited to barbers as a trade.

He reported that the State Board of Barber Examiners, charged with supervision of barber shops, has inspectors in the field throughout the week and on five Saturdays of each two months. Sunday inspection, an issue in the local discussion, is made on specific complaints, Dower said he was told.

Sunday closing laws must have general application, he concluded.

In other matters due before the council, scheduled to meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday because election day is a legal holiday, the legislators will discuss library matters with the county librarian, will consider a request for a senior airport attendant, and receive several recommendations on traffic control changes.

To Speak at Harbor Film Showing Set

Doctor David B. Sheldon, assistant professor of surgery at the University of California Medical Center, will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Harbor General Hospital Postgraduate Lecture Series on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. in the E-1 Auditorium at Harbor General Hospital.



Torrance when Jupiter Pluvius cut loose with a downpour just as classes let out at 3 p.m. Using scarfs, coats and newspapers for protection many braved the short rain storm. Parents who came for their children in cars jammed streets around most of the schools. (Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Who do you think does better at grocery shopping . . . the husband or wife? Why?"

Replaying were: Dan Cunningham, 1923 Reynosa Dr., high school student; "I think the husband does better shopping because he knows what he wants when he goes into the store, gets it, and leaves whereas the wife always gets more than what's on the list and often things she doesn't need. A woman will buy anything if she thinks its on sale. Also she takes more time to make up her mind."

Mrs. Lee Luckett, 117 E. 220th St., housewife;

"The wife does the best shopping for groceries because she usually shops around for the best bargains, and doesn't

take the first thing she sees as men so often do. Also she is more conscious of the family finances and tries to make the money stretch farther. I think most women shop from a list and makes use of discount coupons."

John Shackelford, 21154 LaSalle Ave., pipeline worker;

"I think my wife is the best shopper for she is the one who has to prepare the meals. She's more aware of how much the food allowance is and what it has to buy. I think women shop around more for the specials so they can save and make the money go farther."

Mrs. Michael Strelch, 1617 W. 223rd St., housewife;

"My husband and I have always shopped together so I couldn't say one is any better than the other. What I don't think of, he does, so we get along fine. We both keep an eye out for the specials but we don't have any planned menus. We have a freezer so if we don't use the specials this week it doesn't matter, we just keep them until we want them."

Mrs. Elsie Martin, 22115 Bonita, electronic assembler;

"I think the wife is the better shopper because she prepares the meals so knows what she wants for it and what the family wants. I plan my menus for the week then buy accordingly and try to take advantage of the specials as much as possible. I don't have much time to shop around as I work full time so naturally I have to have things planned or I could never get everything done."

Turnover of Teachers at 19 Per Cent

Teacher turnover in Torrance last year was about 19 per cent, according to a report to the Board of Education Tuesday night.

A total of 186 teachers resigned their positions, citing a variety of reasons. The 19 per cent figure compares with recently-published turnover figures of 37, 21, 20, and 11 per cent, respectively, for four other school districts in this area.

Most commonly cited reason for leaving this year was "inconvenient location." Teachers who live as far as Arcadia, West Los Angeles, or Orange County found the drive or traffic too hectic. Personnel Director Robert Morton said. This is becoming an increasing problem, he noted, with 21 per cent citing this reason.

Eighteen per cent accepted teaching jobs elsewhere, while 16 per cent including women who decided to become full-time homemakers, cited home responsibilities.

Other reasons cited were: probationary contract not renewed, 10 per cent; husband got job elsewhere, 7 per cent; foreign teaching, 6 per cent; maternity, 5 per cent; entered other business; 5 per cent; got promotion in other district, 5 per cent; return to full-time schooling, 5 per cent; health, ½ per cent; and miscellaneous, ½ per cent.