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\$500 EXTORTION REPORTED HERE

Threats Used To Get Money From Victim

A 64-year-old Torrance Mexican, who speaks very little English was the victim of a \$500 extortion here police were told yesterday.

Luiz Ordaz, who resides at 2056 Del Amo Blvd., was reportedly forced to draw that amount from his bank account on the threat of bodily injury, police learned.

Abelardo Gonzales, son-in-law of Ordaz, made the report to police, saying he feared the extortionist may seek to repeat the crime.

IN ANOTHER case reported yesterday, the owner of a downtown Torrance cocktail lounge told police she was forced to jump from a moving auto to escape a robbery try. Olivia Andrews, 40, who resides at 1629½ Amapola, asked the suspect for directions near her place of business Friday evening. She is new in Torrance, she told police.

THE SUSPECT offered to drive her to the area she inquired about, and the two left in her late model auto. After showing her the directions, the couple returned to the downtown area where he threatened her and attempted to rob her, she said. Her purse contained only \$50 she told the suspect who was driving her car.

They continued to drive around town, and on Martha St. near Lincoln Ave., the woman spotted a house with a porchlight burning, and jumped from the moving auto despite his threats to her.

OPAL GREER at 2608 Martha St., at whose home the woman had seen the light, called police.

A car registered to John Howard Mercer of Los Angeles was found in the parking lot of the downtown cocktail lounge. Police are seeking him for questioning.

The victim's car was recovered near 223rd St. and Western Ave.

Chamber To Greet New Firms

Three newcomers to Torrance will be feted at the January breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday morning, Jan. 31, it was announced here yesterday by Co-chairmen Jim Post and Art Woodcock.

Consumers Mart of America, listed as the world's largest membership department store, will be constructed on 15 acres of land at Western Ave. and Del Amo Blvd. in the near future, and officials of the giant merchandising firm will be greeted officially at the meeting.

Also to be honored at the breakfast will be officials of the Linde Co., a division of Union Carbide Corp. The Linde Co. has recently completed construction of a liquid nitrogen plant here to supply the high-energy fuel to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The third organization to be honored is the VagaBondia Coach Campers, one of California's largest manufacturers of coach campers for pick-up trucks.

The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 2326 Cabrillo Ave. and will dismiss promptly at 8:30 a.m. to permit businessmen and others to go on to their own professions.

Local Vet Invited to Lead Pledge

Luis Fairhurst, a realtor who resides at 1103 W. 228th St., will lead the pledge of allegiance to open next Tuesday's meeting of the board of supervisors.

Fairhurst, a veteran of service in Sicily, Italy, France, Luxembourg, and Belgium during World War II, is a member of the Inglewood Post 188 of the American Legion and the Gardena Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

As a result of his action with the 91st Division, the 82nd Airborne Division, and with the Free French Army, Fairhurst received Purple Heart with four clusters.

He will be a guest of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Guest to Speak On Narcotics Here

The Rev. Paul Friedmann, chairman of the Southern California Committee on Narcotics, will speak on the subject of narcotics education at 9:15 a.m. worship service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church today. Announcement of the special talk was made by the Rev. Hugh R. Percy, rector of St. Andrews.

Leadership of Doctor Cited By Colleagues

Dr. Howard A. Wood, prominent Torrance physician and civic leader, was scheduled to receive a special plaque from his colleagues on the medical staff of the Torrance Memorial Hospital last evening for his leadership in raising \$100,000 to build a new maternity and surgical wing on the hospital.

The presentation was scheduled as a highlight of installation ceremonies last night at the Palos Verdes Country Club where Dr. John F. Nursall, Torrance eye surgeon, was to be installed as chief of staff for the hospital.

DR. NURSALL succeeds Dr. George O. Peeke, obstetrician and gynecologist, who has served as chief of the medical staff during the past year.

Other officers scheduled to be installed last night include Dr. J. John Manson, Redondo Beach, orthopedic physician, as assistant chief of staff; and Dr. William A. Davies, general practitioner of Torrance, as secretary-treasurer. Dr. Carlo A. Tabellero was to be returned as financial secretary.

PRESENTATION of the special award to Dr. Wood was planned by Dr. Philip M. Holoran, former chief of staff at the hospital and master of ceremonies for the event. The plaque read:

"The Medical Staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital presents this plaque to Howard A. Wood, M.D., for devoted and effective service as Chairman of Adjudication Committee."

Dr. Rodney A. Stetson was installing officer for the annual affair. Members of the hospital board were guests of the evening which was to be concluded with dancing after dinner.

Report on Court Due By March

A report of the judges committee studying permanent location of a Superior Court to serve this area should be completed by the end of February and be returned to the full court, Superior Judge Lloyd S. Nix, chairman of the committee, reported this week. Completion of a report will follow a public hearing scheduled for 8 p.m., Feb. 15, in Department 12 of the Superior Court which is in Room 215 of the County Courthouse, 111 N. Hill St.

Full consideration will be given at the hearing to present and future population trends, transportation routes, location of detention facilities, possible district boundary changes, and availability and cost of both land and parking at each of the sites under consideration, Judge Nix said.

Torrance and Inglewood have been selected as sites, with the county administrative officer recommending that the court be placed in Inglewood. Torrance officials have protested, and are seeking to have the court established here.



GETS REPORT . . . Harry Van Bellehem, director of the city's recreation department, receives report and maps on survey of recreation facilities in Torrance made by the Torrance unit of the League of Women Voters. Presenting the information are Mrs. C. K. Berwanger and Mrs. Charles K. Howey. (Herald Photo)

Industrial College Sees National Supply Plant

Sixteen students and faculty members of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D. C., visited the Torrance Plant of the National Supply Division, Armco Steel Corp. Monday. This is the ninth consecutive year that the National Supply plant here has been selected by the Industrial College as part of the annual field trip of its student members.

The visiting group included Rear Admiral G. Serpell Patrick, U.S. Navy, the Deputy Commandant of the Industrial College, who is in charge of its Resident Division, Admiral Patrick presented National's manager, J. D. Spalding, a Certificate of Appreciation "for the significant contribution that National Supply made to the educational program of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces on the occasion of the visit by its students and faculty."

THE INDUSTRIAL College is one of the country's senior joint service colleges. It operates under the direction of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and devotes to the study of the economic aspects of conflict between nations.

The economic-industrial status of the U.S. is studied against the background of the interrelated economic, social, political, scientific, psychological, and military factors. Students who attend the 10-month resident course at the College include 150 selected senior officers of the military services and key civilian officials from agencies of government concerned with the economics of national security.

THE PURPOSE of visits to industrial areas is to give the students a first hand understanding of the operational, managerial, and financial problems of typical American industries.

Special consideration is given to inter-industry relationships, the impact of American investments in and competition from foreign industrial areas, and government-industry relations.

This field trip was supervised by Colonel Charles I. Davis, U. S. Army, a member of the College faculty.

City Gets Deed To Airport Site

The council will be asked to approve and order recorded a quit-claim deed to the commercial section of Torrance Municipal Airport at its meeting this week. The deed from the Federal government has been sought by the city for several years.



OFF TO INAUGURATION . . . Happy as they took off this week for the Inauguration in Washington, D. C., were the Sidney Harris family of 1608 Faymont Ave., Manhattan Beach. Joseph Harris, 16, (center) was the winner of the Mayfair Creamery "Win-a-Trip to Washington" contest. Seen with the Harris family are John Melville, creamery manager. Waving an enthusiastic farewell are a group of Joe's fellow-students at Aviation High.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What is the March of Dimes and who is helped by contributions to this organization?" This question was asked five children from Flavian Elementary School.

Cherie Sheets: "Dimes given to the March of Dimes campaign are used to help crippled children. I always put dimes in the containers — when ever I have a dime. We are making waste paper baskets to sell and raise money."



Andy Calkins: "The money we give to the March of Dimes is used to help blinded kids. No, I mean crippled ones. I have seen kids with braces on their legs and our dimes help buy the braces for them and buy their medicine."



Diane Doyle: "The March of Dimes is to raise money for sick people—especially little children. They are sick from polio and our dimes help make them well again. We are working on a drive right now to raise money and help."



Linda Salby: "The March of Dimes campaign is to raise money for research and to discover medicine to cure polio. Our contributions helped Dr. Salk discover the serum now used in shots to prevent polio. It is also used to help the victims."



Janet Salby: "All of the money given to the March of Dimes does good and is used to help crippled people. The March of Dimes was started by the late President Roosevelt, who had polio. People who buy the baskets we have made are helping the cause."



Damages Claimed After Bus Crash

Claims exceeding \$7000 as the result of the crash of a Torrance Municipal Bus in Los Angeles on Oct. 13 have been filed with the city council by Nazario C. Viloria, a passenger on the bus at the time of the accident.

Viloria claims medical expenses of approximately \$1200, loss of wages at \$84 a week for 12 weeks, and general damages of \$5000. He says he has been unable to work since crash at Adams and Hill