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It Could Happen Here

The tragic death of 4-year-old Edith "Googie" Kiecorius in New York at the hands of a sex monster seems a long way from the happy homes of Torrance's many new tracts and the laughing scores of children up and down the block.

Except for a few newspaper accounts, or a fast radio or television report, there is little to connect a Torrance mother with the death of that little girl whose sexually assaulted body was found in a rooming house on Manhattan's west side two weeks ago.

There is no connection except that any mother probably feels in a small sense the horrible shock which must have befallen the victim's mother. After a quick glance at her own tots playing nearby, it would be natural for a mother to reassure herself by saying "it can't happen here."

While the latest incident to shock the nation was actually 3000 miles from Torrance, it could have been as easily on a Torrance street that the little girl was picked up by the degenerate.

Not too many years ago an elementary school girl was brutally assaulted by a man who took her from the central area of Torrance. While she was later returned to her parents, the child had gone through a sickening ordeal, and her tormenter was never apprehended.

The victim could as easily have been destroyed—someone base enough to carry through such a heinous crime could have little compunction against destroying his victim when his warped lust is gratified.

As a word of warning to parents, police remind them to keep informed on the whereabouts of their children, know with whom they are playing and where when away from the house; and above all, train them to be wary at all times of strangers.

Such care and training could save their lives.

Opinions of Others

Officials of governmental agencies, whether these be city, county state, or nation, contend they have many things that the "people" would not be interested in; would not care to know; should not be told. They have the idea that discussions should be closed to the public, that the final decisions are what count.

These government officials forget one thing. They forget the people, for whom they now wish to keep information, are their bosses. They forget that these same people have more than a right, they have a guarantee in writing known as the Bill of Rights, to know all that is going on and to draw their own conclusions.—Titusville (Fla.) Star-Advocate.

Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

Twenty years ago, according to Torrance HERALD files, local residents were anticipating the arrival of Colorado river water over aqueducts of the Metropolitan Water District as 1941 marked the 10th anniversary of the formation of the district. Torrance was one of the original cities to make up the 13 which formed the district. During the 10 years taxpayers of Torrance had been assessed more than \$400,000 toward defraying original costs of the tremendous project. Foresight shown by many local civic leaders in 1931 has been repeatedly proved with the growth and development of the MWD. C. T. Rippey was serving as a director of the district, having been named to succeed J. R. Jensen who died in 1933.

Torrance Memorial Hospital was one of 55 hospitals in Southern California to receive certificates of approval from the American Hospital Assn. More than 40 motorists received warning notices for illegal parking in the downtown business section. Many of the drivers, according to Chief John Stroh, were parked on the wrong side of the street. He warned the drivers that a second offense would result in prosecution. The action was part of a one-month drive by the department "to get the situation straightened out."

New selective service quotas were announced, there were news of many volunteering for duty, at the Junior Chamber of Commerce was feting its president, Jack Elder, on the eve for his departure for regular duty in the Army.

There's a hen among T. J. Wilson's flock that believes in increasing production for home defense against hunger. But she does not do the obvious—lay more eggs.

Instead, this production-minded fowl believes in increasing the size of her product. The other day Wilson, well known painting contractor, discovered she had laid a monster that measured 9 by 7 1/2 inches.

Tickets were on sale at Torrance Pharmacy for the war benefit appearance in Shrine auditorium of Gracie Fields. Many Torrance residents were planning to attend the concert, one of hundreds given by the popular performer for the British War Relief Society. Mrs. J. R. Sach of 1016 Cota was one of the members of the sponsoring Lancashire Society.

The HERALD editor wrote a tribute to a departing "employee" who had spent 46 years in the business of producing newspapers. The employee turned out to be an ancient Linotype machine that was about to be shipped off to extended duties south of the border. Bob Lewellen, then foreman and now a successful commercial printer in Torrance, was rejoicing over the arrival of a new Linotype machine to take the old fellow's place.

Refresher courses in blueprint reading were being offered by Torrance high school, according to Principal Thomas H. Elson. Other courses in mathematics and drafting were also to be offered at least 60 young men employed in defense industries.

How To Control The Termites—



New Honors Program for Top Students Launched

Plato and Socrates instructed the young people of ancient Greece in the Academy of Athens, developing in each student a deep interest and appreciation of knowledge and encouraging their pupils in independent thinking.

Today, a similar method has been created by the University of Southern California, emphasizing the same ideals of excellence and independent study. A new honors program in letters, arts and sciences at USC, the only one of its kind in the Southland, gives exceptionally bright, talented students opportunities for a greater depth of learning and the privilege of completing their college education in three instead of four years.

The USC honors program, started by Dr. Tracy E. Strevy, USC's vice president for

academic affairs, with the endorsement of Dr. Norman Topping, USC's president, has 120 freshmen and 15 juniors participating. This number is expected to be doubled next fall.

"Only those students who find normal classwork undemanding and unchallenging are encouraged to participate in this unique program," explained Dr. Jay M. Savage, honors coordinator and associate professor of biology.

"More than 30 per cent of a professor's time is spent counselling the average and below-average student," said the USC professor. "We would like to devote equal time to the above average and gifted students, making their college careers a broader and deeper experience."

Dr. Savage stressed that USC's special program, put into operation last fall, is aimed to tap the top potential brain power in the community.

Like the great philosophers in ancient Greece, USC has created an atmosphere of mutual learning, participation in courses reaching far beyond the usual limits of undergraduate inquiry, an opportunity for accelerated study, and superior teaching. "We believe these are still the best ways to stimulate the intellectually gifted young men and women," noted Dr. Savage.

Students entering USC

Law in Action

Out of Court Law

Everybody gains if the parties can settle a law suit out of court justly. Hence, lawyers and judges urge people to make such settlements. For each case that goes to trial today, scores are settled out of court.

Well over 95 per cent of the cases arising out of automobile accidents are settled out of court.

Lawyers have "Canons of Ethics." They say: "Whenever the controversy will admit of fair judgment (settlement), the client should be advised to avoid or to end the litigation."

A settlement lifts a burden from the heavy load of cases now before our courts and thus saves the court's time and the taxpayer's money.

As it is, many California courts must call in judges from other counties to speed up trials. Both the parties and the lawyers have an interest in disposing of the cases. For until the litigation ends, many cannot make plans.

Of course, the parties sometimes cannot agree, and the

from high school may establish advanced university standing by special tests. Another phase of the program permits individuals with superior grades based on examinations to receive up to 30 units of course credit in astronomy, bacteriology, biology, chemistry, English, foreign languages, general studies, geology, mathematics, and physics.

The precocious young scholar can set his own pace through college, limited only by drive and ability, stated Dr. Savage, and participation in the Honors Program is possible at anytime.

In addition to the opportunities for advanced placement and acceleration, the USC project also offers a series of selected courses for freshmen and sophomores and special seminars for juniors and seniors. Extensive reading, written reports, small group discussions and the joint quest for more knowledge are provided in small select classes by invitation only.

"We want to encourage at USC the pursuit of excellence," and we want outstanding students to be committed to a life of intellectual achievement from the moment they enter the university," said the program director.

Further information may be obtained from the Honors Coordinators Drs. Savage and Donald E. Queller at USC.

AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Britain's 'Free' Plan For Medicine Studied

SEATTLE—On our last trip to London we sat for hours in a doctor's office observing the "scheme," as socialized medicine is known in England. It was quite an experience to see a doctor of medicine perverting his honored profession by wasting valuable time writing out prescriptions for girdles, corsets, elastic bras, ankle and wrist guards and a variety of personal gadgetry which could have been handled by a clerk.

The few really sick patients in the crowded waiting room just simply had to wait their turn. Ever since this experience, often repeated in Scandinavia and other socialized medicine nations, I have been concerned about the trend to socialized medicine in other parts of the world and in the United States.

Socialized medicine sounds good on paper and from the lips of radicals or the uninformed. Undoubtedly, like everything else, the cost of medical care has been inflated and out of reach of many people. Inflation plays no favorites. The cost of a food tray in a hospital has gone up the same as the cost of a food tray in a home . . . the cost of nursing, maintenance of a hospital has gone up . . . as well as the costs of the doctor who has to operate an office, drive a car, replace equipment and hire extra clerical help to keep up with the myriad of form-filling needed in these days of government and insurance requirements.

It is unfair to pour abuse at the higher cost of medicine by the politicians and others, who the whole economy is inflated and all costs are higher. Look at the cost of government.

A week of all-night disorders took over the House of Parliament in London recently as the British Conservative government tried to pass a bill increasing charges under the National Health Scheme, through which the government purveys medicine as a part of its social security program. The cost of socialized medicine in Britain has doubled since the program went into effect in the late '40's. It is now costing over \$2,500,000,000 a year, and climbing rapidly.

Of this fantastic cost the British government contributes almost \$2 billion from general taxes . . . while only \$500 million is collected through social security contributions from the scheme itself. A modest increase in the contribution of the citizen sought by the Macmillan government will reduce this cost by only \$192 million a year . . . and yet the socialists and the masses are fighting it to the hilt in Parliament.

It is well to examine this recent British experience against the proposed program of President Kennedy's to extend medical care to the elderly under social security. The plan sounds good on paper and from the lips of political opportunists to many of our poor elderly citizens overburdened with medical bills.

Who can deny them help . . . and who can overlook their plight which is real and most unfortunate? These elderly citizens need and should get aid. This criticism is not aimed at them . . . but at politicians who want to include additional millions under the program who can afford their own medical care.

The cost of President Kennedy's plan has been set at a minimum of \$1.5 billion a year to start . . . only to start . . . and this cost is to be met in theory by increasing the tax of all those on the social security rolls by one quarter of one per cent, with employers paying this same amount. In other words, whereas the tax now applies to the first \$4800 of income, President Kennedy would boost the base to \$5000. It doesn't appear to be much, but let's see what it leads to.

Already, in the election year of 1960,

Congress boosted social security benefits and increased the social security taxes by 9% of payroll by 1969. The latest Kennedy medical plan under social security would increase the tax to 9 1/2%. A few weeks ago in his economic message the President proposed another boost of 1/4% to be effective in 1963. If these increases go through, as the President hopes, the social security tax will climb to 10% by 1969.

If we compare this with the recent British experience, we will learn that even with small periodic increases in social security taxes, the government medical program runs into large deficits. The reason for this is simple . . . when medicine is thought to be "free" . . . or when the individual erroneously considers that someone else is paying for his medical care, he runs to medical care for things he would otherwise take care of himself.

As much as is said to the contrary, this has been the experience of socialized medicine wherever it is in operation. So, among other schemes, the government will change, come April, the base of social security payments, which will be graduated according to income.

Anyone who has a working knowledge of how government works in Washington, or any place else, is aware that federal medicine in the U.S. would follow exactly the same course that it has in Britain. For people react much the same way to anything they think is "free." The President knows . . . or should be told by his advisers . . . that federal medical service will run at a loss. It always has.

The original social security tax, proving inadequate, would be raised progressively. But . . . and this is important . . . as the deficits continue, with their inflationary impact upon the whole economy, the next step would be to convert social security into another scheme of graduated tax, with the ceiling on the amount of earnings on which the tax is based raised on and on to keep pace with political expediency.

U.S. medicine has been subjected to more political abuse than any other segment of our economy. Politicians, radicals and socialists have exploited the innocent and the needy by promises of "free" medical panaceas based on deception and half-truth. The doctor has been vilified . . . yet there is hardly an informed person who is not aware that among our entire society no one contributes more free time than the doctor.

A recent survey showed that 98% of all doctors give free medical care . . . and 60% give more than 10% of their working hours to free care. Specialists donate some \$400 million in time to the needy . . . while general practitioners last year contributed \$280 million. This is an average contribution of over \$5000 a year in free services.

Group and private insurance plans have trebled in the past 10 years and provide reduced medical care. Business and industry have contributed some \$300 per employee, per year, for pension plans, insurance on life and accident. Medicine cooperates by greatly reduced rates under such plans.

An experience in Vienna brings the quality and prestige of U.S. private medicine into focus. We took a friend to the famous Vienna clinic for diagnosis in an emergency. The Viennese specialist, after examination, informed me that my friend was in need of major surgery. "My suggestion," the specialist said, "is for your friend to postpone surgery until he turns to the States . . . because you have the finest medicine and the finest facilities in the world under free enterprise and private practice." Will we ever learn?

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

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"I'm sure if the council would take time to check with such experts in the field as our own police department and traffic engineers, you would find that a serious blunder has been committed. The traffic situation on this stretch of highway is bad enough with the unwarranted stop sign at El Dorado without adding another at Sonoma. If some pedestrians feel unsafe crossing Crenshaw without a signal, then let them walk a block to either El Dorado or Carson. A continuous string of stop signs and signals as we now have between Carson and Torrance Blvd. is almost an open invitation for motorists to run them out of annoyance.

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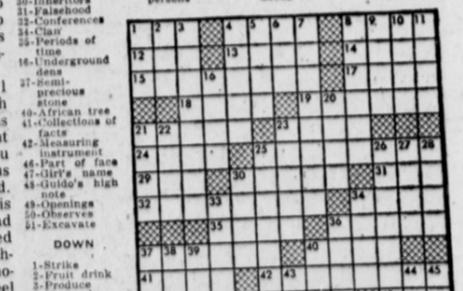
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1-Ugly, old woman
4-State of insensibility
8-Small factory
12-Carpenter's tool
14-A state
15-Dwelling
17-Scissored valley
18-Smooth
19-Man's name
21-Kind of insect
22-Woody plant
24-Reloved one
25-Aldo sugar
29-Kinnet
30-Inhibitors
31-Faithfulness
32-Confidence
34-Slay
35-Periods of time
36-Underground dens
37-Instal-precious stone
39-African tree
41-Collection of facts
42-Measuring instrument
46-Part of face
47-Girl's name
48-Guide's high note
49-Openings
50-Observes
51-Excavate

DOWN
1-Strike
2-Fruit drink
3-Product
4-Heavenly body
5-Part of stove
6-Male
7-Those who alter

38-Of Celebes
39-Irises
40-Coop for doves
43-Expire
44-Man's name
45-Tattered cloth



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STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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