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# YOUTH HELD FOR GUN THREAT

## Lomita Lad, 18, Nabbed After Tiff

Torrance Police were investigating charges yesterday that an 18-year-old Lomita youth brandished a revolver and threatened to shoot a young Torrance motorist Friday night near the YMCA building.

Arrested was Gordon E. Redmond, of 1901 Lomita Blvd., who allegedly threatened Jack D. Taylor, 21 of 1832 Calamar St., Torrance.

Det. Lonnie Brown was assigned to investigate the case.

TAYLOR TOLD police that Redmond laughed and made fun of his small, European made car while the two were motoring southbound on Cabrillo Ave. from Carson St. at 8:30 p.m.

Taylor said that when the other driver wanted to stop and fight, he suggested stopping at the YMCA building to settle their differences.

When both drivers pulled over at the YMCA building, 2080 Washington Blvd., Taylor said the other driver waved a cocked revolver and threatened to shoot him.

THE WEAPON was described as a .22 caliber nine-shot revolver.

Taylor returned to his car, contacted a police officer on duty at a nearby YWCA dance and police put out a broadcast on the description of the car driven by the suspect.

A police officer patrolling the downtown area spotted Redmond's vehicle which matched the description and made the arrest.

A complaint charging assault with a deadly weapon will be sought from the district attorney's office tomorrow.

## Spring Concert Friday

The vocal and instrumental organizations of Torrance High School will be filling the air with music at their annual Spring Concert, which will be held this Friday evening, May 20, at 8 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Selections from the Broadway musicals "South Pacific," "My Fair Lady," and "The King and I" will be but a small part of the evening's entertainment.

The Torrance High School Girls Glee Club will open the program with "Greeting" by Felix Mendelssohn. "Whistle a Happy Tune," from "The King and I," and other songs will be sung by this group, which is under the direction of Vincent DiFiore.

Francis Snyder will direct both the Tartar Dance Band and the Tartar Band in such numbers as The Knightbridge March, Selections from "South Pacific," "Around the World in 80 Days," and "Begin the Beguine."

The public is invited to attend this concert. There is no admission charge.

## 1600 Attend Dedication of New System

Fears that a recent federal master's ruling might cast a pall over dedication ceremonies Wednesday at the west portal of the Colorado Aqueduct near Hemet, were allayed when directors of the Metropolitan Water District issued a statement assuring Southern Californians effects

of the ruling, if upheld, will not be felt for many years, perhaps generations to come.

The reassuring statement became a highlight at gala ceremonies attended by 1600 water department and civic leaders which celebrated the completion of the main aqueduct from the Colorado river to its full capacity of a billion gallons a day.

CITY MANAGER George Stevens headed a delegation of 28 officials and civic leaders from Torrance who made the trip to the ceremonies by bus. Attorney C. T. Rippey, a member of the original Board of Directors of the MWD representing Torrance, was among those introduced at the dedication ceremonies by James H. Howard, special counsel of the district who presided.

Stevens is the present director representing Torrance which was one of the original 13 cities to form the amazingly successful MWD in 1929.

ON THE WAY to the event and as men and women from throughout Southern California gathered in a 105-degree sun to unveil a memorial bronze plaque, the burden of the conversation was almost wholly concerned with the bombshell ruling of the special master for the Supreme Court in favor of Arizona.

A special statement prepared for the occasion and read by A. L. Gram, executive secretary, removed for many in attendance the spectre of a dry aqueduct and a parched coastal plain.

"IT IS MOST timely that the preliminary report of the Special Master in the Arizona water case should be announced on the eve of the dedication of the completed Colorado River Aqueduct," Gram began.

"The announcement brings this entire water development program into sharp relief throughout the United States. It serves to emphasize nationwide the extraordinary community accomplishment that has been brought to pass in Southern California by the building of the Colorado River Aqueduct. At the same time there is revealed the inescapable need of the Aqueduct in providing water for millions of people living here and now.

IN SOME of the interpretations of the Special Master's recommendations thus far reported, dire consequences have been forecast for many areas within the District. These forecasts of disaster are without foundation in fact. They do serve to emphasize the vital importance of the water service being extended in Southern California by the Aqueduct, but unfortunately they serve also to incite a degree of panic that is unjustified and acutely harmful to the welfare of all Southern California.

"The Board of Directors of the District has pledged itself to provide the people of its service area with the water they need when and as they need it . . . that pledge and that policy once more is repeated and reaffirmed," he said.

UNVEILING of a memorial plaque to the project which has been called one of the seven engineering wonders of the United States, closed a program participated in by many officials and directors of the district.

Those making the trip from Torrance with Director Stevens and his wife were council members Nicholas O. Drake and Mrs. Drake and George Vico and Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo B. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fogue and Former Mayor M. M. Schwab and Mrs. Schwab represented the city's water commission.

ALSO MANAGER Dick Fitzgerald, President J. H. Paget, William Greenawalt, of Southern California Edison Co.; Dick Pyle, manager Pacific Telephone Co.; and James Becker, Southern California Gas Co., all representing the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Mr. and Mrs. George Morehart of the Civil Service Commission.

Representing the City of Torrance also were Water Supt. Angus McVicar and Mrs. McVicar, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Powell, and Douglas Horlander.

## GOP Headquarters To Open Tomorrow

Assemblyman Bruce Regan will be principal speaker when area Republicans open their new headquarters at 1408 Cravens Ave. at 8 p.m. Monday. An open house will follow opening ceremonies.



ARLINGTON LINK . . . Councillman Nickolas O. Drake (standing) and Douglas J. Horlander, assistant director of public works, check work on Arlington Ave. link at Del Amo Blvd. A new feature of roadbuilding is being tested here with the use of slag waste from the U. S. Steel Co. plant (background) as a paving base. Tests show the material, available in huge quantities at the site, is ideally suited for road base, Horlander said. (Herald Photo)

## Young Engineers Study New AiResearch Design

Design features and the unique utility floor of the new AiResearch Manufacturing plant now under construction at 190th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. were examined by 20 student engineers from the California Institute of Technology during a tour of the facility Thursday.

C. M. Corbitt of the American Institute of Steel Construction

and Ted R. Soderberg, assistant director of plant engineering for AiResearch conducted the engineering students through the 225,000 square foot structure, pointing out the various innovations in design and the uses of the principles of engineering now being studied by the young engineers.

C. W. McCORMICK, associate professor of civil engineering at Cal Tech; William Ropp, member of Ropp & Ropp, consulting structural engineers, and John W. Bold of AiResearch accompanied the students.

Of particular interest to the students was the utility floor of the huge building, a space nestled between the ground level and the upper production level. It contains most of the utility installations of the building, including air, gas, oxygen, and electricity needed in the manufacture of AiResearch products.

THE BUILDING, under construction since last August, is scheduled to be completed about Sept. 1 this year. It will

## El Nido Church Notes Birthday

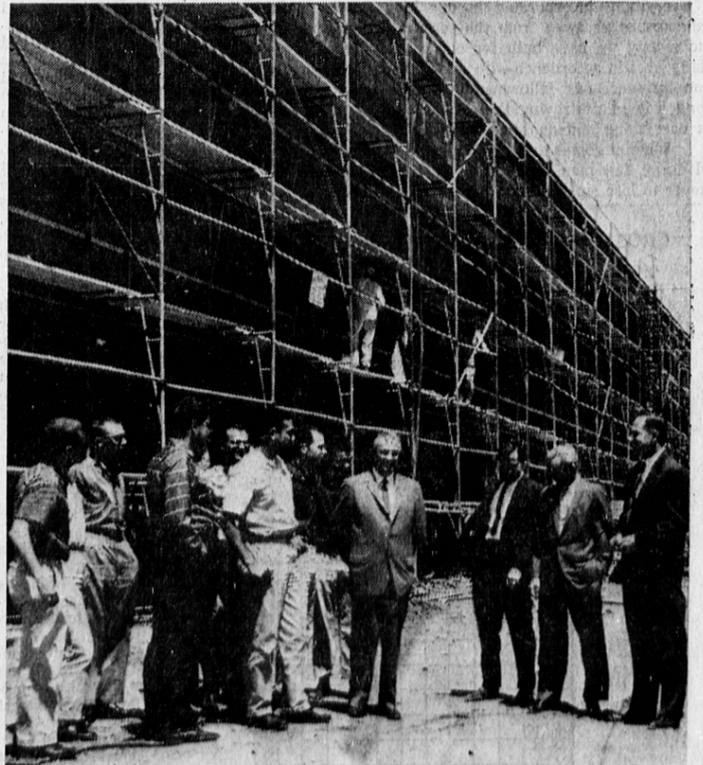
An all-day celebration at the El Nido Baptist Church today will mark the first annual "All Western Roundup" and the church's 10th anniversary. The program will begin with the Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. today and will conclude with the evening worship service beginning at 6:30 p.m. Well known artists of radio and television will entertain beginning at 2 p.m. A barbecue dinner will be served started at 12:45 p.m.

## New Harvey Work

Harvey Aluminum has been given a \$30,817 contract for fuzze metal parts assembly. It was reported yesterday by the U. S. Army Ordnance District in Los Angeles.



THE WINNERS . . . Paige Baillie and Terry Swift had their essays on "Armed Forces Day" selected Friday as the best written in both the men's and women's competition for seniors in city high schools. Armed Forces Day will be held in Torrance next Saturday. Winning essays are printed on page 2. (Herald Photo)



TOUR NEW PLANT . . . Twenty student engineers from Cal Tech along with C. W. McCormick, associate professor of civil engineering, toured the new plant of the AiResearch Manufacturing Division of the Garrett Corp. at 190th St. and Crenshaw Thursday afternoon. Chatting with students here (beginning fourth from right) are C. M. Corbitt, McCormick, William Ropp, and Ted R. Soderberg. (Herald Photo)

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think parents are taking too active a part in Little League baseball?"

The answers five people gave to this question follows:

Mrs. James Davidson, 3172-188th Street, housewife:

"I do not think parents are taking too active a part in Little League. Boys of this age need someone from home to help them bridge their backyard play with outside organized activities. I think it is good for all concerned as it is."

J. P. Bone, 742 Lime St., Long Beach, insurance adjuster:

"I have two boys playing over where I live and I think the way the dads and moms have gotten behind the leagues is terrific. A lot of the adults have good baseball backgrounds and without their help the kids would be little better off than they were in the sandlots."

Glady Nolan, 542 El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, office typist:

"I have seen a few Little League games and think the players are well organized and trained. It's just natural for parents to want to participate along with their children, still they should leave the actual training to the appointed coaches."

George Hendricks, 1528-244th St.

"I agree with a local sports columnist that there is too much activity on the parts of the parents. I think the moms and pops should stick to the stands and let the coaches work with the kids. I stick back of the fence and let the coaches run the team my kid plays on."

Paul Meeks, Southwood Giants:

"I wish my mother and dad would keep out of the act. I like to know they are in the stands watching me play, but hate to hear them yelling advice to me when I am on the field. They keep it up at home and don't give me a chance to concentrate on the boo-boos I have made."

## Polio Clinic Set

Howard Wood PTA and the National Foundation are co-sponsoring a polio clinic, Tuesday, May 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the school cafeteria, 15th and Arlington.