

Spain Enjoying Prosperous Era, Publisher Finds

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MADRID — The good news for Americans from Spain is the obvious success of the Eisenhower administration's bold move against the dissenters — who seem always to be in the vanguard of those who would give an assist to the communists — in acquiring needed operational bases and establishing friendly relations with the Franco government.

officials are working together in harmony, Spain is prospering through a tremendous reconstruction program and undergoing a remarkably positive transition that has brought it back into the Western world. To the credit of Spanish tolerance, all this has been accomplished in the face of Spain's being kept out of Nato and the United Nations for reasons that are more philosophical than logical.

Because of the bitter civil war, Spain is probably more anti-communist than any nation in the world. Of course, there are hard core commies in Spain, but their prestige and influence, according to both Spanish and American officials, is at an all time low.

The American visitor to Spain sees little, if any, evidence that he is roaming around in a climate of restraint. There are no signs painted on ancient

buildings or garden walls inviting him to go home. He moves about as freely as he likes and he is treated with what seems to be genuine hospitality. He isn't overcharged, doesn't have to submit to irritating customs regulations and generally leaves with pleasant memories.

Of course, many Spaniards look forward to more political freedom than they have had under the "re-construction" period, but they appreciate the stability Franco has given them.

New housing, with 70,000 new homes under construction in Madrid alone, is contributing greatly to the current wave of prosperity. Vast new apartment projects appear to be of superior construction in red

brick, concrete, and steel. Co-operative buildings are rising everywhere, ranging in price from a few thousand to about \$30,000 American money.

Hotels and commercial buildings are being erected throughout the city with something new being added in proposed new super food markets. Shops are filled with luxury articles from all over the world and most well known American products are available everywhere.

But it is still a dictatorship, visitors will maintain and invariably ask "what will come later?"

An American information official gave us an answer. Present plans lean strongly to the re-establishment of a monarchy with the sceptre pointing to Don Juan, son of Alfonso. In the meantime, under

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TEENAGER KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Girl Thrown From Truck, Strikes Curb

A 19-year-old girl was killed late Tuesday when she was thrown from the door of a pick-up truck in which she was riding and struck her head on a street curb.

Pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital shortly after the accident on Oak St. near 262nd St. in Lomita was Vickie E. Brown, whose home was listed in La Verne.

Investigating officers said the Brown girl was riding in a vehicle driven by Sherman L. Neeley, 21, of 24409 Hendrickson St., when a door came open, causing her to tumble onto the street.

Officers said the Neeley vehicle was rounding a curve on Oak St. at the time of the accident.

The girl's body was taken to the A. M. Gamby mortuary

in Lomita where an autopsy was scheduled.

Poppy Sales Scheduled Here This Week End

Poppies made by disabled veterans in the area's hospitals will go on sale in Torrance Friday and Saturday.

Prepared from materials furnished by the American Legion Auxiliary, the symbolic flower will be sold by Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary throughout the city during those two days. Local sales will be directed by officers of the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion with headquarters at 1109 Border Ave.

The poppy was adopted as a symbol by the Legionnaires to remind them of the famed Flanders Field on which poppies grew profusely during World War I.

All proceeds of the sale will be used for veterans' welfare.

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CHECKING IN . . . John Bramhall, who was appointed city manager by the City Council Tuesday night, leans over the shoulder of City Manager George Stevens who will leave his desk tomorrow after 13½ years on the job. Stevens' retirement will be effective June 30, but he will go on terminal leave at this time. (Herald Photo)

Councilmen at Odds Over Appointment Of Pro-Tem Manager

Formal appointment of John Bramhall as acting city manager to take over from George Stevens who leaves his desk tomorrow after 13½ years on the job was approved by the City Council Tuesday night after a seeming deadlock.

Appointment of Bramhall, senior administrative assistant, to the top position on a temporary basis pending selection

of a successor to Stevens was approved informally by the Council last week.

THE SNAG developed Tuesday, however, when councilmen got around to fixing a salary for the interim employment.

An annual salary rate of \$19,000 was recommended because it would place the pay above the director of public works, who receives in excess of \$17,000 a year.

MAYOR ISEN balked, saying \$17,500 would be an adequate rate.

After deadlocking, the council set the matter aside and went on with its lengthy agenda.

Revived later by Councilman George Vico, the appointment was finally approved with the \$19,000 figure inserted.

STEVENS GOES on terminal leave Friday although his resignation does not become effective until June 30. He will fly to Washington, D.C., on Sunday to begin an intensive training session before assignment to Ankara, Turkey, with the International Cooperative Administration as an advisor in municipal government.

More than 40 persons have submitted applications for the job of city manager here, according to Personnel Officer Ted Perkins. The Council will screen the applicants and make a selection. No timetable for the selection has been disclosed.



IN BLOOD DRIVE . . . Mrs. Robert L. Orsini, blood recruitment chairman for the Torrance Chapter of the American Red Cross, schedules another appointment for the visit of the Bloodmobile here today as Earle Sumpter, vice commander of the American Legion Post at 1109 Border Ave. looks on. The Legion hall has been used for the blood program since the civic auditorium was demolished two years ago. (Herald Photo)

Final Phase of Del Amo Center Well Under Way

Start of construction on the last major building unit of the Del Amo Center's main shopping mall has been announced by Del Amo Estate Co., developer of the huge center located at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Bldvs.

According to Peter De Francis, planning director for the Estate Company, work was begun on a 50,000 square foot structure in which ten new retail stores will be located.

AS DESIGNED by Welton Becket and Assoc., who are architects for the overall center project, the building will be of reinforced concrete construction in keeping with the other building units in the center. Oltman's Construction Co. are the contractors.

The main mall level will contain approximately 40,000 square feet of area. The facility also will have a partial basement level containing more than 10,000 square feet.

FRONTAGE of the individual store units in the building will average 25 feet in width while the stores' interior length will average 150 feet.

The lower level will be devoted primarily to storage and merchandising handling. It will also feature loading dock facilities which will be served

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Five members of the local chapter of the City of Hope were asked this question: "Why did you become active in the City of Hope organization?"

Mrs. Bert Lynn, 1208 Greenwood Ave.: "I felt that the City of Hope was a worthy organization and needed workers in this area. Funds raised for this institution are used to buy the most modern equipment in their fight against life-threatening diseases."

Mrs. Harry Mandell, 21310 Anza Ave.: "I am proud to be able to contribute time to the program of the City of Hope as I know everything done goes directly to the source of the need. This is a very worthwhile cause."

Mrs. Henry Weston, 406-36th St., Manhattan Beach: "As president of this chapter I am glad to feel that I am part of a program that has for its slogan 'I am my brother's keeper.' The fact that this medical center is free and non-sectarian is important to me."

Mrs. Sherman Halmwertz, Palos Verdes Estates: "I am happy to be working for this cause and aiding the membership drive. Not only does the money raised go to buy needed equipment, but it also is used for research and helps to pave the way to cures for patients that otherwise would not be taken care of."

Mrs. Walter West, 2034 Reynosa Dr.: "I think working to aid a medical center that gives free care to people suffering from cancer, leukemia, blood, chest and operable heart disorders is a wonderful privilege. I am glad to be active in this center."

Torrance Keeps Eye on Its Own Driver in Famed '500'

By BOB WILTON
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Well known as the name Parnelli Jones is to stock and sprint car race fans it might be in the headlines after the checkered flag waves down the winning car in the Indianapolis Memorial Day 500-mile race next Tuesday.

This opinion is not only that of the Torrance driver's grandstand admirers, but that also of Walt James, California Racing Assn. president, who qualifies himself by saying, "This boy (Parnelli Jones) has got a real good chance to win the Indy race Tuesday. He is a brilliant driver in a good car. He is track wise and paces himself well."

DRIVING an Agajanian-Wilard Battery Special, Jones qualified at 146.080 miles per hour and will be in the center of the second row, flanked by Rodger Ward and Jimmy Rath-

mann when the race gets under way.

With the fastest qualifying time in 50 years the drivers include 25 veterans and eight rookies. Eddie Sachs won the pole position with his 147 mhp time. The previous record was 144.070 and Rathmann was the 1960 winner.

JONES WILL be driving on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the first time, although he has been offered "rides" in the big show for the past two years, but turned them down because he felt he needed more experience.

He started out driving jalopies in 1953 and later won the NASCAR championship while leadfooting for Vel's Ford. He raced in INCA sprint car competition during 1959 and won the USAC title in 1960. He is also a veteran of the Daytona Beach 500 miler and for A.C. Agajanian at the Ascot Park oval.

IT IS THE opinion of some old timers who haunt the local pits that the 27-year-old Parnelli Jones is actually a combination of three famous Indy drivers. They believe he has the calm determination of Louie Meyers, the fearlessness of Wild Bill Cummings, who once said, "If I can't win I won't let anyone else do it," and the strength to handle the big cars in the turns as did Stubby Stubbsfield, who failed to return from the Indianapolis race in 1938.



PARNELLI JONES
Seeks Racing Crown

Before leaving for the Indiana brick track Jones told the HERALD that he really started out as a mechanic working on race cars for local drivers, "but I figured no one could drive a race car like the man who knew the inside of them."

Coed to Graduate

Erma Lou Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ruel Roberts, 2334 W. 241st St., will be graduated from Bob Jones University at Greenville, S.C., May 31.



NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAM . . . Organization of a new chapter of the American Field Service to direct exchange student programs in the Lomita area is under way this week to replace the function of the Palos Verdes unit which will take its students from Narbonne High School to establish a new High School on the Peninsula. Here Mrs. Lorraine Kasser buys the first membership ticket from Oscar Swedberg, finance committee man; Mrs. Vern Hand, publicity; and Mrs. Arlie Miller, president.