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States and asserted any weakening of American-Turkish ties would be "unthinkable."  
Turkey's fiscal problems were reviewed by Kemal Kurdas, Minister of Finance, who called a strong Turkey "the key to the front line defense against communism." He said Turkey's present \$1 billion imbalance in trade must somehow be overcome. He charged the previous administration of Mendares lowered taxes to win votes and created a crisis of confidence in Turkish business generally. The new administration of General Gursel, he said,

had been forced to raise taxes 20 per cent in the face of rather serious unemployment and inflation. Every employed person now must purchase government bonds with 3 per cent of his pay. If he holds these bonds until maturity he can earn as much as 18 per cent on his savings.  
Minister Kurdas' statement that "Turkey could not afford to be non-military" is evident when one looks at the map to note the country's unique position. The United States has spent billions and will continue to spend at a high rate, not only to maintain our own forces in the area, but to train and equip Turkey's crack

troops, some of the best this writer ever has seen. And the Turks have demonstrated on more than one occasion that they know how to use modern military equipment.  
According to the United States Information services, Turkey has found that the cost of maintenance of a large modern military establishment is more than her revenues will bear, notwithstanding the substantial U. S. contribution in material and supplies. The provision of funds for subsistence, clothing and construction in the Turkish military budget must, therefore, be supplemented with some of the local currency counterpart funds provided under the U. S. Economic Assistance program.

Since World War II Turkey has been actively supporting almost every Western move intended to protect the world against the spread of communism and was a charter member of the Nations. It took an active part in the Palestine Conciliation Commission and provided troops to the UN Command in Korea. American missionaries have since 1820 been active in Turkey and their works are respected by Turks, most of whom are Moslem.  
Ankara, a fast growing and modern city, became the capital of the new Turkey in 1923 after Kemal Ataturk waged a successful war of independence against the fall of the Ottoman Empire in World War I. Regarded as "the Father of His

Country," he brought Western ways to this ancient land which also knew the foot tread of the first followers of Christ. Women were given many new freedoms and were urged to discard their veils.  
Most Turkish men and women have adopted Western attire and Western ways. Stores are filled with modern appliances and the streets full of American automobiles. Turks seem to like Americans and American ways and look forward to the development of their country as a tourist attraction for the world.  
Ataturk's impressive tomb and memorial grounds dominate the highest point of the new capital. His birthday is an important national holiday and

his home near the new presidential mansion is a national shrine. We visited it one evening and found it a bit unusual but learned that he must have liked poker and billiards. In fact, a billiard table dominates the entry hall and poker tables are given other preferred positions in the old mansion.  
No visit to Ankara would be complete without a tour of the Citadel or "old town" whose foundations on a hill of rock were laid by the Galatians and later completed by the Romans. The inner fortress and the White Tower still stand. Hundreds still occupy the ancient buildings and old men and little children will consider your visit through narrow passageways a gala occasion and will greet you with smiles.  
From the citadel walls we looked out over the city on a day preceding a Moslem holiday of thanksgiving when every family sacrifices a sheep. Thousands of sheep were being driven through the city and assembled for sale, even as are turkeys on our own Thanksgiving Days.  
Above the roar of city traffic, the call to worship is heard from the many mosques throughout the city. Today the human vocal chords of the holy men are amplified through loudspeakers and no longer do they have to climb the hundreds of steps to the top of the lonely parapets in order to make themselves heard.

## Obituaries

**ETHEL F. LITCH**  
Funeral services for Miss Ethel F. Litch, 68, of 2032 Gramercy Ave., will be held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. H. Milton Sippel, pastor of the First Christian Church of Torrance, officiating.  
Miss Litch, who was an electrician at the former Pacific Electric Shops here for more than 30 years, died Friday evening. She had lived at the Gramercy Ave. address for 43 years.  
She is survived by a sister, Irena Grant, of the same address, and a brother, George Litch, Compton.  
Interment will be in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Violet Bowling, three brothers, David and Howard Lowellyn, both of Torrance; and Reginald Lowellyn, Okla.; a sister, Ira Jenkins, New Jersey; two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.  
Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

**JOEL LEE KENDRICK**  
Funeral services for Joel Lee Kendrick, 83, of 20710 So. Catalina, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Halverson-Leavell Chapel. The Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene will officiate at the services.  
Mr. Kendrick had lived in Torrance for seven years prior to his death last Friday. He was a minister with the Church of God for many years.  
Surviving are the widow, Jennie; two sons, Walter, Torrance, and Joel, Lake Charles, La.; two daughters, Mrs. Lula Huston and Mrs. Emma Dilley, both of Okla.; 18 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.  
Interment will be in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Surviving are Mr. Tognazzini's mother, Mrs. Matilda Tognazzini; and a sister, Ena Vreeland, San Luis Obispo.

**JOHN FRANCIS MILLER**  
Requiem mass for John Francis Miller was celebrated Thursday morning at Nativity Catholic Church. Rosary was recited Wednesday evening at Stone and Myers Chapel. Mr. Miller, a resident of El Paso, Texas, died June 18 in El Paso.  
Surviving Mr. Miller are a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Gouker of Torrance; a son, Charles, Victorville; two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.  
Interment was at Calvary Mausoleum.

**MAE CAROLYN MERCER**  
Funeral services for Mae Carolyn Mercer, 71, of 2216 Andree Ave., were conducted at the Stone and Myers Chapel at 3 p.m. Friday. Mrs. Mercer, who had lived in Torrance for 30 years, died at a local hospital Tuesday.

**Youngster Hit By Car, Injured**  
Linda Loebel, 11, of 2638 Brian Ave., was injured Friday when she was struck by a car at the intersection of Crenshaw Blvd. and Dalemead St. She was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital with multiple injuries.

**Three Are Injured in Crashes**  
Three local residents were reported in good condition this week after a series of widely separated accidents on the city's streets.  
At the Little Company of Mary Hospital, Estella K. Gunn, 57, of 1818 Date St., is in fair condition following a collision involving her auto and a truck. The Gunn auto collided with a truck driven by Harold W. Large of Arcadia on Crenshaw Blvd. below Rolling Hills Rd.  
Stanley A. Zeller, 17, of 23524 S. Arlington Ave., was taken to San Pedro Community Hospital after his motorcycle and a car driven by Stephan A. Riley, 18, of San Pedro, collided at Western Ave. and Tweedy St. He is also reported in fair condition.  
Released from Bay Cities Hospital in Hawthorne Friday afternoon was Roberta A. Deshler, 5, of 18504 Roslin Ave. She was struck by a car driven by Francis P. Bartley, 152 Paseo de Gracia, on Roslin Ave., near 186th St. Wednesday afternoon.

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