

...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Showed some movies on Hawaii and Europe the other evening at El Camino College and right away I began itching to travel again. Just returned from Mexico City but am now looking forward to flying to Hawaii for Easter week.

Had an interesting talk with two readers of this column from Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Albright Jr. Seems that they have just returned from Europe and are interested now in Mexico. It's always fun to talk and compare notes about places you've been ... food, hotels, people, etc.

Will plan to have another showing of travel movies in four weeks ... probably Hawaii and Europe again. If you're interested at all in travel ... drop me a card and I'll let you know when the showing will be. Am planning (probably in about two months) to show "The Red Balloon."

BLUE SKIES, blue water, bright orchids and hibiscus accenting islands of lush green ... this is Hawaii's year-round setting for vacation fun. It can be active fun such as surfing and skin diving ... sophisticated fun (this could be interesting) in luxury hotels ... planned fun with every minute organized to see and do the most ... or lazy fun, sunning on a quiet sea-lapped beach.

Republicans Plan Class In Politics

A political education course sponsored by the Republican Associates will be held in Torrance beginning next Thursday. The course will meet for four evening sessions at 2271 Torrance Blvd.

The course will explore the history and philosophy of the Republican Party, the organization of the party, and the mechanics of the election system. The class will begin at 7:30 each evening. Persons interested in enrolling in the course should call Faculty 1-3560 for information.

Craft Class Has Torrance As Subject

Under the direction of Erika Muhl, the Torrance Recreation Department Arts and Crafts Center is conducting a craft program titled "Torrance USA."

In the classes, which began yesterday and will continue each Saturday through Feb. 1, children will learn about their community's history as well as build model houses, streets, and neighborhoods.

Children 6 to 7 years will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 8 to 14 years from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee for the four-week session is \$1.

Torrance was the subject of a center craft project in 1961 also and the mosaic panel "Torrance As Seen Through the Eyes of Its Children" was hung at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge.

Meetings are held at the Arts and Crafts Center, Seaside Park, 22730 Lupine Drive.

I'm not sure I could really fit into any one of these categories but I'd like to try a little of each ... thank you. In fact, I might just take a double dose of the "lazy fun."

Whatever the tourist wants, the Islands offer, along with a guarantee that every visitor will be treated like royalty, bedecked with fragrant leis, lulled by the sound of Hawaii's captivating rhythms.

WAIKIKI Grand Hotel will be our headquarters in Hawaii during our Easter-week tour. I am sure we'll have many young college students and teachers along but actually people of all ages can enjoy the luxury and comfort of this hotel.

Its brand new and offers Polynesian hospitality blended with American comfort and gracious touches of the Orient. Close to the beach too ... but I'm kind of interested in the furos they feature (Japanese baths).

Shopping in Hawaii sounds appealing. They're famous for carved monkeypod and koa, etched glass, ceramics, jewelry fashioned from seeds, shells and silver as well as silk and cotton textiles silk-screened in Island patterns. Beach and casual wear should be tops ... and of course ... sandals in both Hawaiian and Oriental designs.

THE PEARL HARBOR cruise will be part of our tour. Visiting battleship row, the sunken USS Arizona and Utah, will certainly bring tearful memories back from Dec. 7, 1941. The cruise also goes by Hickam Field, Ford Island and includes unsurpassed photo views of leeward Oahu.

The Kodak Hula Show is always an attraction. The many exotic dancers performing for the camera-bugs is a sight to see. From Hawaiian to Japanese ... they'll be there dancing for two hours so the tourists can take home authentic photos to remind them of Hawaii.

Also plan to see the Leeteg Galleria while I'm there. Leeteg of Tahiti is the one man who made good velvet painting an art. His originals sell for \$5,000 up. In Europe, Mexico and even here in the U.S. I've seen some real trash painted on velvet and it's a relief to see something good painted on velvet. Have only seen one artist in the U.S. who is a "top-notch" in this field ... Carol Eyttinge of Hollywood.

Vermont Avenue Improvements Near Completion

Improvements being made on Vermont Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and 214th Street will be completed this week, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The half-mile section of Vermont will include six lanes, new curbs and gutters, and center dividers. The project is being completed by H. E. Baker, contractor.

The intersection of Carson Street and Vermont Avenue, one block south of 214th Street, will be improved under a contract to be awarded shortly by the Board of Supervisors.

Firms Study Exhibit Site

Economic and legal studies aimed at providing the world's largest exhibition center in Exposition Park have been authorized by the Coliseum Commission.

The commission acted after the Los Angeles City Council scuttled a proposed bed tax on motels and hotels to finance a similar exhibit center and convention hall.

Conducting the studies will be the firms of O'Melveny and Meyers and Ebasco Services, both of which conducted similar studies for the Sports Arena. The two firms will report back to the Coliseum Commission within 90 days.

The huge center would be built underground on state-owned land adjacent to the Sports Arena.

YMCA, Teenagers Deliver the Goods!

Films recording the record delivery by the Torrance YMCA of more than 14 tons of clothing, canned goods, toys, milk and candy to the Navajo Indians during the holidays will be shown at the YMCA, 2080 Washington Ave., Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.

Thirty-one YMCA laymen and teenagers delivered the contribution to the Tonalea School, an outpost in the Navajo Reservation, northeast of the Grand Canyon in Arizona, according to Cliff Duncan, director.

Indians, having heard about the Christmas party, traveled by foot, horseback, wagon, and pick-up truck from as far away as Paige, 40 miles distant, related Duncan.

Many Indians could not get to the party, however, and

Amos Balone, a Navajo that works for the government hospital in Tuba City, loaded his truck and delivered supplies to remote areas, particularly baby clothes, blankets and canned milk.

"This was the Y's sixth 'Navajo Caravan' year and most successful due to the support of Torrance citizens and those in nearby communities," stated Duncan. "And the Torrance YMCA wishes to thank its members and the people of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Gardena, Hermosa Beach and Lomita for their response to the project."

The film and slides of the trip, which was made on the YMCA bus, were taken by Lewis Fleet, Y layman, and the public is invited to the Jan. 23 showing.

Adult Craft Studio Sets New Session

Lecture-demonstrations of the Adult Craft Studio are scheduled at the Torrance Recreation Department Arts and Crafts Center beginning Thursday at 2:30 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Workshops will be held Thursday 2:30 to 4 p.m. and 8:30 to 10 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The session will continue through four weeks and the cost is \$1.50.

Instruction will include silk screening, glass craft, glazes for ceramics, mosaics and copper enameling. Many of the supplies needed for the crafts are available at the center at cost.

The adult craft program is instructed by Erika Muhl, center director.

Read Named to Head Carson Library Staff

William S. Geller, county librarian, has announced the appointment of Donald S. Read to head the staff at the Carson Public Library, 22102 S. Main St.

The new Carson librarian holds a master's degree in political science and library science, both obtained at Columbia University. He also served as assistant psychology librarian for two years at Columbia following graduation.

For the past year and a half Read has been the assistant librarian in charge of the Public Services Division, Biomedical Library, at the University of California, Los Angeles. During the preceding five years he served on the reference

staffs of the Biomedical and Medical Libraries at the university.

He succeeds James Buckley who was recently transferred to the Montebello Public Library following promotion to senior librarian.

PV Navy League Schedules Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Council of the Navy League will be held Thursday at the Plush Horse Inn, 1700 S. Pacific Coast Hwy. Happy hour will begin at 6:30, with dinner served at 7:30.

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