

# ...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Many Southern Californians are particularly sensitive to and understand the work of Henry Moore, England's giant contribution to contemporary art. I wasn't completely aware of this fact until recently when I visited the Municipal Art Gallery in Barnsdall Park. The occasion marked a showing of nearly 100 of Henry Moore's bronzes, wood and stone carvings, watercolors and drawings. What a crowd — a line of people waiting to get in — people waiting to use the remarkable new wrinkle to gallery viewing, the portable tape recorder with ear plugs, and most exciting of all — the quiet amazement on the faces of the people inside.

The only other large piece of Moore sculpture that I have ever seen is the reclining figure in the piazza of the UNESCO Complex in Paris. It is an impressive white stone statue bordered by the Secretariat building and the Conference Hall building. The only other sculpture on these grounds is a gigantic stable by Alexander Calder of the United States. As I remember, the stable is painted flat black.

THE RECURRING theme that permeates most of Moore's work is the sheer endurance of the human figure — in the face of overwhelming odds, strife and tragedy. Some of his most powerful and impressive drawings are those done during the wartime blitz in London. Families huddled together — not only for warmth in the cold London underground but basically for stubborn survival.

## SHS Junior Competes in Tournament

Steven Fischer, a South High School junior, has qualified for the state finals in speech after winning a first place award in boys' impromptu speaking at the qualifying tournament.

The qualifying rounds were held at the University of Southern California Jan. 3 and 4. Some 46 high schools participated in the tourney.

Other Spartans who claimed awards include: Barbara Bingham, third place in girls' oratorical interpretation, and Alana Hurst, who advanced to the semi-final round in dramatic interpretation.

Donald Childers is the forensics coach at South High. Other Spartans who competed in the tourney include: Ellen Jones, Terri Liblick, Marsha Hurst, Susan Brown, Kimberly Wright, Amy Rodney, Sandra Christensen, Rudy Lisa, and Sally Morrison.

## Narbonne High Teacher in Fair

Mrs. Delores Bright, a teacher at Narbonne High School, participated in the Los Angeles Teachers Assn. Fair, held Friday and Saturday.

The fair was staged in connection with "Creative Teaching Week" in Los Angeles. Mrs. Bright demonstrated an aid she has developed for the teaching of geometry.

## Data Processing System Gets Cautious Go-Ahead

Acting on the recommendation of a Citizens Committee, the trustees of the Torrance Unified School District have voted to proceed with investigation for establishing a data processing system in the district offices.

The Board of Education met at noon Tuesday for the short session. Board members present included President Bert M. Lynn, Mrs. Kenneth Watts, and Albert Charles.

The committee and Dr. Wallace Mueller of the University of Southern California have been studying the possibility of a data system for the district for several weeks. They recommended a card-punch system as the initial step.

THE CARD-PUNCH system will allow the district to begin work with a data processing system at a minimum expense. It also would provide

This famous series of drawings is well represented in the exhibition.

Many of the drawings, such as "Four Figures, 1941" and "Four Draped Reclining Figures, 1942" — both owned by Mrs. Charlotte Bergman of New York City — were done in a technique that Moore uses a great deal. White crayon is used for the forms, black crayon for some of the shadow areas and then black diluted ink or watercolor is painted over the entire surface. The crayon resists the ink and changes the total quality of the drawing. Fine lines are then added with ink to pull the composition together.

FOR MANY centuries, artists and sculptors all over the world have idealized the Greek and Roman works of art. "Beauty" was the ultimate attainment of the fine arts. This concept was such a powerful and influencing factor that to this very day — there are those "died-in-the-wool" artists, art lovers and "hangers-on" who insist dogmatically that all art must be beautiful.

There are many brilliant examples throughout history that refute this idea. There is much room left for other ideas. Moore's work clearly shows the influence that primitive Mexican art exerted on him. However, it is difficult to categorize Moore's sculpture to any of the major movements of the Twentieth Century art — there is a timeless eloquence that is felt when viewing his work.

More and more, this artist is inventing new forms that say figure — and yet are becoming joined with the landscape. One of his latest and largest works, "Three-part Reclining Figure" from the Bart Lytton Collection, is in fact a landscape. The enormous pieces are not only to be seen but to be entered and enjoyed.

THIS FINE exhibition was organized by the Art Center in La Jolla and actually goes back 30 years to illustrate the wide range as well as the profound creative expression of England's greatest living artist.

The bulk of the collection was sent from New York City by Mrs. Charlotte Bergman. Among local contributors are Mr. and Mrs. Bart Lytton, Vincent Price, Joseph H. Hirshorn, and Mr. and Mrs. Burt Lancaster.

EASTER IN Hawaii is the next trip on my agenda. If you know anyone who is interested in Hawaii, Europe or Mexico send me a card and I'll send you my travel brochure.

## Stern Wins Top Jewish Youth Award

Sheldon Stern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Stern of 17214 Ardath Ave., has been named the outstanding Jewish Youth of 1963 by the Jewish Youth Council.

The award recognizes leadership activities and community service. It was presented to Stern in December by the council.

Stern has been active in Young Judea for a year and is currently president of the South Bay Chapter.

## 'Blue Sky' Drivers Hear Judge Gibbens

Nearly 100 drivers road-testing the AMF-Chromally "Smog Burner" heard a talk on safe driving by Santa Monica Municipal Judge W. Blair Gibbens yesterday at American Machine & Foundry Company's state-approved laboratory, 5929 Rodeo Road, in Los Angeles, kicking off a round-the-clock, seven days a week, "Blue Sky Program" to accelerate development of the exhaust control device.

Judge Gibbens is well known for his "shock treatment" of traffic law violators by sending them to see accident victims treated in hospitals, to help remove people from smashed cars and to clean up after accidents. He feels these object lessons are more effective in reducing traffic injuries than time served in jail. His lecture was accompanied by a film documentary of tragic auto accidents.

The routes, as well as the lab in which the devices are checked between runs, have been approved by the California Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board staff.

The "Smog Burner" is a direct flame afterburner accepted by the MVPCB for final testing. It is designed to replace conventional mufflers on new and used cars and trucks, and reduces the hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide in a combustion chamber without catalytic chemicals. It is being developed by American Machine & Foundry Co. under license from Chromally Corp.

## Hospitality Day

Hospitality Day will be observed at the Torrance Elks Lodge Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. Price of admission to the event for members is a guest who is a "potential Elk."

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