

Hungarian Family Flees Red Tyranny, Arrives in Torrance



OUT OF SLAVERY

Mr. and Mrs. Istvan Gardos (seated) arrived in Torrance this week after escaping Red tyranny in Hungary. Their son, Gabor (center) fled with them. They are staying presently with Mr. and Mrs. Abram P. Gary of 4902 Pacific Coast Hwy. and their two children Stefanie, 8, and Leslie, 10 (right).—Press Photo.

Mother, Son Leave First, Husband Follows

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

"Tyranny doesn't change! Only the color of the flag changes!" So stated Istvan Gardos, 55, Hungarian refugee, who has experienced the tyranny of Nazism and Communism. Seeking refuge in America, he and his family have come to settle in Torrance.

Gardos, his attractive wife, Rozsa, and their son Gabor, 20, were in Budapest when Hungarian freedom fighters revolted against Communist oppression.

Gardos, speaking through Abram P. Gary of 4902 Pacific Coast Hwy., a distant relative who was instrumental in bringing the family over here, vividly recalls the incidents of the past few months which caused him, his wife, and son to make a desperate bid for freedom.

Spokesman Killed
Touching off the revolt was the shooting by the dreaded secret police of a spokesman

who wished to act as mediator between the government and the students during a peaceful demonstration objecting to a governmental radio broadcast.

"We lived in a vulnerable place," Gardos said, stating that carloads of students arrived in front of their home that night, ransacked a Russian store across the street and burned the merchandise at a bonfire.

Shortly after midnight, Stalin's statue came tumbling down and a truck pulled it through the streets. Gardos' (Continued on Page 22)



SHERRY LOIS GREEN

GIRL DIES AFTER AUTO CRASH HERE

Sherry Lois Green, 19, of 21138 Grace street, died at Harbor General hospital after an automobile accident shortly before midnight on New Year's Eve.

She was riding with her brother, Richard McAbee, 22, when they hit a pole at Moneta avenue near Main street at 10:40 p.m., December 31.

McAbee, who told officers another car forced him off the road, was booked in the Los Angeles County hospital on suspicion of manslaughter and is still in critical condition.

Other passengers included Sherman Shotwell Jr., 29, of 17212 South Main street, Gardena; John Oberg, 21, a Camp Pendleton Marine; and David D. Cranford, 14, of 121 West 165th street, Gardena. They were treated at the same hospital.

Sherry is survived by her husband, Jimmy Green, Compton; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. McAbee; two sisters, Sandy and Kathy; and five brothers, Danny, Larry, William, Robert and Richard. The funeral has been delayed temporarily until William, who is in Germany, arrives.

Local Man With Atomic Blast Study

Pvt. James D. Laarman, formerly of 4515 Newton street, in the Ellinwood section of Torrance, has reported to the Waterways Experiment Station at Vicksburg, Miss., for duty with the Army's Corps of Engineers.

A former engineer at Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo Division, Pvt. Laarman has been assigned to a study designed to minimize dangers and damage of atomic blasts. Tests using small scale models are conducted to predict the effects of nuclear weapons on engineering structures.

Pvt. Laarman entered the service in August, 1956, and received basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

His new assignment to the Waterways Experiment Station was made under a special program of the Army in which the technical and academic training of the enlisted man is utilized. Under this program young engineers called into military service may be assigned to engineering work at Army installations. Qualifications are high and include a college degree in an appropriate field.

RECORD YEAR BUILDING ACTIVITY \$46 MILLION

Torrance's building activity for 1956 reached an all-time high, totaling \$46,482,600, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk, Torrance Building department.

This puts the city about \$4 million ahead of the 1955 total which was \$42,595,940.

The 1956 figure also tops the 1954 high of \$45,086,552. Home construction accounts for the major portion of the record total, with \$32,896,000 building permits taken out for home building.

Commercial Rezoning of Site Approved

According to Planning Director George Powell, the City Council has given final approval to rezone a 10-acre parcel planned for development into a major retail shopping center.

It is located north of Sepulveda blvd., and west of Madrona ave., and was changed from manufacturing commercial use by the council.

The rezoning was voted following three public hearings at which no protests were lodged. Adjacent land that would be part of the center already has been rezoned.



ATOMIC STUDIES

Pvt. James D. Laarman, formerly of 4515 Newton st., Torrance, is shown using a high speed sequence camera in his atomic studies with the Army's Corps of Engineers. He is a former engineer at Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo division.—U. S. Army Photo.

Council Repeals Pay Law, Firemen Object

Torrance firemen maintained that there are not enough "chiefs" while Chief J. Jay Benner claimed that there are not enough "Indians" during a City Council controversy which saw the repeal of a 1943 resolution authorizing higher salaries

when employees hold temporary jobs in a higher classification.

The council's action came after Fire Department personnel recommended "move-up" pay based on provisions of the 1943 resolution.

The vote for repeal was 3-2 with Mayor Albert Isen, and Councilmen Bob Jahn and Willys Blount in favor, while Councilmen Victor Benstead and Nick Drale opposed.

Firemen's Stand
Speaking for firefighters Local 1138, Jerry Hollowman stated that firemen don't mind working in a higher job classification occasionally, but asked move-up pay be paid more consistently.

"We think 54 move-ups per month are a little too many to be called 'occasional,'" he added.

The city's position until now has been that men working in a move-up position are getting actual experience which would be necessary to promote them to a permanent position on the

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Award Dinner Ticket Sale

Tickets for the "All-America City" Award banquet will go on sale at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado on Monday, January 7. There will be a limited supply of 400 tickets for the banquet which will be held January 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Solon Seeks Study Of Lomita Issue

At a meeting of the Lomita Civic league, Friday, December 28, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (Dem.-San Pedro) discussed the incorporation and annexation problems of Lomita.

He will seek appointment of an assembly committee to study the possibility of clarifying laws dealing with incorporations and annexations and believes that such laws have caused confusion and conflict between the two communities.

He will go to Sacramento this month for a session of the legislature.

The County Counsel's office has ruled that Lomita's fourth incorporation filing has precedence for 50 days over the Torrance annexation filing which preceded it.

Torrance filed its original annexation map with the county boundary commission December 19 and another December 24, when the incorporation filing was made.

Look Staffers

Look magazine representatives are scheduled to be in Torrance starting Monday for a story and picture coverage of this city in connection with the "All-America Cities" honor which Torrance received. Ben Kocivar, of Look, and a photographer, have been offered quarters in Torrance City Hall.

Strike Negotiations Still Deadlocked Here

Workers on strike against National Supply rejected the company's latest offer last week by an overwhelming majority, according to D. D. Brymer, representative, Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union-CIO.

The company's proposal was rejected by 414 of the 441 members voting, it was indicated.

Those who did not vote were either non-union members or had found temporary or permanent work elsewhere, according to Al Chandler, head of Local 1-128.

He said about 400 of the striking workers have found jobs. The local labor headquarters has also been designated as a Longshoremen's dispatch hall and that the Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's unions are sending extra work over to the local headquarters.

The steel industry's pattern basic wage of \$1.82 per hour, retroactive pay from Nov. 1, time-and-a-half pay and double-time pay as such for work on Saturdays and Sundays, respectively, and no loss of pay for union committeemen working on grievances during company work hours.

Certi-Bond officials have denied these charges. Scott said the dispute has been submitted to George Meany, head of the National AFofL-CIO.

Certi-Bond Placed On Unfair List

The Torrance Certi-Bond store has been placed on the unfair list by the AFofL Central Labor council, according to Ben N. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Retail Clerks Local 905. Retail Clerks union has investigated charges that the store is union-owned, was not paying union wages, was carrying non-union made products, and was competing directly with retail stores in the area employing union help.

Certi-Bond officials have denied these charges. Scott said the dispute has been submitted to George Meany, head of the National AFofL-CIO.

Bandit Invites Store Clerk To Shoot Him

A blonde, five-talking bandit in his early 20s robbed a liquor store at 3217 West Pacific Coast highway and then invited the store clerk to shoot him as he fled out the door.

Clerk Howard Foote, 46, said the robber wore a goatee and mustache and entered the store about 10 p.m. He threatened Foote with a revolver and forced him to surrender an undetermined amount of money from the cash register.

"I'm sick, man. You can shoot me in the back if you want to," the bandit said as he started for the door.

Foote said he left in a car apparently driven by an accomplice.

Lomita Group Sets Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Lomita Civic league will be held at the Narbonne high school's little theater, 254th street and Walnut street, Tuesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m. The meeting, dealing with the incorporation and annexation issues is open to the public. The league is opposed to both proposals.

Big Return For Small Investment

It only costs \$2 to find the right occupants for a house which was for rent and to find a buyer for three power saws and tools.

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RH Annexation Limits Extended

The Torrance City Council last night acted to include another part of Rolling Hills including about 30 homes in the proposed annexation move. The area is bounded by Palos Verdes blvd., Rollings Hills rd., and the Torrance and Rolling Hills boundaries.

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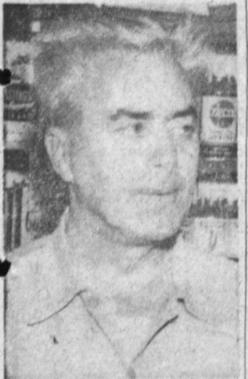
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CHARLES B. DUNHAM, of DUNHAM'S AUTO PARTS, 1407 W. CARSON, has been in business in Torrance for 25 years. He specializes in nationally known parts, complete machine shop service, all types of aerquip, and hydraulic hose parking facilities. Since establishing his auto parts shop in 1931, he has served the people of Torrance well and is a member of the Better Business Bureau. He and his wife, Ethel, live at 21617 Halldale ave.



LOWELL R. SPRING, owner and operator of the TORRANCE HOBBY SHOP, 1338 EL PRADO, has been selling a high quality selection of models, toys, tools, crafts, and leather items for 10 years. He lives with his wife Mary, a son, Donnie, 5, and a daughter, Peggy, 2, at 1219 Date avenue and has lived in California for 30 years after moving here from his native state, Montana.

Columbia-Geneva Steel Appointments Announced

Appointment of William T. Ayers as superintendent of engineering and maintenance of the Torrance Works of U. S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva Steel division, was announced today by C. C. Morgan, general superintendent.

Formerly superintendent of rolling mill, Ayers succeeds Carl S. Warner, who retired November 30 after 50 years with U. S. Steel.

Simultaneous announcement of two other appointments was made. William M. Montgomery, formerly superintendent of open hearth, has been named superintendent of rolling mill; and Robert J. Prout has been promoted from assistant superintendent to superintendent of open hearth.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Ayers holds BS and ME degrees from Cornell university, 1940. Following service in the Navy, he joined Columbia-Geneva in 1946 as a mechanical engineer in San Francisco. (Continued on Page 22)



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