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## Konya, Turkey, Says 'I Do' to Sisterhood with Torrance

Konya, Turkey, has officially accepted Torrance's bid to become its international sister city under the State Department's People to People program.

This was revealed by Nejat Sonmez, Turkish information officer when he interpreted the acceptance letter from Konya's Mayor Mustafa Bey, at the citizens committee meeting Monday.

The Turkish official made a whirlwind inspection of Torrance Monday as guest of Sam Van Wagner, chairman of the committee and city officials. Later he spoke of his country's role in the free world at a dinner meeting in the Palms.

Now that the sisterhood plan is officially under way, the committee will outline steps of close interchange of ideas letters and perhaps even personal visits between the citizens of both cities.

"As far as we Turks are concerned, our hearts are open to you all," Sonmez said.

The affable graduate of Columbia University told the group that Turkey's ambition is to catch up with the American way of life.

"But we have a long way to go," he added.

He stressed that Turkey has consistently opposed Soviet Russia's ambitions in the Middle East and has fought Russia, with which it shares a frontier, 12 times during the past 150 years.

"If you stretch the hand of friendship to Communists, they grab your arm," he declared. "We regard Communism as a malignant growth in the social order."

He also voiced unease over Arab nationalism in the Middle East.

"One wonders if nationalism isn't heady wine that serves the Communists," he said. "It remains to be seen whether they are playing with fire or if we'll see another Hitler or Mussolini in the Middle East."

During his visit here Sonmez took a helicopter ride with Planning Director George Powell, and also visited the National Supply Company.



**TURKISH VISITOR**—Nejat Sonmez, left, director of Turkish information, is being welcomed by Mrs. Lou Karlow, secretary, and Sam Van Wagner, chairman of the citizens committee in charge of the city to city program with Konya, Turkey. Sonmez, here gets ready to take a helicopter inspection trip of Torrance. Press Photo.

## 7 Workers Burned in Plant Electrocutation

### Rumor 'Pressure' in City Shakeup

### Bone Up, Bishop Demoted

A City Hall shakeup, affecting three top positions, was approved by the City Council Tuesday night with hardly a word of discussion, but with rumors of "pressure."

The change included the promotion of Chapman L. Bone to assistant city manager, and the demotion of City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop.

Bone, former Hermosa Beach city manager, who was hired as an administrative assistant only three weeks ago, will take over the post to be vacated Jan. 1 by Don Mansfield, who will become administrative officer of Bell.

Bishop, who has served as top man in the engineering department for five years, "requested" to step down from that post in order to be reclassified as senior city engineer in charge of drawing storm drain designs.

Although Bishop accepted a pay cut, in a job which has yet to be put into the civil service ordinance, there were reports around city hall that he has been pressured into stepping out with threats of "black-listing."

Bishop will bow out as boss of the engineering department as of Jan. 1.

The third post involving change is that of John V. Russell, who will retire as public works director at the end of the year. Although the city has already held another examination for a successor, no suitable candidates were found, and another test is being called.



**ROSE FLOAT**—This is a drawing of Torrance's float in the Tournament of Roses Parade which will have theme, "Adventures in Aviation." The float will depict Charles Lindbergh's crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in the "Spirit of St. Louis" built by Ryan Aeronautical Co.

### Scaffold Hits High Wire Line

Seven persons received burns, one of them critical, in an electrocution accident at Ryan Aeronautical Co. Tuesday afternoon.

Three men were electrocuted when the aluminum scaffolding they were moving from one building to another in the plant at 2750 W. Lomita Blvd. came in contact with an overhead power line, company officials said.

Four other men received minor burns on their hands when they freed the others from the scaffolding.

Most seriously burned was Larry Hebert, 27, of 2187 W. 245th St., who suffered third degree burns, and is now at Riviera Hospital.

Suffering first degree burns was Jerome Horning, of 2077 W. 248th St., who was transferred to Magnolia Hospital in Long Beach, while Carl Ellinwood, 25, of Long Beach, was taken to Riviera Hospital with minor burns.

The four other men, among the first at the scene of the accident and who were burned on their hands freeing the others, were identified as Albin Swanson, Walter Preston, Carl George and Bob Kocher.

The four were given first-aid treatment and were released.

### Santa to Whirl in Saturday

Santa Claus will land by helicopter in four sections of Torrance on Saturday morning, according to an announcement by the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

President Fred W. Mill said the novel entry by the bearded gentleman from the North Pole is through the courtesy of Charles Duschak's Helicopter Service, 22597 Western Ave.

Santa's first stop will be at the Southwest corner of Cravens and Egnacia at 9 a.m. in Downtown Torrance. He will then hop to the Fox Market at 182nd and Arlington at 10 a.m.

Foods Company, at 174th and Crenshaw, will be visited at 11 a.m. and the Food Giant at 190th and Anza at 12 noon.

Walteria will wait until 3 p.m. on Sunday Dec. 21 when the Walteria Businessmen's Club will hold their annual party in Walteria City Park.

### These Stores Open Sundays

For the convenience of residents who can not find time to do their Christmas shopping during the week, the following downtown stores will be open on Sundays until Christmas from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

J. J. Newberry's, Karl's Shoes, Lawson Jewelers, Western Auto, Anita Shops, Dale's Department Store, Mayflower Dress Shops.

### Santa Downtown Schedule Starts Tomorrow A. M.

Santa will be in downtown Torrance starting at 10 a.m. tomorrow according to an announcement by the sponsoring Downtown Retail Merchants Association.

Old St. Nick will distribute free candy suckers to all kiddies from his special "workshop" float.

Following is his schedule:

Dec. 12—10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m., center of the 1300 block of Sartori.  
Dec. 13—4-8 p.m., center of 1200 block of Sartori.  
Dec. 15—10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m., center of 1300 block of El Prado.  
Dec. 16—10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-5 p.m. front of 1513-1515 Cabrillo; 6-8 p.m. front of 1967-69 Carson.  
Dec. 17—10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2100 block Torrance Blvd.

### \$1500 Taken in Safe Burglary

Burglars who apparently hid inside the building at closing, time looted a safe of \$1500 early Wednesday morning.

The theft at Scotty's Department Store, 17504 Crenshaw Blvd., was discovered by Police- men Robert Hammond and L. Daniels while they made a regular hourly patrol check.

Detectives said that the thieves had opened the safe by turning the combination dial.

Detectives said that they sent evidence to the sheriff's crime lab to confirm their leads.

### Parakeet Found

Policeman Don Hartel was somewhat startled when he discovered a green, but sleepy parakeet perched on the hood of a police car in the rear of the police station Tuesday morning.

He turned the lost bird over to Officer Bill Wintner, who is keeping it with other parakeets until the owner can claim it.

### Lindbergh Flight Theme of Torrance Rose Parade Float

A colorful float, depicting Lindbergh's crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, will be Torrance's entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. The "Spirit of St. Louis," the single engine craft in which the famed aviator made his pioneering flight, is being designed to scale for the float and will have the original lettering. It was built by Ryan Aeronautical Co. which now has its electronic division in Torrance.

Theme of the parade will be "Adventure in Flowers."

Mrs. Victor E. Benstead, chairman of the decorations committee, said that thousands of purple, lavender and white chrysanthemums will represent ocean waves. The plane will be done in silver Dusty Miller flowers. The Statue of Liberty and the Eiffel Tower will be made of white Pom-Poms and green chrysanthemums, respectively.

Riding the float will be three queen contest winners and the winner and runner-up in the Miss Torrance contest to be decided Dec. 29.

The lovelies already selected for the ride are Donna Isbell, Miss Airport Day; Glenda Lee Schwartz, Miss Walteria, and Judi Tye, Miss Chamber of Commerce.

Donations to the float fund are still being received by the Chamber of Commerce. A total of \$5000 is needed.

### Set Date of Court Opening

Tentative date for the dedication of the new \$325,000 Torrance Municipal Court building in the civic center has been set for Jan. 16, it was learned today.

The court may actually be occupied before that time.

The new building will contain one court room, clerk's, district attorney, and marshal's offices now located in the old city hall building in downtown Torrance.

As of the first of the year, Judge Otto B. Willett is expected to be assigned here for six months, replacing Judge Donald Armstrong, who will return to South Bay.

The modern new brick structure is located north of the police station which will save time in transporting prisoners.

Another recent change in court procedure was to assign Torrance criminal cases to Inglewood Superior Court instead of using the Long Beach and Los Angeles courts.

### Gets Jail Term

A Redondo Beach man who was charged with obtaining a driver's license under a fictitious name after his own was suspended, was sentenced to 90 days in jail Tuesday by Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong.

He is Armand Amaya, 28, a punch press operator who was arrested on a court warrant.

### Filthy Alleys Blasted

Protest against allegedly filthy alleys was made to the City Council by the Walteria Civic Organization.

In a letter signed by Secretary Bessie D. Stonecker, the organization charges that trash litter some alleys so badly, that motorists have to get out of their cars to clean off the debris before they can proceed.

The letter specifically refers to an alley between Hawthorne Blvd. and Park St., and an alley between Hawthorne Blvd. and Neece Ave.

The group asserts that paper and trash of all kinds is put out in open boxes and scattered from one place to another.

Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins recommended that the city's anti-litter law be enforced, or else that the city could clean up the alleys more frequently at considerable cost.

### Trio Passes Bar

Two Torrance and one Lomita men have passed the State Bar examination.

They are Robert M. Short, of 5409 Paseo De Pablo and Bernard E. Smith, of 804 Hickory Ave., and Bruce Alan Beckman, 24301 Lomita Dr., Lomita.

## Vice Mayor Needed

AN EDITORIAL

There is one man in town who has wielded more shovels than a ditch-digger, snipped more ribbons than a seamstress and made more talks than a disc jockey.

That's the man who occupies the top city office, the mayor. With a city as rapidly growing as Torrance, hardly a week goes by that Hlzroher doesn't have to attend a groundbreaking, a grand opening or give a talk before some group or another.

That's all part of the job. But one man, even someone as available as Mayor Isen, can't be everywhere at the same time. Particularly not if he has his own business to attend to.

That's why the city fathers might consider giving him some help by creating the post of vice mayor to take charge of council meetings or other tasks connected with the mayor's job when Mr. Isen is out of town or has a conflicting schedule.

Presently when the mayor is away, the City Council has to elect one of its members to act in his place to conduct meetings and attend civic functions.

The mayor pro tem, serves only for one Council meeting, or until the mayor returns.

It would seem that it might be much more efficient if the councilmen elected one of their members vice mayor for, let's say one year at a time.

This way the city would always know who the presiding officer will be, and the vice mayor could also represent the city more properly when the mayor is unavailable.

Action in this direction might be well considered by the council to avoid a lot of confusion which exists now.

### Boy Dies Following Polio Shot

A five-year-old boy died at Harbor General Hospital Monday afternoon despite concerted efforts by his father, fire department rescue team and doctors to save his life.

The boy, Daniel Owens, 5, of 2810 Martha St., apparently suffered from breathing difficulties. Torrance firemen said that when they arrived at the home, the father, Jack C. Owens, was attempting to revive the youngster by mouth to mouth breathing.

Firemen took over with resuscitation equipment and applied it during the ride to Harbor General Hospital where they continued on the job while a doctor performed a tracheotomy.

The boy died approximately four hours later. Doctors told firemen that a possible cause of death may have been a polio shot Daniel received while he had a cold.

### FBI Called in on RR Burglary of Plane Parts

FBI agents were called to assist in the investigation of the lifting of secret government materials from a railroad box car Monday.

Police reported that two 15-year-old youths were observed at the scene of the theft on a siding near the Dow Chemical Co.

More than 100 cartons of airplane parts were taken from the Santa Fe box car and hidden in a culvert nearby. An undetermined amount of material has been accounted for.

In another burglary, more than \$1000 of tools were stolen from the BMW Manufacturing Co., 1740 Abalone Ave., officers reported.

**CITY EMPLOYEES' PARTY**  
City Hall employees will stage their annual Christmas party Dec. 24 at noon in the employees lounge, featuring a cold lunch, complimentary gifts will be exchanged.

### Hearing Slated in Lomita on Water Pressure

A hearing on operations of the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2, will be held by the Public Utilities Commission Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Lomita American Legion Hall, Narbonne Ave. and 247th St.

The commission will hear complaints from Lomita and South Torrance residents that water pressure has not been increased despite a rate hike granted to the firm five years ago.

Improvement of the system was among the conditions set by the PUC at the time it granted the increase.

### Chief Warns on Home Solicitors

With a rash of solicitors invading Torrance to peddle their wares, Police Chief Percy Bennett, cautioned residents to take some simple precautions.

He said that all solicitors are required to have a city license signed by License Inspector Gale Whitacre.

Residents are asked to request the agents to display the license to them to make sure that they have a legitimate line of merchandise.

If they don't, residents are asked to call the police department promptly.

**STEAL RIFLE, AMMO**  
A 30/06 rifle and ammunition was stolen from the home of William W. Stowell, 25225 Oak St., Lomita, deputy sheriffs reported.



**NORTH POLE GUEST**—Santa Claus and his assistant, Claudia Smith, Miss Santa Claus, check out a helicopter for St. Nick's airborne appearance here Saturday. Press Photo.