

**'PUT OUT THE LITTLE FIRES'**

**Police Chief Back from N. Y. Parley; Torrance Rates High**

Police Chief Percy G. Bennett recently returned from a convention in New York where he had the opportunity to exchange ideas and methods with 3000 other chiefs from throughout California, the United States, and such foreign nations as Vietnam, Canada, Korea, and England.



CHIEF BENNETT

Law-enforcement heads were treated to addresses by Dag Hammarskjold, UN secretary general, Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, and Mayor Robert F. Wagner. They also were privileged to hear Licia Albanese, Metropolitan soprano, in person.

The chief returned to Torrance more firmly convinced than ever that his department is doing an incomparable job. Of about 80 active line officers, the majority are tied to special duties, such as the chief, assistant chief, and the detective, juvenile, traffic, and forgery details.

This leaves the remainder on patrol, spread quite thin over 22 square miles and at the call of more than 100,000 persons. However, the chief treats the job like putting out a lot of little fires before a holocaust can result. More than 90 percent of major crime has been solved here, a record difficult to equal. Of petty crime, Chief Bennett believes it might take about 50,000 policemen to stamp it out entirely. It is out of the question

to keep a constant eye on every hubcap in town. Fortunately, there is no hint of organized crime here, and the chief believes that factor might be exaggerated elsewhere by police administrators eager for fat budgets to operate their departments. Bennett has no ogre with which to frighten the City Council into extra appropriations. "Anyway, there is only so much money, and many agencies to pay for. We're not the only facility in need, and we're getting by."

event for the International Association of Chiefs of Police, virtually all activity was in the nature of lectures and instruction and exchange of ideas.

The subjects covered every facet of police business from Communism to crime prevention. Considered among the most vital topics were teamwork among agencies throughout the world and the need for standardized crime reports from state to state in this country.

Education and training of the police officer was given great emphasis. In line with this, Chief Bennett noted that Torrance has no intention of joining in a peace officers' training fund set up during the most recent session of the Legislature. The law provides for an added 5 percent penalty on all criminal fines to subsidize training for city police departments.

"We have used the sheriff's academy in the three years I've been chief, and it's the best training I know of. There is no charge to cities, the course runs eight weeks, and the men emerge with a surplus of qualification for the job they will do," the chief declared.

Bennett knows his department's sweat will be diminished as enormous shopping centers come into operation here. The resulting revenue from taxes will ease the city's burden—and his own.

**Warriner Hadley to Head State Odd Fellows**

Warriner L. Hadley, of Inglewood has been installed into the office of Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California.

Hadley joined Eclipse Lodge No. 143 of St. Joseph, Missouri, soon after his twenty-first birthday. He has served the Order in many capacities, is a past officer of all branches of the Order, and served on the Youth Committee of the State as chairman for fifteen years.

He and his family have been



WARRINER L. HADLEY

residents of this community since 1918. He has two sons and their families living in Torrance.

The Encampment branch is the next higher branch to the subordinate lodge and was first instituted in California at Sacramento in 1855.

**Horkey-Moore Makes Navy Bomb Containers**

Horkey-Moore Associates has completed a contract for a number of practice-bomb and rocket containers for the Norair Division of the Northrop Corporation.

**Temple Slates Holy Service**

Temple Beth El of San Pedro held Day of Atonement services Sunday at 8:30 p.m. and all day Monday.

Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, marks the high point in Jewish religious experience. It is a fast day and a day of asking God's forgiveness for all sins.

Rabbi Leonard A. Helman, spiritual leader of Temple Beth, preached at the evening service on "If God is God," and considered the meaning of the Book of Job to modern life.

In the morning at 11, the rabbi preached on "The Sin Which We Have Sinned," discussing the nature of sin in modern society.

The choir, under direction of Jerome Lewin, sang the traditional Yom Kippur music, beginning with the Kol Nidre. Temple Beth El choir consisted of Donald O'Gren, baritone; Ray Arbizu, tenor; Marianna Brinkerhoff, contralto; Maralin Niska, soprano; and Betty Abramson, contralto, with Dorothy Searcy as organist and Jerry Lewin as director.

Information about membership to the congregation may be secured by calling Dr. Jay Belsky, TE 3-6018.

**Rabbi's Subject 'Enjoy Yourself'**

Rabbi Leonard A. Helman of Temple Beth-El of San Pedro will preach Friday night Oct. 16, 8:30 p.m., on "Enjoy Yourself." This service will mark the beginning of the festival of Sukkos which begins that night. The B'nai B'rith organization of San Pedro will serve as host for the refreshment period following the Friday Sukkos service.

Sukkos, the fall pilgrim festival, commemorates the final gathering of the harvest in the Land of Canaan and is the period of thanksgiving unto the Lord for all the blessings which He gives unto mankind. The festival is symbolized by the building of a Sukkah, or hut, in the patio of the Temple. The children of the religious school on Saturday and Sunday morning will place offerings of fresh fruit and vegetables upon the hut.

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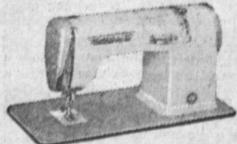
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