



ACTION ON POST AVE.—Car driven by teen-ager late Thursday night barreled east on Carson, turned onto Post and kept turning into a couple of front yards, where it took out

two cars parked for night in driveways, some shrubbery, and a tree. Driver explained to police that he lost control on the turn and brakes failed. He declined wrecker, drove it away. —Press Photo



HONORARY CITIZEN—Konya Mayor Sitki Bilgin is made honorary citizen of Torrance by action of City Council. Here he thanks the group—from left: Victor E. Benstead, Carolyn

Graham, interpreter; Nick Drale, who made presentation, and Robert B. Jahn. Action took place when Mayor visited council chambers the day he arrived. Konya has 32 on its council. —Press Photo

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DRAMA ON CRAVENS AVE.—Little Linda looked lost to Officer Ray Fuller Friday in the cold gray morning. When he asked her about it, she said, "No, I'm just tired of

walking." Distraught by the cares of the world, she permitted herself to be taken by police car to Torrance Elementary School, where she brightened on seeing her friends. —Press Photo

Konya Mayor, Wife to Leave City Today

Bilgin Honored at Reception After Press Parley, Declines to Involve Self in Politics

Mayor Sitki Bilgin met the press Friday night and kept his aplomb and kept his friends while answering a string of questions chiefly inane or contrived to put him in the middle with the State Department or his own country.

The event preceded dinner and a reception by the Konya Committee at the Palms.

The Mayor, here on a tour of peace, good will, and understanding, scarcely could have been in a humor to take a stand on Caryl Chessman, the gas chamber, or take issue with his fellow politicians in his native land.

Regarding Chessman, he said he had not studied the case—a good, diplomatic answer. Pressed for a personal opinion, the matter was neatly disposed of by the interpreter, Nejat Sonmez, who went on to answer another question more in keeping with the nature of the Konya Days celebration.

The entire conference accomplished little except to tire his honor a bit more.

He came to Torrance, he said, expecting to find a young, thriving, active, and modern city, and his expectations were more than fulfilled.

His tours of schools, factories, and municipal installations proved to him that what he had heard about this city and country was essentially conservative.

In all his travels in Europe, he said, there were never roads like ours—beautiful and functional.

The Mayor said we have an advantage in the practical side of schooling through labs and workshops, but in Turkey the academic facet comes in for greater stress. Elementary school there is of five years' duration, intermediate lasts three years, and high school four.

Cigarettes are the criterion of social standing—the more luxurious, the higher the individual's stratum. The Mayor smokes a medium-good grade. These he passed round to the reporters and accepted a filter cigarette from one of them. It was not recorded whether or not he smoked it.

He said Turks are partial to natural cigarettes.

On jailing Turkish editors who disagree with the present political regime, Mayor Bilgin summed the situation up by declaring that freedom is fine if it does not interfere with someone else's freedom.

In Turkey, where hanging still is in vogue for crimes that call for it, the Mayor said the criminal code is based on a simple principle:

It is far better let a guilty man go free than to kill an innocent man. Human life is held sacred, and much care is exercised in seeing that the law is served.

Yesterday the visitors were honored by mayors and councilmen from all South Bay cities. (Continued on Page B-4)



SOUND ON FILM—Mayor Sitki Bilgin is interviewed for Armed Forces radio and television through his interpreter, Nejat Sonmez

(left). Films and tapes made during Konya Days will be beamed to countries throughout the world. Mayor will get a copy. —Press Photo



MISS POSSE—La Rae Phillips of Rolling Hills has been named Miss Sheriff's Posse No. 3 to reign over junior horse show at Empty

Saddle Club in Rolling Hills next Sunday at 8:30 a. m. Children 18 and younger may enter at Lennox sheriff's station.



TURKISH DELIGHT—Carolyn Graham, who added zest to the Konya entourage, took the long way home by way of Turkey.

Turkish Interpreter Helped Start City-to-City Program

A rare bit of Turkish delight that accompanied the Konya delegation to this city's sister-city celebration brought innumerable remarks on the attractiveness of Turkish women. This is not surprising, for the visiting couple's escort and interpreter is a striking figure in stature and supportability to the eye. Her mastery of the Turkish language proved second only to her competence in English as she added an extra herb to the international flavor of the celebration.

This is going to come as a shock to those foot-loose souls who already have consulted their travel agents on the fastest route to Turkey, but Miss Carolyn Graham is about as Turkish as Kansas City. She is a native Californian.

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Torrance Flier Crashes Here

A student pilot on a solo flight brought his plane down on a field near Crenshaw and 190th St. Friday, to the tune of \$1500 in damage.

Richard Thomas Green of 3317 Winlock, the pilot, was not hurt. The engine quit at 2000 feet. He landed about 200 yards south of Crenshaw Elementary School. He was flying out of Hawthorne Airport.

City Equalizes Insurance Cost for Women

The City Council has bowed to the request of 63 woman employees of Torrance, who complained their group-insurance premiums are higher than the men's.

Under the arrangement made by the city earlier this month, Torrance pays a fixed \$5.75 monthly for doctor and hospital insurance.

Male employees pay an additional 74 cents as they agreed when the city permitted the personnel to take Blue Cross as the latter had requested.

Female employees cost more to insure. Under the original plan, they would be making up a difference of \$2.16.

The council voted to concur with the women, who will pay 74 cents, the city making up the deficiency.

Big Cigarette Bite

State cigarette taxes cost smokers \$5,822,700 in December.

FREE RIDES BOOST FARES ON BUS LINE

A total of 1722 persons took advantage of the city's offer of free bus rides last week. The week also saw an increase in revenue.

The previous week's take was \$2822.98, while receipts during Ride the Bus Week amounted to \$2841.80.

Bus-line officials concluded the event was quite successful in promoting good will.



BURTON W. CHACE

Chace Candidate for Reelection in 4th District

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace is a candidate for reelection in the 4th District primary June 7, it was announced today by Preston Hotchkis, civic leader and insurance executive, finance chairman of the Citizens Committee to Re-elect Burton W. Chace.

Working with Hotchkis are the mayors of the cities in the 4th District. These men, Hotchkis said, who guide the development of their communities are familiar with Burton Chace's policy of economy in government.

"Chace," said Hotchkis, "fully supports community projects that do not increase the burden of the taxpayer."

Among the mayors supporting the Citizens Committee are Albert Isen, Torrance; D. W. Clawson, Compton; Ben A. Barnard, Santa Monica; Arnold Finch, Lynwood; Robert W. Anderson, Rolling Hills Estates; and Ray C. Keeler of Long Beach.

"As a member of the Board of Supervisors," Isen declared, "Chace always has been aware of the needs of Torrance's fast growth. His policy of progress with economy and his concern for the welfare of the taxpayer is greatly appreciated by everyone."