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mander and Sgt. Elgin Elliott, station commander, are currently enlisting volunteers at 1319 1/2 Sartori St. in Torrance. A personnel counselor will be on hand through Oct. 7 to explain the 6 months' duty program.

Slight Business Decline Shown

Business activity in Southern California declined fractionally last month, reflecting a leveling-off tendency in recent months, Gilbert A. Pando manager of Security Bank's 190th and Anza branch, reported today.

The August index of business activity stood at 214.3 compared with 214.7 in July, 214.6 in June and 214.9 in May.

Declines were most evident on the industrial side of the local economy, including manufacturing employment, man-hours worked by factory employees, kilowatt hours of electric power used by industry and railroad freight car handlings.

These declines were balanced partially by gains in bank debits and in the valuation of building permits issued. Department store sales

Torrance Youths Are Freshmen at Redlands

The University of Redlands announces that 3 Torrance youths have enrolled in the freshman class.

They are James L. Hawkins, William D. Edwards and Michael W. Clark.

Hawkins and Edwards are graduates of South High School, Torrance.

Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins, 176 Via Los Miradores, will major in pre-law.

Edwards is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards, 213 Via Los Altos.

Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clark, 349 Calle Mayor, previously attended El Camino College. He will major in business administration.

State Rates for Utilities Among Lowest in Nation

Although some utility charges have risen, rates in California are still among the lowest in the nation, according to a tabulation of charges for gas, electric, and telephone service in the nation's 25 largest cities, the California Public Utilities Commission, announced today.

The total monthly charge in San Francisco is next to the lowest among the 25 cities surveyed, with Los Angeles fifth low and San Diego eleventh. The annual survey is based on rates on June 30, at the end of the past fiscal year.

Politician Urges Isolated Locale for U.N. Hdqtrs.

Tom Coffee, 17th Congressional Nominee, today called for the removal of the United Nations headquarters to "some politically isolated location such as Bermuda, Switzerland or the Azores."

"Khrushchev and his gang have captured the UN as a Communist propoganda forum and are now showing their first spectacular. After denying President Eisenhower entrance into Soviet Russia, Khrushchev now struts into Manhattan like a conqueror, staging a Communist convention such as has never been seen before," Coffee declared.

"It is obvious, that the red bloc intends to capture the 55 Afro-Asian-Red votes and thus control the 53 free European and American votes. The outlook for the United Nations is not cheery. We can look forward to the ultimate election of a Castro, Tito or Nassar man as Secretary-General of the UN," Coffee stated.

Lowest combined rates in the nation were \$11.37 per month in San Antonio, Texas, which has publicly owned gas and electric facilities.

Combined charge for the three services in San Francisco is \$11.43 per month, in Los Angeles \$12.22 per month and in San Diego \$13.04 per month. This is the first year San Diego has been among the 25 largest cities in the United States.

Steno Skills Set for Adult School

A new form of shorthand, stenoscrypt, is being offered in Torrance Adult School on Monday and Wednesdays from 7 to 9:30 in Room G-1, South High School.

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