

Groups Unite, Back Torrance College Site

BORDER GUARDS FOIL

CUBA DYNAMITE PLOT

2 Torrance Men Seized as They Flee with Arms

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TIJUANA — U. S. Customs agents have jailed two Torrance-area men and seized a cache of explosives believed headed for forces in Fidel Castro's revolutionary Cuban government.

Arrested by border guards as they passed customs last week were James A. Rowe, 22, and Perry Harper, 19.

Federal agents say the men admitted stealing dynamite and a munition from a locked storehouse at Harvey Aluminum Co. in Torrance 10 days ago.

EXCLUSIVE

Under questioning, police said, the two men admitted taking 10 half-pound blocks of TNT, 5 boxes of auxiliary exploder charges, 29 rounds of 50-caliber ammunition, 25 rounds of 15 millimeter exploder cartridges, 4 electric dynamite caps and five bundles of dynamite fuse.

All were to be exchanged in Mexico for narcotics and subsequently placed in the hands of Castro sympathizers, Torrance police detective Don Cook said.

FEDERAL OFFENSE

Both men, who live in unincorporated county territory near Torrance, were arraigned in Federal Court on charges of transporting explosives across the border, a federal offense. They are held in San Diego City Jail pending continued investigation.

Police in Torrance originally feared the explosives might have been stolen by juveniles, and a wide search was launched.

The TNT was being used by Harvey Aluminum for testing purposes, a spokesman said, and was stored in a locked warehouse.

Council Meeting Delayed a Week

There will be no meeting of Torrance City Council next week because members are attending a convention of the League of California Cities in Los Angeles.

Next meeting will be Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m.



POLICE GALS pose prettily with poster they will use to publicize upcoming Police Show at new Long Beach Arena. They are (l-r) Peggy Duval and Jo Vaughan. Show, slated Nov. 10, will feature array of personalities, including Pearl Bailey. Proceeds go to police benefit fund. —PRESS Photo by Al Winkler

Train, Car Crash; Passenger Injured

TORRANCE — A woman auto passenger was injured Friday night when involved in a train vs. car collision at the railroad tracks near Carson St. and Border Ave. Micklin Cook, 19, passenger in an auto driven by Rodella Fae Sankey, 17, was taken to Bains Emergency Hospital suffering from bruises and abrasions.

Also involved in the accident was Donald Ray Downs, 24, whose car received moderate damages when the train pushed Miss Sankey's auto into his. The Southern Pacific Railroad engine was

driven by Louis Alden Hanna of Los Angeles.

According to Miss Sankey, she was traveling west on Carson and entered the intersection at Border with a green traffic signal.

"The train smashed into me when my car was on the track. That's all I can remember," she said.

Downs, agreeing that the signal was green, said the train backed up into Miss Sankey's auto and pushed it onto his. He said there were no flares or signal men.

Torrance have begun a train investigation.



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Critical School Need Predicted

TORRANCE — "To keep faith with our youngsters," according to State Controller Alan Cranston, "we must build a new school almost every day and double the capacity of the University of California by 1970."

Cranston, Democratic candidate for re-election as California's chief financial officer, said at a coffee hour Wednesday at Torrance Democratic Headquarters, 1876 Torrance Blvd., "we must welcome the challenges of the future with the vitality and confidence that have always characterized California."

The Controller added that "to keep traffic jams from choking our growth and our spirit, we must build every week new miles of freeways, highways, streets and roads."

MULTIPLY OR BURST

"Junior colleges must multiply or burst as bigger and bigger, high school graduating classes flow into them," Cranston said. "State college campuses must be created and expanded to keep our promise to provide free education to any capable California youth with the will to train himself for the future."

"As our population continues to expand in great leaps, we have no choice but to keep pace by providing additional schools and other facilities," Cranston told his audience.

"The amazing fact is that we have been able to anticipate the demands of growth over the last years while keeping the budget balanced each year," Cranston stated. "In fact, we have had tax reductions two years in a row with another tax cut pledged by Governor Brown in 1963."

HEAVY BURDEN

"To finance the purchase of land and construction for these schools and colleges," Cranston pointed out, "the heaviest burden falls on state government while the

benefits are primarily local — in your community where the schools are located and where your children are educated."

"More than half of our almost \$3-billion state budget is not spent by state agencies," Cranston said. "Most of the money is transmitted to local government where it is used to build your schools, roads, hospitals and other community service."

Representation In 17th District Attacked Here

"The 17th Congressional District is not getting the representation it deserves in Washington when its Congressman, as reported by the 'Congressional Record,' continues to vote against a strong policy on Cuba."

This was the charge made by Ted Bruinsma, candidate for Congress, as he toured shopping centers in the district this week.

"Last week," said Bruinsma, "there was introduced in Congress a resolution to put some teeth into our policy on Cuba. Our Congressman voted against this resolution. He voted to continue the weak policy that has put us behind the eight-ball and will certainly lead us into war if we don't let Castro and Khrushchev know that we do not intend to give any ground in the fight against Communism."

"People throughout the 17th District — on the streets and in their homes — have told me they don't understand the situation in Cuba. They are alarmed that our great nation should be pushed around here in our own hemisphere. They want a firm policy. Each day, more and more administration leaders are moving toward a firm policy; yet, our Congressman, by his vote, con-

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DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS in Torrance are officially opened with a speech by Alan Cranston, Democratic candidate for re-election as state controller, and a reception party. Participating in event are (l-r) Mrs. Helen

Brandt, entertainment chairman; David K. Lyman, Torrance Cranston committee chairman; and Mmes. E. W. Egbert and Jacqueline Carney.

—PRESS Photo

IT'S SPOOK TIME

Halloween Parties Set At Torrance Playgrounds

TORRANCE — Halloween, spooky tribute to All Hallow's Eve of old, bows in at seven parks this month in the form of costumes contests, craft projects and the traditional outdoor parties.

Programs for young witches and goblins get under way at mid-month, when Recreation Department leaders begin handicraft workshops for toddlers through teen-agers.

Projects include paper masks, do-it-yourself costumes, party decorations and a wide variety of other paraphernalia designed to

delight the most discernible ghost.

Here are the dates, times and locations of special Halloween programs:

El Nido Park — A Halloween party will be held Oct. 27. Crafts and construction of novel decorations will be offered without charge at 10 a.m. the same day, followed by "Break the Pumpkin," ghost stories and a costume contest at 2 p.m.

El Retiro — "Witches' Warm Up Day" will be Oct. 27.

Walteria — Spook House will be open Oct. 31, but participants have been asked to contact the park for details on additional programs: FR 5-9127.

McMaster — Halloween



HARBOR GENERAL HOSPITAL stands nearly completed on site just east of Torrance. Only minor exterior finishing and several interior projects remain prior to hospital opening, scheduled late this year. New facility will replace current hospital buildings, acquired "temporarily" from U.S. Army in 1946. Overcrowding and inadequate facilities brought demands for a new building. —PRESS Photo

Area Groups Unite, Support Torrance as College Location

TORRANCE — Organizations here have joined forces in urging the Board of Trustees of California State Colleges to place South Bay State College in Torrance, the Rev. David Beadles, chairman of the City of Torrance College Advisory Committee, said this week.

Both Torrance and Lomita Chambers of Commerce have joined the growing list of organizations adopting resolutions calling for location of the college in the location offered by Torrance, Beadles said.

City Council has proposed the new four-year college be built on a 300-acre site northwest of Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvds. They pointed out this will be the most convenient location for students living in the South Bay region.

Recognition of the value of this location is being expressed by many organizations, Beadles said. He said the Torrance Board of Education, Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association and a number of PTA groups have either recently adopted resolutions or expressed their hope that the college will be built in Torrance.

Beadles said the local advisory committee is urging selection of the Torrance site because it is more centrally located in the college district, it will be more accessible and not present traffic problems for students coming from neighboring communities, and it would have ample acreage for future expansion.

NOVEMBER DATE
It is expected the state's (Continued on Page A3)