



TOURING Ports O' Call Village during the Red Cross sponsored International Students' Day Nov. 11 are American Field Service students, l to r, Clavis Bender of Brazil who attends West High; Karen S. Christensen of Denmark who goes to Chadwick in Palos Verdes, Anne Horn of Norway, a student at South High. The Torrance youths were among the 70 AFS students who toured the USC campus, Ports O' Call, the harbor and Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter headquarters during the day-long event.

Defense Pact Awarded to Local Firms

The Defense Supply Agency's electronics supply center at Dayton, Ohio, has awarded two small-business, government contracts totaling \$27,195 to two companies in Torrance.

Carma Manufacturing Company, 1869 Mullin Ave., was awarded a \$17,115 contract for 210 rotary switches. This firm-fixed price contract was awarded following competitive negotiations. Four concerns were invited to submit proposals and two proposals were received. Labor will be performed at the contractor's plant in Torrance.

Vernitron Corp., 1742 So. Crenshaw Blvd., was named recipient of a \$10,080 award to supply 120 control transformer synchros in accordance with military specifications. The firm-fixed price contract was awarded through formal advertising.

Work will be done at the contractor's plant in Farmingdale, New York.

The Defense Electronics Supply Center procures, manages and supplies common parts of electrical and electronic equipment used by the Armed Services.

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OFFICIALS GATHERED inside the Jump 'n Jack Restaurant last week to simulate the ribbon cutting which was rained out at the Torrance Airport. The ceremony was to dedicate the new runway facilities recently completed at the airport. On hand to assist in the proceedings were from left, Homer B. Morgan, chairman of the Torrance Airport Commission; Marlane Norsoff, Miss Torrance; Joseph H. Tippetts, western regional director for the Federal Aviation Agency; and Jack Egan, Torrance Airport Manager.

New Figures Discourage High School Drop-Outs

How much is an education worth, financially, to the young man in the Torrance area?

Does it pay, in the long run, to get more schooling, or is it better to drop out and start working a few years earlier?

Answers to these questions are contained in studies and reports recently released by the Department of Labor. They show that each added year in school results in more income for the average person throughout his working career.

Also, they find chances of getting a job and holding it are much brighter for the high school graduate than for the drop-out.

In this area, based on the amount of schooling the average young man is now receiving, and based upon present local income levels, he can expect to earn \$419,000 during his working years, the figures show.

This is considerably better than his prospects would have been 15 or 20 years ago, thanks to the rising education level locally and to higher wage scales.

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