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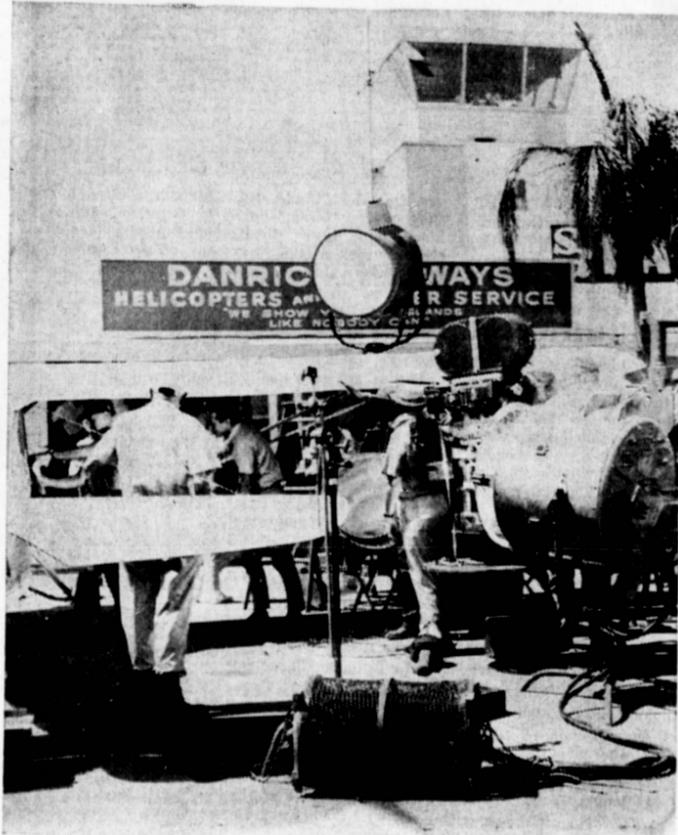
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HAWAIIAN SET . . . A new sign and a palm tree transforms an office located at Torrance Municipal Airport into the old section of Honolulu Airport for the filming of Hal Wallis' new movie, "Hawaiian Paradise." The movie, scheduled for release next summer, stars Elvis Presley and James Shigeta (seen here leaning on the plane just beneath a spotlight). Outdoor scenes are being filmed at the Torrance airport because of the similarity of the local airport to the old Honolulu airport.

Elvis Converts Airport Into Busy Hawaiian Spa

By HAL FISHER and JERRY REYNOLDS
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"Quiet, please. This is a take."
Cameras roll, actors recite their lines, and sound men strain to record the dialogue.

It's a common scene to the hundreds of people who make their living in the motion picture industry.
But this particular scene is unusual—unusual because it's being filmed at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

It's all part of a new Hal Wallis production, "Hawaiian Paradise," starring rock 'n roll singer Elvis Presley. The picture, set in the Hawaiian Islands (naturally), tells the story of a couple of wildcat helicopter pilots—played by Presley and co-star James Shigeta—who make their living by flying tourists to out-of-the-way island spots. It co-stars, in addition to Shigeta, Susanna Leigh, Julie Parrish, and Donna Butterworth.

Filming of scenes at the Torrance airport has been underway since Wednesday and the schedule currently calls for the cameras to finish their work sometime tomorrow. A few scenes will be made at the Lakewood Country Club before the company returns to Paramount Studios.
But why the Torrance Airport?

Paramount publicity director Ted Bonnet said the local airport is very similar to the old section of the Honolulu Airport, so a couple of palm trees have been added, buildings rented, and some \$250,000 worth of movie equipment moved onto the site.
An office was rented from Slim Kidwell and David Smith at the Airport, a new sign erected over the building, and—voila—Honolulu. Mercury Aviation is supplying the helicopters, and several other planes were rented for the scenes.

Few spectators are permitted on the set. Security gets pretty tight when Presley appears. Col. Tom Parker, Presley's business manager, permits no photos of the teenage idol—and no interviews—and when Presley is at the airport and not on the set, he hides away in a palatial trailer which has all the comforts of home.

Scenes being filmed here involve only the exterior shots at the "Honolulu Airport." Interior shots will be (Continued on Page A2)



TIME OUT ON SET . . . James Shigeta, co-star of the new movie, "Hawaiian Paradise," wraps his arms around a wing support for a moment during a brief rest from production of the movie. Scenes are being filmed at Torrance airport using an office rented from Slim Kidwell and David Smith. Paramount Pictures will release the film next summer.

Guns, Jewelry Snatched By Thief; Man Robbed

Changes Earlier Rulings

Directors of county sanitation districts involved in the operation of the Palos Verdes Peninsula landfill area agreed Wednesday afternoon to offer the 122-acre parcel to trustees of the California State Colleges.

In a letter of intent adopted by the boards of three districts, John B. Parkhurst, general manager and chief engineer of the county sanitation districts, was authorized to meet with trustees to "explore the possibility" of using the acreage as a college campus.

The landfill area is part of a 333-acre site on Crenshaw Boulevard south of Pacific Coast Highway being advanced by Torrance as a location for Palos Verdes State College. A feasibility study and site report was submitted to trustees Monday afternoon by the city.

WEDNESDAY'S action represented a reversal of a position taken some two weeks ago. At that time, the sanitation directors expressed opposition to a resolution offering the land to the college because they felt an earlier commitment had set the land aside for development of a golf course.

The letter of intent was approved unanimously by directors of the South Bay Sanitation District and County Sanitation District No. 5. Both include cities in the Southwest area.

DIRECTORS of County Sanitation District No. 2—which includes a block of cities located on the eastern edge of the county—approved the letter on a 14-3 vote.

Lynn Frantz, chairman of the Committee to locate South Bay State College in the South Bay, called the action "significant."

"This will show the state college trustees that the South Bay cities are willing to cooperate 100 per cent in finding the best possible site for the college," Frantz said.

FRANTZ PLANS to call a meeting of his committee shortly to study the available sites and make a recommendation. (Continued on Page A2)

Repeating Monday

Koenig, Safety Council Promote Drivers' Test

The National Drivers' Test, originally presented May 24, will be repeated tomorrow from 10 to 11 p.m., by CBS, according to the Torrance Safety Council.

Test participation of all Torrance residents is urged by Safety Council chairman James Becker and Police Chief Walter Koenig, even if a high score was attained during the original show.

'ALL THAT IS BEST'

California a Key to U.S. Welfare, Cranston Claims

State Controller Alan Cranston called on Californians to make this state "the standard of all that is best in America" during a non-partisan address here Wednesday evening.

Cranston was honored at a gathering of some 200 Torrance area business, civic, and political leaders.

"We are the citizens of the key state in the greatest democracy in the world," Cranston declared. "If we do not at once conserve the best in our people, then hope must diminish throughout the land."

CRANSTON CITED the conflict between the automobile and people in California as symbolic of the way in which the growth of the state may be controlling the people.

"We have unconsciously arrived at a series of values which make a mockery of us as thinking men," Cranston said. He recalled the statistics which show that two-thirds of the surface area of downtown Los Angeles has "been given over to the automobile," and added that the state spends \$70 for each man, woman, and child on the automobile every year.

"California is No. 1," Cranston said, "but it will not be the leader until we focus more on quality and not rush for quantity."

"I HAVE doubts about a system of values in which it is unclear which is more important: the whole human being or the car containing the human being," Cranston declared.

He told the gathering he wants "to see California become the leader in this nation—in the honor of its public affairs, in the excellence of its culture, in the vitality of its economy, in the justice and compassion of its society, in the way of life of its people."

"All of us are involved one way or another with the people of Watts," Cranston said. "We agree that law must be obeyed, but can we also agree that we cannot permit a community where 30 per cent are unemployed?"

CRANSTON SAID he rejected the idea that California, must reflect both the good and bad of society.

The state can be the best vehicle for solution of the great problems, the controller said. He noted the cities lack the resources to solve

ever, and he was pronounced dead at 10 p.m.

Doctors said an excessive amount of food was present in his throat, possibly causing him to strangle.

In addition to his wife, Winne is survived by three children, Steven Robert, 9; Michael Allen, 8; and Kathryn Lynn, 5; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Winne, and two brothers, Merle B. and Harold T. Winne.

FUNERAL services are scheduled at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Chapel of the Bells, Stone and Myers Mortuary. Interment will follow in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Winne joined the Torrance Police Department Nov. 28, 1960, and recently had been working in radar enforcement and accident investigation.

many of the problems and declared the "federal government is too distant, too preponderant, and too impersonal."

Training Set for Officers

Enrollment in Naval Reserve Officers School 11-7 in Los Alamitos for the current academic year is under way, according to Captain Reuben G. Klammer, USNR, of 2622 Via Rivera, Palos Verdes Estates.

Applications from officers of all the Armed Forces, reserve or regular, on active duty or inactive duty, are being accepted.

Four uniformed drills each weekend, beginning Sept. 25, makes the training practical for officers who must travel some distance to participate.

NROS 11-7 serves all of the 11th Naval District, composed of Southern California, Southern Nevada, and Arizona.

Courses in space sciences, oceanography, anti-submarine warfare techniques, military command responsibilities, public relations, and executive administration will be included in the training.

Promotion and retirement points will be awarded to Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard Reserves.

Further information is available by contacting Captain Clammer at 377-2097 or 391-0711, ext 3687.

Enter Fair

Lynn and Cynthia Kelly of 603 W. 214th St. have entered Junior 4-H home economics and agriculture-horticulture competition at the Los Angeles County Fair, Sept. 17 to Oct. 3.

Student Still Critical

Vernon James McMicken, 19, of 1578 Torrance Blvd., remained in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital yesterday. McMicken received severe damage to the right side of his head last Monday when he was attacked by an unidentified assailant on the beach near Avenue C. He underwent surgery Monday at the hospital. Doctors reported his condition remains unchanged.

New Water Wells Planned

City Councilmen will be asked to award a contract for construction of three new water wells in the city when they convene Tuesday evening at 5:30. The wells will provide an additional source of water for the city. A low bid apparently has been submitted by Beylik Drilling Co. in the amount of \$65,800. Councilmen also will be asked to authorize the water department to begin design of pumping equipment for the new wells with James M. Montgomery, Consulting Engineers, working on the project.

Radio Ham Electrocuted

William Merrel Jones, 38, of 22704 Kathryn Ave., died Friday afternoon when a ham radio set shorted as he was broadcasting. Jones' body was discovered by his mother shortly after 1 p.m. in the bedroom of the Jones home. Police administered oxygen in an attempt to revive him, but the effort failed and he was pronounced dead at a Torrance hospital.

Victim Hit By Gunman

Theft of three shotguns, a revolver, and jewelry from the home of Merrill Litherland at 3601 W. 172nd St. was reported to Torrance Police about 11:15 Friday evening.

Litherland told investigating officers the guns and jewelry were worth more than \$1,000. The thief also got \$58 in cash—most of it in rolled coins.

Officers said the thief apparently forced open the front door of the Litherland home. The burglary occurred between 10:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, Litherland told officers.

Among the jewelry taken was a matched set of diamond rings.

EARLIER Friday afternoon, police received a report of an armed robbery at the Anza Avenue apartment of Fred Badalamente, 20920 Anza Ave. Badalamente told officers he returned from work about 3 p.m. and saw a well-dressed mustachioed man standing in the hall near his apartment.

The man opened the door to Badalamente's apartment, flashed a blue steel hand gun, and ordered Badalamente to "Get back or you'll get shot." The robber forced Badalamente to get down on the floor, then bound his hands with copper wire.

Coins, a watch, some 60 stereo records, clothing, and \$70 in cash was taken. Badalamente told officers the man became upset when he couldn't find more money and kept tapping him on the head with the gun barrel, asking "Where is your money?"

BADALAMENTE was gagged with two handkerchiefs after the man ransacked the apartment.

A short time later, Torrance police were called to (Continued on Page A2)