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## Viet Nam Build-up Adds To Local Red Cross Work

The build-up of American military forces in Viet Nam is having a pronounced effect on Red Cross in San Pedro and throughout Los Angeles, Stanley Heiman, chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross Branch, reports.

Heiman said that during August the Red Cross in San Pedro noted a 22 per cent increase in requests from military families here for comprehensive service and a 30

per cent increase in simple inquiry services.

During the year which ended June 30, American Red Cross services provided U. S. military personnel in South Viet Nam more than doubled that of the previous year, Kaplan reported. Nearly 18,000 servicemen received Red Cross assistance, including health and welfare reporting and emergency financial as-

sistance with personal and family problems.

AMERICAN Red Cross staff in South Viet Nam has been more than tripled since last spring, Heiman said. Complete details about American Red Cross commitments in Viet Nam cannot be released for security reasons.

Heiman pointed out that many Red Cross field director units moved into South Viet Nam with military attachments directly from their former bases.

The main responsibility of field director units is to provide health and welfare services to the men and provide a link between the men and their families through local Red Cross branches and chapters.

IN ADDITION, Red Cross is providing women social and recreation workers in three United States hospitals in South Viet Nam and more will be sent as additional hospitals are opened. Red Cross staff and supplies also are scheduled for the U. S. Naval Hospital Ship Repose.

Responding to a request from the Department of Defense, the Red Cross will soon open a combined Center and Clubmobile operation in the Third Marine Division area in Da Nang.

Heiman added that American National Red Cross recently signed an agreement with the Department of Defense whereby the Red Cross, upon request, will undertake to produce all blood and blood derivatives needed in the Southeast Asian area.

THIS COULD have a substantial impact upon the Los Angeles and Orange Counties Blood Program, according to Heiman.

Los Angeles Chapter of American Red Cross and 10 other chapters in Los Angeles County are partners in the United Crusade fund campaign. The goal is \$21,500,000 of which Red Cross chapters will receive approximately one-fifth.

## Enrollment Spirals to New Record

Enrollment predictions for the Torrance schools this fall have proven conservative, according to a report just released by Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools for special services.

Dr. Kaplan had predicted an enrollment of 33,303 on Oct. 1. The actual figure, he reported, is 33,351—an all-time record high for the district. Nearly 1,000 new students have enrolled since schools first opened Sept. 15.

Elementary school attendance Oct. 1 was 24,229, up 552 over opening day. High school enrollment reached 9,122, up 439 from the first day of school.

FIGURES for Oct. 1, 1964, totaled 32,037, with 23,518 students enrolled in elementary school and 8,519 attending high school.

Heaviest enrollment at the elementary level was at Victor School, which boasted 1,286 students, Howard Wood School, 936, Madrona, 923, and Meadow Park, 915.

To handle unexpected students at Adams, Wood, and Hickory schools, classrooms have been set up in cafeterias. Classes were also transferred from Meadow Park to Arnold, from Torrance Elementary to Seaside, and from Madrona to Seaside School.

MUSIC ROOMS at Torrance Elementary and Hillside Schools have also been pressed into service and portable classrooms have been ordered to keep students off double sessions.

High School enrollment Oct. 1 was: South, 2,855; North, 2,671; Torrance High, 1,988, and West High, 1,602.

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## Toastmasters Week Marks Anniversary of Mens Club

Oct. 17 through 23 has been designated as Toastmasters International Week in Torrance "in recognition of the continuing contribution of Toastmasters International to the community."

Mayor Albert Isen proclaimed Toastmasters Week at a council meeting attended by representatives of local Toastmasters clubs.

The week recognized the founding of Toastmasters International 41 years ago by Dr. Ralph C. Smedley. The first club met in Santa Ana, Calif., Oct. 22, 1924. In the intervening years, the organization has grown to 3,600 clubs with more than 80,000 members in some 50 nations.

Present to receive Isen's proclamation were Michael

Luyt, administrative lieutenant governor of district 51; Roger Saunders, area 5 governor; Burt Hickcox, administrative assistant governor of area 5, and Dr. Rollin R. Smith, president of the Torrance Toastmasters Club 695.

Don Taylor, president of the Torrance-Lomita Toastmasters 646, and Bob Westfield, past president of the Torrance-Lomita club, also attended the brief ceremony.

Toastmasters clubs are open to men over 21 years of age who seek to increase self-confidence through improvement of their ability to speak in public.

Membership information may be obtained by calling Hickcox at FA 8-9360.

## Torrance Toastmasters Week To End With Speech Contest

C. D. D'Anna will represent the Torrance Toastmasters Club 695 in competition with five other club representatives from Area 5 of the Toastmasters International at the annual area humorous speech contest.

The contest will be held next Saturday at Dandel's Restaurant, 12000 S. Western Ave., and climax Torrance Toastmasters Week.

Toastmasters International is an organization dedicated to individual development of public speaking and self-expression abilities of its members.

Torrance Toastmasters was founded in 1952 and welcomes prospective members. Denis Bean, 371-4565, is membership chairman.

## Dimes March Area Leaders Are Briefed

Eighty-five March of Dimes leaders, including Mrs. Clara A. Connor, Torrance Postmaster and chairman of the local campaign, attended a pre-campaign briefing session Monday in Westchester.

Representatives from 26 neighboring cities were present at the event which featured Dr. Oliver Nichols, coordinator of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Center at Orthopaedic Hospital, Los Angeles.

The local leaders are currently engaged in recruiting volunteers to participate in the annual fund-raising drive which will begin in January, 1966.

## Honorary Marshal Selected

John Christian Schue, Chef de Chemin de Fer of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, will be an honorary grand marshal of the Long Beach Veterans' Day parade and ceremonies Saturday, Nov. 13.

Schue has been an active member of the Forth and Eight society and had held virtually every office in the society. Chef de Chemin is the highest national office in the society.

A banking and insurance executive, he retired as staff manager of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America in 1964. He is a veteran of World War I, having served in the United States Navy.

## Christmas Aid Due Youngsters

Donation of \$200 to the International Relations Christmas project to help orphans and blind youngsters in Tijuana, Mexico, has been announced by the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

Several volunteers will be needed to assist in the distribution of toys and candy, according to project chairman Jay Barrington.

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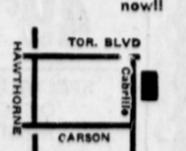
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