



**DELIVERS THANKS . . .** William Mego Jr., U.S. Navy Aviation Electricians Mate 3/C, expresses thanks for the support of students at Bishop Montgomery High School through "Operation Hello." Mego, a 1963 Montgomery graduate, had just returned from a bombing raid when the half-ton of goods

were delivered to a U.S. Army unit in Viet Nam. He returned to campus this week to thank students. With Mego here are Patti Raso, Father Laurence Lis, OFM Conv., principal, and Debbie Rogers. Miss Raso and Miss Rogers organized the "Operation Hello" project.

## Montgomery Students Get 'Thank You' from Viet Nam

A Viet Nam veteran home on leave has delivered a "thank you" to students at Bishop Montgomery High School for the "Operation Hello" program which students sponsored last Christmas.

William Mego Jr., a 1963 graduate of Montgomery, had just returned from a bombing mission when the half-ton of books, razor blades, candy, soap, socks, and other small items were delivered to Company A, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, U. S. Army.

Mego, a U. S. Navy Aviation Electricians Mate, was called to Company A quarters

by Army friends who knew he was a graduate of Montgomery. He helped unpack the boxes of supplies and the huge "hello" sign which was autographed by the 1,300 students on the Torrance campus.

When the men of Company A learned that Mego was ticketed for a trip back to his Hawthorne home, they asked him to deliver their thanks to Montgomery students.

He told students last week that the men in company A were "thrilled" by the gifts sent by local students. Mego who appeared at Montgomery in his orange flight suit, said

the company also was grateful for the encouragement and support shown by the huge shipment.

"Speaking for myself and all the men of Company A, I can say that we were deeply touched and very grateful for your kindness," he told students. Mego added his own thanks, telling the student body he was especially proud to have such support from his own school.

"Operation Hello" was organized by Debbie Rogers and Patti Raso, members of the student council at Montgomery.

## Schools Ask for New Federal Aid

Planning for an improved vocational program in Torrance may begin soon following approval of a request for \$90,000 in federal funds by the Board of Education Monday evening.

Trustees gave their approval to the request after it was pointed out that any move toward a vocational education program in the city's high schools will require advanced planning.

"If it's going to cost \$90,000, I'd rather have federal funds than to take it out of our own operating budget," Trustee Donald E. Wilson told his colleagues.

DR. J. H. HULL, superintendent of schools, told the board the funds represent an outright grant by the federal government for planning purposes. No local funds will be required, provided the application for the funds is approved, he said.

Dr. Kurt Shery had suggested the application might be held up until results of yesterday's school bond election were known. He agreed to second Dr. Wilson's motion when it was pointed out that planning for a vocational program would be necessary regardless of the outcome of the bond election.

William J. Hanson, president in the absence of Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, joined Dr. Wilson and Dr. Shery in voting for the funds. Bert M. Lynn arrived late and did not vote.

THE FUNDS, if granted, will be used to pay salaries and rent office space to conduct a survey of vocational needs in this area. Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent, said the survey would require 9 to 12 months to complete.

Dr. Posner also said much of the work would require original research by the planning staff since "there is no real source for the information we need."

The survey will be used to determine what kind of vocational program best fits the needs of Torrance students and local industry, Dr. Posner explained. He also told trustees they will have complete control of hiring personnel for the survey and of any decisions following completion of the survey.

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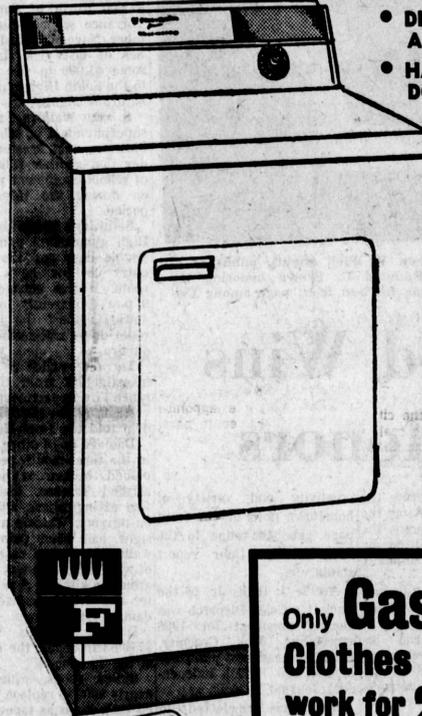
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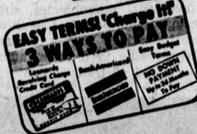
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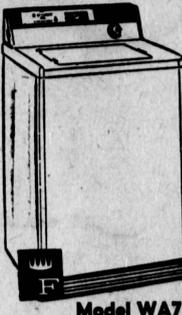
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