



UNANIMOUS PRAISE . . . Pacific Telephone Co.'s decision to use zero for summoning emergency help has won praise from fire and police departments, as well as hospitals and other emergency services.

### 'Tight Belt' Program To Save \$2.5 Million

A program to "tighten the belt" of every county department for a \$2.5 million savings is now in effect, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who initiated the action. The cut represents an across-the-board 4.1 per cent limitation in each department's services and supplies budget, which affects such items as stationary, equipment, and tools. Summing up the "make do" program, Hahn said: "Rather than put in a request for new equipment, county employees will repair what they have if necessary and conserve even such small items as pencils and paper clips as much as possible." No emergency and life-saving services will be affected by the curtailment. The 2.5 million economy

### New Unimart Should Open Aug. 19, President Says

Unimart's new family savings center in Manhattan Beach is scheduled to open Aug. 19, Unimart president William Layton announced today. It was previously reported the store would open at the end of next month but Layton says he has been assured by the builders it will definitely be open by the 19th. Located on the corner of Manhattan Beach Blvd. and Sepulveda, the 108,000 sq. ft. store will be the 13th in the chain and will include a full-size supermarket with groceries, meats and produce, a complete department store and an ultra-modern pharmacy.

### Dr. Smith Tells Club Of Russia

Dr. Rollin Smith, Torrance veterinary surgeon, discussed his experiences on a trip to the Soviet Union during a meeting of the Torrance Toastmasters Club 695. Dr. Smith recently returned from the Soviet Union, where he visited Moscow and Armenia. Traveling with a group of Southern California veterinarians, Dr. Smith visited several European countries in addition to Russia. The group observed veterinary medicine practices in many nations. Dr. Smith said veterinary medicine techniques, particularly in the Soviet Union, are many years behind those in the United States. He also added a word of praise for the training he has received in the Toastmasters Club, noting the ability to speak well in public was of special help on the trip. Persons interested in membership in the Torrance Toastmasters Club are urged to call Denis Bean at 371-4565

### Moving Costs Will Be Paid To Displaced

Legislation authorizing payment of moving costs for persons displaced by state highways became effective July 22, according to the California Division of Highways. The legislation is not retroactive, however. Owners of properties not yet acquired will be eligible for moving cost payment, which allows up to \$200 for moves from homes and up to \$3,000 for moves from business establishments," said Deputy District Engineer A. L. Himelhoch. Cost of the program in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties is expected to run approximately half a million dollars a year, or one-half of one per cent of the money currently spent for rights of way.

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### Dial Zero When You Need Help

When an emergency occurs, dial zero for help. Zero, Pacific Telephone announced today, will bring the police, the fire department, the sheriff, or the ambulance. "Zero," said Jim Leggett, exchange manager for Pacific, "is the easiest digit to find on the dial. It's right next to the finger stop and can be found even if the room is in total darkness or filled with smoke." Torrance Fire Chief J. J. Benner lauded Pacific's announcement. "Pacific's decision to use

zero for emergency help is a good idea and has my full support," Benner said. Leggett pointed out that the quickest way to summon aid and assistance in an emergency situation is to call the emergency unit direct. "We realize this cannot always be done, because of darkness or smoke," he said, "and at a time like that our zero operators are ready to direct a call for help to the proper agency." He suggested that people write the phone numbers of their local emergency units in the space provided on the inside front cover of their telephone directory and use these numbers whenever possible.

### Street Light Petition in Circulation

Residents of Tract 26399 in the Carson area are petitioning to be annexed to the Dolores Lighting District for the purpose of installing 14 new street lights. Approximate boundaries of the tract are 213th Street, north; Desford Street, south; San Diego Freeway, east; and Garston Avenue, west. Also included in the proposed annexation are Selwyn Avenue and Bonita Street's southern approach to Desford Street.

"Before the Board of Supervisors can approve this light installation," Supervisor Hahn said, "the petition must first be signed by property owners representing at least 60 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property on the streets proposed for annexation." He advised residents within the proposed annexation to contact Ed Murray, 21314 Garston Ave., who is circulating the petition.

### Sign Denied

A request by the Columbia Outdoor Advertising Co. to erect a sign on the east side of South Palos Verdes Drive in an R-4 zone has been denied by the Regional Planning Commission.

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