

# Blood Quotas Break Old Records, Red Cross Says

More people are giving blood now than ever before, according to statistics compiled by the Red Cross here. Blood donors in Los Angeles and Orange counties gave 196,916 pints of blood through Red Cross during the 1966 fiscal year just ended, shattering all previous records since the Korean War. This figure exceeds last year's collection (176,245) by more than 20,000 pints. Mrs. Edward Barrera of Lomita, volunteer chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross Branch blood program, attributes the large-scale giving to "an increasing awareness of the many uses for blood derivatives in fighting disease and saving lives."

**SHE CREDITS** the public's generosity to rallying to the defense department's need for blood for the servicemen in Viet Nam, and said the blood collected for the Armed Forces is being processed into two blood derivatives—serum albumin, and effective shock fighter, and gamma globulin, used in the prevention of hepatitis. "New frontiers are crossed every day in the conquest of disease," said Mrs. Barrera, "and every time medical science discovers new uses for blood, Red Cross meets the challenge." The Los Angeles Blood Center continues to maintain its reputation as the largest blood center in the world.

New goals have been set for next year—200,000 pints for collection and distribution to the 219 hospitals in Los Angeles and Orange counties. **OTHER LOCAL** visits of the mobile collection unit this month include a stop at the American Legion Hall, 11909 Van Ness, Torrance, where employees of U.S. Steel will give blood Friday. Mrs. Barrera explains that during each visit of a bloodmobile to the two communities served by the local Red Cross Branch, volunteers work side-by-side with Red Cross staff nurses and a physician. Volunteers register donors, serve as typists, act as receptionists, escort prospective donors to the medical history stations where registered

nurses volunteering their time take medical histories and run hemoglobin tests and do basic examinations to determine the safety of giving blood. Other volunteers serve as aides to staff nurses in the donor rooms and still others prepare and serve refreshments to donors. **"TO MEET** the increased quota in blood production, we must have more volunteers," Mrs. Barrera said. She asks anyone—including men, women or teenagers—interested in serving as a volunteer in the program, to call the Red Cross at TE 2-8321.

**To Attend Conference** Four area realtors have been invited to participate in the 1966 Farms and Lands Educational Conference at California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo. The conference is sponsored by the California Chapter of the National Institute of

Farm Land Brokers. The three-day meeting will be held next week. Invited from this area were Dorothy M. Austin of Redondo Beach, Victor M. Colton of Palos Verdes Estates, Mary Lou Graddy of Hermosa Beach, and Alvin Grancell of Torrance.

# Pitchess Honored by Peace Officers Group

Los Angeles County Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has been honored for his efforts to improve the lot of law enforcement officers in the county by the 3,000-member Peace Officers Protective Association. The resolution honoring Pitchess was presented by Captain Jake Humber, chairman of the association. "Law enforcement in this area has been plagued by a dangerous loss of career personnel," Humber said. "The sheriff's department, called upon to assist every city in Los Angeles County when an emergency arises, has lost 50 more men than it has been able to recruit in the last six months alone."

Humber said Pitchess has "brought this situation forcefully and repeatedly to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. Increased pay and fringe benefits were listed as the only way in which to correct the mass exodus." The association also has appeared before the board on several occasions, Humber said. "To date," he added, "they have summarily dismissed our every plea." Pitchess, in accepting the resolution, said the Board of Supervisors, "by refusing to look at the cold, hard facts, must accept responsibility for police personnel shortages which can endanger the property and lives of every resident of Los Angeles County."

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