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A ROSY FUTURE . . . Checking information about the Del Amo Financial Center now under construction here are (from left) attorney Larry Bowman, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce; Harry Gorman, manager of the center; and Don Hyde, Chamber president. Gorman and his associates told Chamber members Thursday that Torrance was well on its way to becoming the hub of Southland finance and commerce. (Press-Herald Photo)

Bowling Alley, Liquor Store Hit by Robbers

'Y' Hits \$37,000 In Drive

John Kirk has become quite a whip cracker. Kirk continues to lead all teams in the Torrance Family YMCA fund drive. His team has received pledges for \$2,300, members of the YMCA were told Wednesday evening at a report dinner. Since the team quota is \$1,300, Kirk's team is approaching the 200 per cent mark.

TOTAL RAISED during the week was \$11,366, members of the 100 campaign teams were told. That brings to \$37,089 the total raised in the first two weeks of the drive—about 28 per cent of the \$130,000 goal.

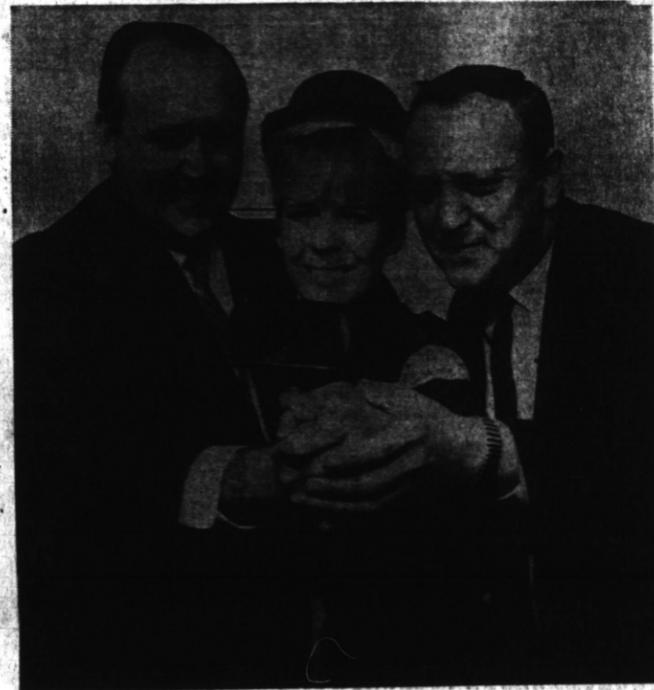
"We have a long way to go, but I'm confident we'll make it," Marshall Stewart, team chairman said. "Next Wednesday I predict that we will be over the 50 per cent mark and from there on in it's downhill."

THE FUND drive will end March 8, Stewart said. Robert Caldwell won the "Eager Beaver" award for surpassing his individual quota of \$260. H. Ted Olson's initial gifts division surpassed the division quota of \$6,500 with a contribution of \$2,560 Wednesday.

Man Grabs Purse, Runs

A purse containing \$160 in cash was grabbed from a Redondo Beach woman late Friday as she was walking in the 5300 block of Torrance Boulevard.

Police said a man ran up behind Mrs. Kathryn Heath, of 126 S. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach, and grabbed her purse about 9:45 p.m. Mrs. Heath said the man ran north on Henrietta Street after taking her purse.



THE SEARCH BEGINS . . . Three Irishmen in search of another kicked off plans for the March 18 St. Patrick's Day parade in Torrance this week. From left are Assemblyman Lawrence F. Townsend, Police Officer Mary Lou Holdsworth, and Officer Bob Lydon, who is president of the sponsoring Torrance Irish Club. The trio opened the search for the oldest Irish-born resident of Los Angeles County to serve as honorary grand marshal of the parade. (Press-Herald Photo)

Search for Oldest Irishman Launched

Torrance Irishmen began the search this week for Los Angeles County's oldest Irish-born resident to serve as grand marshal for the St. Patrick's Day parade to be held here on Saturday, March 18.

The parade, falling on the day after St. Patrick's Day, is scheduled as the first of an annual series and will move from downtown Torrance along Torrance Boulevard to the civic center.

Whoever serves as grand marshal will be honored at other functions planned for the day-long celebration of the patron saint of all Irishmen.

Length of residence in the United States or in the area is not a consideration, according to Police Officer Bob Lydon, president of the Torrance Irish Club, sponsors of the celebration.

Applicants need only show current residence in the county, and offer proof of birth place and date.

In addition to the March 18 parade, the club plans an Irish football game at Bishop Montgomery High School in the afternoon, and has announced that half-time festivities would include performances by Irish jig dancers and a bagpipe group. Lydon also said more than

\$1,600 Stolen By Duo

Gunmen struck a bowling alley and a liquor store here Thursday and escaped with some \$1,900 after warning their victims not to call police.

Two Bandits entered the Bowl-O-Drome at 21915 S. Western Ave. about 10:50 p.m. Thursday, police said.

One of the men told clerk Allen Pruisner "This is a hold-up."

"Huh?" asked Pruisner. "Now look," the bandit said, "this is a hold-up. Call the manager."

Police said manager Charles Meentam was forced to open the safe and the bandits took \$1,600 in 20-dollar bills.

Meentam said the two men told him not to call the police or "push any alarm buttons" and left.

One of the men was between 30 and 35 years old, 5-8, and weighed about 145 pounds, police reported. The second man was between 18 and 22 years old, blond, 5-7, and weighed about 140 pounds, officers said.

A "cool" gunman escaped with about \$300 Thursday morning after he robbed a West Torrance liquor store.

Police said the man entered a liquor store at 4110 W. Sepulveda Blvd. shortly before 11 a.m. and displayed a brown paper bag and an automatic handgun.

"Fill it up," the bandit told owner Aron Chodes. "Do you mean it?" Chodes asked.

Chodes told police he put about \$300 in 5s, 10s, and 20s in the bag and was ordered to the stockroom at the rear of the store. (See BANDITS, Page A-2)

Ex-Prime Minister Talks at El Camino

By JERRY REYNOLDS

Press-Herald City Editor

The current struggle within Red China may lead to a new rapprochement with the Western World. Sir Alec Douglas-Home, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, told an El Camino audience Thursday.

Sir Alec, concluding a California lecture tour, said China has two choices today — to seek capital and trade with the West or expand into the rich Asian provinces of the Soviet Union "with the knowledge that it means war."

"I feel the down-to-earth, practical Chinese will win and patch up that quarrel with the Soviet Union," he said. Sir Alec also said it was his own "hunch" that China "will be forced to seek capital and trade with the Western World."

IF CHINA is bent on expansion, Sir Alec declared, it will most probably be into the Soviet areas of Asia, where the Chinese have an

historical claim. But, he added, the ambitions of China are "beginning already to create a semi-circle of resistance." Exposure of the Chinese attempt to take over in Indonesia has alerted the nations of the Asian World, Sir Alec declared.

He said the balance of power has shifted toward the "side of order—and order kept by the democracies which have the power." The thesis that capitalist society would fall of its own weight if communists simply keep up the pressure "has so far proved to be untrue," he declared.

COMMUNIST societies, Sir Alec added, are increasingly assuming the characteristics of capitalist societies. But, he warned, "communism is still a religion" and the communists do not "change their spots easily."

War in a nuclear age, Sir Alec said, has become unthinkable to the democracies

of the Western World. And he believes the more mature nations of the communist world are coming to that belief as well.

"It is reasonable to conclude," Sir Alec said, "that Cuba represented the final fling of the militarists in the Soviet Union."

FOR THE time being, he said, the Western powers will have to "police the status quo." Several areas—including Berlin, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia—have the potential of starting major wars, the former prime minister declared.

Sir Alec called the division of the world "into rich and poor, where the line of poverty is dangerously close to the line of color," the greatest threat to peace and called on the Western nations to help the poor nations.

He said much of the future hangs on the outcome of the attempt in the United States to create a society where all

Trustees To Meet Tomorrow

In the last of a series of community meetings for the current school year, the Torrance Board of Education will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Torrance High School, 2200 W. Carson St.

"This will wind up the current season of community meetings," William Hanson, board president, said, "intended to encourage the public to see how the board operates by enabling them to attend a session in their own section of town."

All board meetings, which usually are held at the school district offices at 2335 Plaza del Amo, are open to the public, Hanson said. The board meets the first and third Monday of each month.

Agendas for each meeting are available at local library branches the Friday preceding the meeting.



SPEAKS AT COLLEGE . . . Sir Alec Douglas-Home (at right), former Prime Minister of Great Britain, listens to a question being put to him by a member of the audience which he addressed Thursday at El Camino College. At left is Dr. Wallace Cohen, dean of the Social Science Division at the college. Sir Alec discussed the future of the Western democracies in the final lecture of a series during a tour of California. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

CAUGHT IN MACHINE

Doctors Work To Save Arm

A 27-year-old Redondo Beach man was reported in fair condition Friday afternoon following some four hours of surgery which doctors hope will save his right arm.

Raymond Roddel, of 2017 Rockefeller Lane, Redondo Beach, was injured early Friday morning while oiling a mill machine at the Milcom Hinge Co., 3431 Lomita Blvd.

Torrance police said Roddel's hand slipped and his right arm was caught in the machine. Firemen and employees at the plant worked for some 15 minutes to free Roddel's arm, police reported.

He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital, where he remained following surgery.

William Dean Davies, M.D., told the Press-Herald Roddel has a "fair chance" of keeping his arm.

Dr. Davies said first aid administered at the plant may "well have been life saving." He said a tourniquet had been properly applied at the plant and had controlled bleeding. "Somebody did a good job," Dr. Davies said. "I don't know who it was."

Roddel has two children, 4 and 15 months of age.

Planned Meeting Called . . .

A special meeting of the Torrance Planning Commission has been called for 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in the city council chambers at the City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd. David B. Halstead, president of the commission, said the meeting is being called to consider a waiver of the requirements for dedication of land for street widening and of street improvements in connection with the expansion of the United States Steel Co. plant here.

Sentence Hearing Delayed . . .

Sentencing of two ministers convicted of violating the state corporate securities act was continued Friday until March 2. The continuance was granted for the Rev. Clarence T. (Kelly) Walberg, 61, of Hermosa Beach, and the Rev. Wayne Davidson, 38, of Santa Ana, in Department 35 of the Los Angeles Superior Court. A jury of five men and seven women convicted Walberg of ten violations and Davidson of nine violations last Jan. 21. One count of grand theft and an additional count of violating the corporate security laws was dismissed.

Lomita Recall Launched . . .

An action to recall three members of the Lomita City Council was initiated in that city late last Wednesday when a notice of intention to circulate a recall petition was served. The petition, which was originated by Mrs. Dessie G. Myers of 25925 Narbonne Ave., names Mayor Joe A. Haslam and Councilman Meadd Gardiner and Ray Ferrin. Mrs. Myers said the move has the support of a "majority of the members of the Lomita Homeowners Association." She is president of the group. Principle charge in the petition is that the three officials "have conducted closed study sessions in violation of the spirit" of the Brown Act, which forbids secret sessions of public bodies.