



MARINELAND SALUTE . . . Henry U. Harris (left), newly elected chairman of the board, and William F. Monahan, president of Marineland of the Pacific, receive a dolphin salute on announcement of their

elevation to new posts. Harris was a member of the group founding the popular oceanarium in 1954. Monahan served as vice president and treasurer for 12 years and since 1964 as executive vice president.

## Congressman Bell Wants Police Officers Deferred from Draft

Congressman Alphonzo Bell has introduced legislation to provide draft deferments for police officers.

"Just five days ago the FBI released a report showing serious crime in the United States had risen by 20 per cent in the first three months of 1967 as compared with the same period last year," Bell said.

"This is the sharpest jump recorded since quarterly reports were begun by the Bureau in 1958.

"The upward trend in crime presents one of the most compelling justifications I know for the legislation I have today introduced," he said.

The reasons for crime may be complex, but the simple

fact remains we need more police to combat it, Bell said.

A survey of 38 major cities made late last year by the police department of one of them shows that all across the nation police are operating at less than authorized strength.

The definition used by the Selective Service System of 'an essential activity' is one which is "(1) necessary to the . . . basic health, safety, or interest, and (2) inadequate to meet defense and civilian requirements because of manpower shortages or for which the future manpower supply is not reasonably assured."

"Few would dispute the contention that police officers qualify as an occupation-

al group within that defini-

tion," Bell said. Los Angeles' Police Chief Thomas Reddin has endorsed deferments for police.

"Service to our nation can take more than one form—and I think protecting the property and the lives of citizens, at considerable risk to

one's own life, certainly counts as 'service,'" Bell claimed.

"Law enforcement officers are needed at home to perform duties likely to be as important and potentially as dangerous as those performed by members of the armed forces," he said.

## ARMED FORCES

Marine Pfc. Steven H. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Thomas of 13705 Catalina Ave., Gardena, is serving in Vietnam as a member of Marine Base Squadron Thirty-Six, a unit of the First Marine Air Wing based near Ky Ha.

Army Pvt. Cyrillus B. Ketting-Oliver, 20, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karel W. Schuurmans, live at 611 Beryl St., Redondo Beach, completed an eight-week construction machine operator course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He was trained in the op-

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