



**ROYAL BARGE**... Workmen are pictured here with the King's Royal Barge in Thailand. Visitors to the Asian nation may be lucky enough to see the young king riding down one of the many canals or rivers in Bangkok. Thailand is one of the nations included on two Asian tours which Press-Herald art and travel columnist Larry Macaray discusses in his "Let's Go" column today.

**GETS NEW NAME**

# Chamber Votes Bylaws Changes

In a move to enlarge the scope of its operations and materially increase its services to the community, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has through a vote of its members revised the organization's bylaws.

Among the most significant changes is a new organization name, broader objectives, an increase in the number of directors, and an increase from the present two vice presidents to six with specified areas of interest.

The title of the general manager is changed to executive vice president to bring the organization into line with the present trend and reflects the increased stature of the position. The Chamber membership has selected Torrance Areas Chamber of Commerce as a new name for the group.

Additionally, the Chamber has taken an increasingly active role in providing information services and site data to industrial firms interested in locating in the southwest area of Los Angeles County.

Under the new concept, the board of directors will be increased from 24 to 30 members with 10 members being elected each year. Formerly, four directors were elected annually and others were appointed by the president. The president of the Torrance Jaycees will continue as an ex officio member of the board.

**THIS NEW** designation, according to Chamber President Larry Bowman, will more accurately and realistically define the role of the organization in business and community affairs.

"The Chamber of Commerce has been making every effort to keep pace with the dynamic growth of the city of Torrance and the surrounding area," he said. "The success of this effort is quite apparent in that today other areas look to our chamber for guidance and leadership."

"The change of name is not intended as an infringement on similar organizations in the area," Bowman stated. "This Chamber has for some time been offering total services and facilities on an area-wide basis," he added.

Adoption of the amendment followed an almost unanimous mail referendum of the chamber members. Ninety-nine per cent of those voting approved the changes.

**THE TORRANCE** Chamber has for several years acted as a district Cooperative Office of the U.S. Department of Commerce offering services to all businesses and industries in the Torrance-South Bay area. It is also an opera-

**City Gets \$46,000 in Tax Funds**

Capital News Service  
SACRAMENTO—Los Angeles County has received \$153,837 from cigarette tax collections, distributed in December, State Controller Houston I. Flournoy reported today.

The share for Torrance was \$46,891.

When the cigarette tax was increased from 3 cents to 10 cents per package last year, it was provided 30 per cent of the new total tax, about 3 cents per package, would be apportioned to the counties and cities.

The statewide distribution to cities and counties in December was \$5,639,354, Flournoy reported.

**Restaurant Robbed by Two Men**

Three robbers with white pillowcases over their heads held up the Sit 'n' Sip early Thursday morning while guests looked on in stunned amazement.

Bartender Frank Gofinos of Hermosa Beach told police that the men entered the nightclub about 12:40 a.m. Two of the suspects held him at gunpoint while a third helped himself to \$200 from the cash register.

The Sit 'n' Sip is located at 17312 Crenshaw Blvd.

Police reports indicate that another armed robbery took place Wednesday night at Der Wienerschnitzel, 4527 Torrance Blvd. A tall man in his 30s escaped with \$30 after pulling a gun on the attendant.

**Harbor College Schedules Film**

The award winning film, "Nothing But a Man," will be shown at Harbor College Wednesday at 8 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

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**BE MY VALENTINE**... Addressing some of the 10,000 Valentine cards to be mailed in this area during the Heart Association's Feb. 15 through 18 Heart Sunday fund drive are (from left) Mrs. Dino Ruffoni of Torrance, Mrs. Barry Hildebrand of Portuguese Bend, and Mrs. George Easton of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The three are members of the Redondo Beach Dianas, which is helping the Heart Association's Southwestern Branch with the mailing. Envelopes will be enclosed for donors to return their Heart Sunday gifts.

**Police Find Marijuana Offenses On Rise**

**Cache of Marijuana**

Marijuana arrests in Los Angeles County are on the rise, according to figures published by the California Department of Justice.

Adult arrests in 1966 totaled 8,564, compared with 5,348 in 1965. Figures for juveniles have jumped even more sharply. In 1965, there were 1,254 marijuana arrests among the young, compared with 2,636 in 1966.

Arrests in Los Angeles County represent nearly 60 per cent of all adult narcotics arrests in the state of California.

In recent years, there has been a definite relaxation in sentencing marijuana offenders, according to Lt. Donald E. Nash of the Torrance Police Department. In 1966, approximately two per cent of those arrested were sentenced to jail, while 72 per cent of the marijuana offenders arrested were sentenced to probation.

The arrest rate for marijuana offenses is highest among those in the 20 to 24 age bracket.

**Contract for Freeway Set**

Capitol News Service  
SACRAMENTO—The state Department of Public Works has awarded a \$5,161,519 contract to Guy F. Atkinson Co. of Long Beach for completing a continuous freeway route from downtown Los Angeles across the Vincent Thomas Bridge to Terminal Island.

The work will extend the Harbor Freeway .7 mile southerly as a six-lane facility between O'Farrell Street and Pacific Coast Highway, and will extend the four-lane Route 47 (Terminal Island) Freeway .7 mile westerly between the Harbor Freeway and Harbor Boulevard.

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## ...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Although "foreign travel" may be a dirty term presently in Washington, most of the people who are planning to travel this year will travel. They will grumble, as I will, usually becomes a traveler's grumble, if that easy travel tax being forced upon the American tourist is passed through Congress. The list of things that the government can tax is endless—someday they may get around to tax a tax refund which makes about as much sense to me as this travel tax.

There has always been an American tradition about our freedom to travel. Other nations of the world marvel at our mobility, our obvious freedom to go practically anywhere in the world, and yet with supposedly the most freedom of any country—other countries such as Canada and Great Britain can go to more places than we can. Their problem is the freedom to take an unlimited amount of money with them when they travel—which they can not do. Soon we will have similar restrictions.

The proposal that President Johnson made was to tax everything over \$7 a day that is spent in a foreign country. There is a scale that would impose 15 to 30 per cent tax on these amounts. If a low-budget traveler were to spend \$15 a day (practically impossible unless he wants to sleep in fleabag hostels and eat the barest of food) he would pay \$36 tax on a 30-day visit to Europe. From this figure we can only go upward in cost of touring and naturally—the Tax.

IF YOU PLAN to go to the Orient, there are two very fine tours that I recommend by World Travel Tours. The short 22-day tour is called the Orient Excursion and has five departures—March 31, April 7, June 16, Sept. 29, and Oct. 6. There is an optional stay in Hawaii upon returning home so if you've always wanted to spend a few days in Hawaii, you can do it on this tour without any transportation cost to you.

The highlights of this tour are many. Japan is always exciting. Strolling along the Ginza, Japan's "Fifth Avenue," is real entertainment. The tour goes to Nikko by fast electric train and tastes some of the Japanese culture by staying in a real Japanese inn. Kamakura and Hakone are exciting places—to see the Giant Buddha and ride across the lake at Hakone. Kyoto and Nara are included. Personally, I like Kyoto very much because of the fine crafts that are being carried on by centuries-old traditions. Other interesting places on

this tour include Taiwan and Hong Kong. Several of these columns have been devoted to Hong Kong so all I should mention is that Hong Kong usually becomes a traveler's favorite place to go back to Thailand (Bangkok), Singapore and Cambodia are also included before returning back to the U.S. One doesn't know how long it will be possible to visit Cambodia so this way he has a "last chance" to see famous Angkor Wat. The all inclusive price of this tour is \$1,490.

AROUND THE Orient in 33 days is the other tour that I recommend. There are also five departures beginning on March 24, March 31, June 16, Sept. 29, and Oct. 6. Considerably more time is spent in Japan than on the other tour and Korea is also included. There is a flight from Tokyo to Seoul, capital of Korea that begins a three-day visit there.

Taiwan and the Philippines are included. Manila should be interesting for many people but I think the trip to Tagaytay, located on the shore of a lake-within-a-lake, all inside an extinct volcano crater, should be the highlight of the Philippine visit. Hong Kong and Macao are part of this itinerary. Last summer I was very lucky with the slot machines in a Macao gambling casino—I hit one of the largest jackpots possible—had to put all of the coins in a large basket.

Cambodia and Thailand are the next stops on this tour. Bangkok in Thailand is truly a photographer's delight—the people, the countryside and the colors are beyond description. Penang and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia are places where most tourists never get to see. This is really an added attraction. Singapore is the last stop on this tour before returning to Hong Kong, Honolulu and home. The all-inclusive price for this tour is \$1,885. If you want added information, write to me.

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