

# Furniture Store Fire Loss Put at \$215,000

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**TEACHERS ON TOUR . . .** Five visiting teachers got a close look at the process of putting together a newspaper Friday during the annual Business-Industry-Education Day program sponsored by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Here, Greg McDonald (with back to camera), assistant production manager, explains the operation of line casting machine to Tommie Brennan, North High; Dick Ducar, vice principal at Howard Wood School; Joyce Suggs, Victor School; Sandra Swafford, Hickory School; and Carmen Watson, Torrance High School. Reid L. Bundy, co-publisher and editor of the Press-Herald, watches at left. (Press-Herald Photo)

### Teachers Told

## Success Is Cause Of Economic Ills

Economic problems facing the United States in the years ahead will be problems posed by success.

So said Dr. James Calderwood, noted economist, business consultant, and author, in an address to Torrance teachers preceding their touring local industries during the city's first Business-Industry-Education Day in several years.

Calderwood, who kicked off Friday's day-long activities at a convocation at West High School, said the country's economic problems in the past re-

lated to the success of the United States in the years ahead. Whereas we formerly had to cope with mass poverty, depressions, and unemployment, he said, in the future we will have to deal with the prosperity brought about by continued economic growth.

"By 1971," he stated, "we will be in a trillion dollar economy. In the next 15 years, this country will double its production."

**PROBLEMS** brought about as a result of increased national wealth will be fourfold, Calderwood said. They will include problems concerned with quality

of growth, technological advances, population growth and urban changes, and poverty problems.

Those problems involving quality of growth, the economist stated, will revolve about deciding in which direction we want the growth in national product to head. "People will have to decide between our smog-producing cars and cancer-producing cigarettes and such things as better schools, new highways, and more parks," he said. "We will have to decide on the relative emphasis we will give to private goods and services as opposed to public goods and services."

Once the Vietnam War ends, he pointed out, this nation will have three options as to how to spend the money that has been financing it: we can draw up new plans for new weapons and restore military stockpiles; we can expand such peace-time programs as federal grants-in-aid to states and cities and the anti-poverty program; or we can lower taxes.

**RESEARCH** and development currently under way will accelerate the technological revolution, he commented, so that we will have the ability to produce more goods and services with less effort. Consequently, he stated, new jobs will be created but a great many workers will be obsolete.

The nation will have to transfer workers into new jobs and train them, and the schools will have to educate youngsters so that they have the skills and knowledge needed for the technological society they will enter.

With the nation's population of 200 million citizens, Calderwood said, urban problems are bound to increase. We will have to solve the problems of central city decay, ghettos, smog, and traffic jams both on the ground and in the air, he stated. "According to New York's Governor

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# Joe Blatchford Named To Direct Peace Corps

## Suspended Aide Takes Stand in Misconduct Case

Local residents have a high opinion of the performance of the city's Engineering Department, according to a report made by two city staff members. The report, which was presented to City Manager Ed-

ward J. Ferraro early last August, was admitted as evidence in the Civil Service Commission hearings of suspended City Engineer Walter M. Nollac.

The report was presented by the defense at Monday's session of the misconduct hearings, which have been in progress for two months. The hearings inched closer to a conclusion as Nollac took the witness stand at the sessions held Monday and Saturday.

The commission hopes to conclude the hearing with sessions March 24, 29, and 31. The commission will then have 10 days in which to arrive at its verdict.

## Cause of Huge Fire Not Known

Arson inspectors with the Torrance Fire Department are still investigating the cause of the major fire Saturday that destroyed Wilton's Furniture Store, 18406 Hawthorne Blvd.

Store owner Foy Price estimated the loss at \$90,000 for the building and \$125,000 for the contents.

Fire officials responded to the blaze about 10:30 p.m., deploying nearly all units to the scene. Officials said that several firemen who entered the building to fight the flames were forced to flee for their lives when a flash fire broke out and swept the building.

On foreman fell through the roof when it collapsed, but miraculously escaped injury. None of the firemen were hurt.

Before firefighters were forced out of the structure, however, they were able to save \$4,500 cash in daily receipts.

Seven Torrance police units and two units from the California Highway Patrol were required to control some 2,000 on-lookers who pressed around the building to get a good view of the conflagration. All vehicle traffic was routed away from the location during fire fighting operations.

**IN PRESENTING** the city report on the Engineering Department as evidence in Nollac's behalf, defense attorney Walter Young noted that the report mirrored "highly favorable" comments from local residents. Prosecuting attorney Walter Anderson objected that the report was vague in its connection with the Nollac hearings, but his objection was overruled by Commission Chairman Larry Bowman.

Turning to a charge in which Nollac is accused of lying under oath concerning his financial interests in a fishing boat, attorney Young read a dictionary definition of the word "paid." Young noted that it meant "to discharge one's obligations," and not necessarily to pay cash.

Nollac is charged with failing to pay his full share of the upkeep of a boat he owned jointly with land developer Kenneth Batrum.

**NOLLAC** said that while he did not pay cash for his share of the mooring fees for several months (\$25 per month), he in-



**JOE BLATCHFORD**  
To Head Peace Corps

## New Director Will Succeed Jack H. Vaughn

President Richard M. Nixon Monday nominated Joe Blatchford of San Pedro to be director of the Peace Corps.

Blatchford, 34, is the founder and president of ACCION International, a private self-help organization in South America which was established to fight poverty in urban slums. Accion has often been called a "private peace corps . . ."

A Republican, Blatchford was his party's nominee in the 17th Congressional District last November. Mounting a youth-oriented campaign, he came within 4,000 votes of being elected in a district which is more than 2-to-1 Democratic in registration.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

**BLATCHFORD** will succeed Jack H. Vaughn, who has headed the Peace Corps since 1966.

A native of Milwaukee, Wis., Blatchford moved to Southern California in the early 1940s with his family. He attended schools in the San Pedro area and was graduated from UCLA in 1956 with a degree in political science.

While at UCLA, he captained the varsity tennis team to NCAA titles in 1953, 1954, and 1956, and represented Southern California in 1957 at the Wimbledon championships.

**BLATCHFORD** joined the staff of Congressman Ralph W. Gwinn of New York after graduation from UCLA and later received an Army commission. He served on active duty at Ft. Knox, Ky.

In 1958, he entered Boalt School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley. The following summer, he left for a youth-to-youth Goodwill trip through Latin America.

It was during that first trip that Blatchford, shocked by poverty conditions in the urban areas, got the idea for ACCION, and he returned to the United States and his law studies vowing to do something to eradicate the conditions.

**BLATCHFORD** suggested that teams of American college students compete to see which group could do the most to stimulate and transform an underdeveloped nation. He launched ACCION in 1961 in Venezuela with a \$1,000 contribution for a local businessman and 30 American volunteers.

The results of the ACCION program have attracted worldwide attention to Blatchford and his volunteers.

Blatchford is married to the former Winifred Marich of San Pedro — who was one of the first ACCION volunteers. Mrs. Blatchford left Monday for Washington, D.C., to be with her husband when the President announces the appointment.

## Three Survive Crash

Three area men were rescued from a 12,000 Sierra mountain Monday afternoon after their light plane crashed while searching for a missing DC-3 airliner.

The trio was taken by helicopter to Bishop where they were hospitalized.

They were identified as Gorge W. Fischer, the pilot, of Rolling Hills; Roger Volden, an observer, of Torrance; and Dwayne M. Talbot Jr., an observer, of Redondo Beach.

**ALL THREE** men are members of Civil Air Patrol Squadron 129 of the South Bay. They were flying in a single-engine plane taking part in the search for a DC-3 airliner which crashed in the mountainous region last Feb. 18.

The DC-3, on a "gambler's special" flight from Hawthorne, Nev., to Burbank and Long Beach, carried 35 persons — including five Torrance residents — to their death. The Torrance residents are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paget, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Preder, and Clarence Pinkham.

Jack Hopkins, information officer for CAP Squadron 129, said the single-engine plane was searching the area near Lake Horton west of Bishop when the crash occurred Sunday.

**THE WRECKAGE** was sighted by aircraft rescue planes from CAP Squadron 35, based in the San Fernando Valley.

Volden is believed to have sustained back injuries — possibly fractured vertebrae, Hopkins said. Discher and Talbot both suffered lesser injuries, it was reported.

Searchers have failed to turn up any trace of the downed DC-3 in their month-long search.

## Industry Council To Hear Educator

Dr. Harold S. Widney, assistant principal of South High School, Torrance, will discuss "Problems of the Year 2,000" at a luncheon meeting of the South Bay-Harbor Industry-Education Council to be held at noon tomorrow, at the Indian Village Restaurant, 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Emphasis will be on use of leisure time.

Affiliated with the Torrance Unified School District for the past 13 years, Dr. Widney was formerly employed by school systems in Whittier, Blythe, and Palos Verdes.

**HE HODS** bachelor's degrees from both San Francisco

### Lonita Soldier Dies in Vietnam

A Lonita soldier was one of five Southern California servicemen reported killed in Vietnam this week.

He was identified as Pfc. Perry L. Bozeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Bozeman of 25312 Doria St., Lonita.

State College and UCLA, and received both his master's and doctor's degrees from USC. He was employed at one time as a chemist for General Petroleum Corp., Torrance.

At college, he served as president of the a cappella choir, as president of the Westminster Club, as business manager of the student newspaper, and was elected to Phi Delta Kappa.

He has served as a hospital corpsman with the U.S. Army, and he spent a seven-month sabbatical leave touring Europe in 1945.

**DR. WIDNEY** is married and is the father of three children. His wife, Kathryn, is an elementary school counselor.

Persons interested in attending the luncheon are invited to contact Sister Constance Dooley, Marymount College.

A local affiliate of the Industry-Education Council of Southern California, the South Bay-Harbor chapter is dedicated to promotion and encouragement of communication and cooperation between industry and schools.



**THE CANDIDATES . . .** Among the 13 girls competing for the 1969 Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant are 11 contestants who attended an Introductory Tea given by the sponsoring Torrance Jaycees Monday evening. The two girls in the foreground are (left to right) Jenell Shawog and Jeanette Twist. The middle row is Susan Hawk,

Etta Cumiford, Ruth Watson, Patricia Lee, and Sandra Churchill. In the back row are Gail Bruen, Kim Hoops, Barbara DiOrto, and Mitzie Carda. Not pictured are Peggy Guhl and Linda Blaszk who were unavailable. Miss Torrance will be selected Friday, April 5.

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