

For Pushers

Stiffer Penalty Sought

Convicted drug peddlers will spend 30 years in prison with no possibility of parole if a new group known as "Project Prevention" gets its way.

The statewide organization is stepping up its efforts to collect the signatures of voters who agreed that the State of California Narcotic Act, Div. 10, Health and Safety Code, should read, "A mandatory, minimum 30-year prison sentence (no suspended sentence, no probation, and no parole) for any adult convicted of the illegal sale of any dangerous drug or narcotic to a minor."

The group will present its demands to the State Legislature.

John D. Kirby of Torrance, state chairman of "Project Prevention," pointed out that 30,000 California juveniles were arrested in 1968 for dangerous drug and narcotic violations. In 1960, only 1,500 such arrests were logged. The increase figures out to 2,000 per cent, yet adults convicted of peddling dope to minors in California can be released in five years, Kirby said.

"Voters are standing in line to sign these petitions," Kirby noted, "and this in itself indicates that the public is fed up."

"Other states have get-tough policies with drug peddlers," he added, "but as long as California does nothing, the young people will be paying in misery while the adult taxpayer pays in dollars."

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subject of moving closer to work!

Shortly after they were married, Ordaz and his wife moved into a small frame house at 2231 Del Amo Blvd. But four years ago, they tore it down and built a modern stucco home in its place. Two lively Chihuahuas now romp among the rose bushes in the front yard. "Real nice watchdogs," Ordaz observes. "They make a lot of noise!"

Interested in the community-at-large as well as the Pueblo segment, Ordaz was honored to serve on the Citizens' Advisory Committee until recent schedule changes at work forced him to resign. His new shift keeps him at the plant from 12:30 to 9 p.m.

At home, Ordaz finds that he's competing with his daughters for use of the family hi-fi. While the girls are dancing to the latest rock 'n' roll hits, Ordaz looks longingly at his Mexican mariachi records. Vacation time usually finds the family motoring north to Lake Tahoe country.

Like many Pueblo parents, Ordaz wants his youngsters to stay in school as long as possible. He has high hopes that Teresa will attend El Camino College in the fall. "It takes a lot of hard work, but the more education you get, the better it is," Ordaz philosophizes. In his own generation, young people were seldom encouraged to go past high school.

The future? Ordaz is hopeful. As soon as Del Amo Boulevard is widened, area residents will be able to get the financial backing they need to make the home improvements they've wanted for so long. And with the Big Fiesta promising to provide funds for their park improvements, Ordaz and other Pueblo residents have a right to be hopeful.

"Everybody seems to enjoy it here," Ordaz says. "We're right in the middle of industry, but as long as people enjoy it, that's the important thing."



FOR EDUCATION ... John J. Lumblea (center), president of Lumblea Real Estate Schools, receives an award for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of education in the real estate profession. Making the presentation is Fred Frederking, first vice president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. L. Milton Isbell (right), president of the board, offers his congratulations.

West High Students Honored

Two West High students have won major awards in the annual Bank of America Achievement Awards program.

They are Dorothy Jean Crenshaw, liberal arts, and Dirk Davidson, science and mathematics. Each received a \$1,000 cash award.

A third local student, Milburn Caparino of North High, earned a \$500 cash award for placing second in the fine arts category.

The bank distributed \$9,400 in cash awards at the annual Achievement Awards banquet in Los Angeles. Local students competed with students from throughout the southern county area.

Bill Seeks Uniform Salaries for Police

State Senators Ralph Dills and George Deukmejian have introduced a bill which they claim would upgrade California law enforcement and save the city of Torrance more than half a million dollars per year.

The basic work day and a provision for night bonus payment would also be established.

Entitled SB 1414, the bill would establish uniform minimum recruitment and salary standards for policemen throughout the state. It would provide for a basic work year, the method of compensation for overtime, the number of holidays, and the way in which policemen should be compensated when they work holidays.

A KEY FEATURE of the proposed law is that it provides for a personal incentive plan. From a minimum salary, policemen would be encouraged to upgrade their pay level through education and service. There is also a provision for cost-of-living increases.

The cost of the program, including policemen's salaries, would be shared equally by local agencies and the state. At present, local agencies pay the entire cost of law enforcement.

The bill will probably be considered Monday by the Senate Committee on Local Government.

right to demand uniform law enforcement from the highest quality peace officers that are available. Oates commented that there are policemen in California receiving no more than \$330 per month in wages. Some have had no training.

Oates suggested that the state pay its share of the expenses through taxation of those industries which depend on police services extensively, such as insurance, horse racing, and liquor.

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