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### A Penny for your Thoughts

After the Dodgers had dropped their eighth straight game, a 5 to 4 loss at the hands of St. Louis, the Pennies Photographer inquired of four people, "Do you think, despite the fact the Dodgers have lost eight straight and San Francisco has won 12 of its last 14 games, Los Angeles still has a chance to take the National League pennant?"

Answers and pictures appear below:

**Pete Martinez, 1547 Torrance Blvd.**

"The Dodgers will take the pennant. With San Francisco coming down the stretch hotter than a pistol and knocking off Cincinnati and the Phillies coming off their 3-game losing streak to possibly play the part of spoilers against the Reds, the Los Angeles chances look good."

**Bill T. Hardage:**

"The Dodgers are out of the National League pennant chase. With San Francisco playing such tremendous ball the past few weeks, it appears they will duplicate their 1951 performance and come back from a poor early season showing to cop the flag."

**Ben Smith, 2504 Cabrillo:**

"If the Dodgers had more pitchers like Don Drysdale and more managers like Bobby Bragan, they would be a shoo-in for the title, but with Walt Alston as manager, they are going to have a rough time beating out Cincinnati and the red-hot Giants. It looks to me though, that they probably will take it."

**K. K. Thompson, 1354 West 219th St.:**

"San Francisco is the team to beat this year. The Dodgers will end up second with Cincinnati fading to third. The Dodgers would be okay if they would co-ordinate their pitching and hitting, but when one is clicking, the other isn't worth sour grapes. 'Frisco is just pulling out of a slump and should come on strong the rest of the year.'"

### Water District Reduces Taxes

Taxpayers in the Metropolitan Water District will pay one of the lowest rates in history during the next tax year. The Board of Directors of the district this week lowered the rate from 16 to 15 cents. The tax cut is the 11th such cut in the last 12 years of district operation.

# Home Hit Twice by Flames



GRIEF STRICKEN... Mr. and Mrs. William Tompkins, parents of missing Karen Tompkins, and the little girl's dog, Lady, are shown while awaiting any word of their daughter. Tompkins, based on the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga in Hong Kong, arrived home early Wednesday morning to comfort the grieving mother. (Herald Photo)

## Father Rushed to U.S. To Aid Tearful Search

Hopes for finding pretty Karen Lynn Tompkins alive were fading late yesterday as an all-out search for some trace of the missing 11-year-old Torrance girl neared the end of the fifth fruitless day.

Veteran police officers—baffled by the complete lack of clues—are as reluctant as

members of Karen's family to give up hope.

William Tompkins, father of the missing girl, arrived at the family home about 6 a.m. yesterday, weary after an arduous trip from Hong Kong where he was given leave from his duties as a Navyman aboard the USS Ticonderoga.

"WE ARE NOT giving up hope that Karen will be found alive," Tompkins told the HERALD shortly after his arrival home.

"If she had been harmed, the police would have found some trace of her. I do not

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### Steel Band to Play for Early Risers Tuesday

Developers Albert Leavitt and James Bower and ten tenants of the Rolling Hills Plaza at Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. will be saluted at the August breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday morning.

And, to top it off, the famous Virgin Island Steel Band and Limbo Dancers will perform for the early risers as they meet at the Masonic Lodge, 2326 Cabrillo Ave.

Explanation of the new concept in merchandising being employed at the center, based on the theme that entertainment can make retailing profitable, will occupy the serious part of the meeting, according to Frank Francis and Glenn Pfeil, co-chairmen of the meeting.

Starting time for the affair will be 7:20 a.m., and the meeting is scheduled to close at 8:30 a.m.

### McKesson Reports

## D.A.'s Job Tough, But Has Some Light Moments

Being District Attorney of Los Angeles County is not a job to be taken lightly, D. A. William B. McKesson told members of the Torrance Lions Club here Tuesday.

"When you are dealing with cases in which men can be sent to jail, prison, or the gas chamber, your job is a serious one," he said.

However, it is a very necessary job, and during the past year, the office has processed 22,022 felony complaints and more than 53,000 misdemeanor cases.

McKesson, who has been the county's chief prosecutor since 1956, and served on the Superior Court bench prior to that, admits that his job does

have lighter moments, however.

"As an example, we get letters," he said during the luncheon meeting of the local club.

"Recently I got a letter that read, 'Mr. D.A., I am very inquisitive to know if any of my old friends mentioned me in their wills.' It was sent to me from San Diego," he said. The District Attorney added that he would like to know also if any of his old friends had mentioned him in wills, but it would never occur to him to write to the D.A. to find out.

ANOTHER letter cited by McKesson simply read, "Dear Mr. D.A.: Other legal agencies have advised me to get in touch with you. But I'm in such a frame of mind I don't

## Victim Jailed By Cops

Torrance Fire Department investigators today continued their search into the cause of an early morning fire which gutted the living room and burned the dinette of a Hollywood Riviera home yesterday at 320 Via Colusa.

Two engine companies and a rescue squad and salvage unit were called to the home twice. The first blaze broke out in a living room chair about 5:08 a.m. Occupant of the house, Sally Michon, 52, was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment of shock and smoke inhalation.

SHE WAS released from the hospital about 6:25 and apparently returned home. Fire Marshall Robert Lucas said he arrived at the home about 7:40 to investigate the fire and found her lying on the floor. There was no smoke, fire or smoldering.

She was soon up and walking around, he said. As investigators left the scene Mrs. Michon lit a cigarette, they added.

FIRE DEPT. engines had returned to the station and Lucas was just pulling into the station parking lot when the second call came through about 8:16 a.m. Mrs. Michon was standing in front of the home when firemen arrived upon the scene the second time. She was booked at the Torrance police station for drunkenness and was scheduled to be arraigned today on the charge.

Firemen had not estimated the amount of damage to the two-bedroom home. They had to break in the front door on the first call.

### Improvements Set

Improvement of Main St. and Sepulveda Blvd. in the Carson area was authorized by the Board of Supervisors this week. The improvements involve the extending of pavement to join recently installed curbs and gutters.



AT GOP RALLY... Jim Murphy, left, president of the South Bay Young Republicans, talks with Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater and California Congressman Alphonzo Bell after Goldwater finished an address to a crowd that filled El Camino Stadium to capacity. Bell introduced the Senator, who delivered the first of three planned addresses in Southern California. (Herald Photo)

## Conservative Upswing Predicted by Senator

By JERRY REYNOLDS  
Herald Staff Writer

Silver-haired Senator Barry Goldwater told a Republican rally at El Camino Stadium Tuesday that Conservatism is moving forward toward "the great promise that is America."

Speaking before an audience that filled the stadium and overflowed onto the playing field, the Arizona Republican said the youth of America "will pull her (America) out of the hole that 30 years of apathy have put her in."

He spoke on the domestic scene most of the evening, departing only long enough to assure President Kennedy the American people would stand behind him on the Berlin question "as long as you stand firm."

THE SENATOR charged that the New Frontier is only a new label for an old program that simply hasn't worked in the last 30 years. He added that the "young people of America are awakening to the New Frontier and asking questions. Groups never before interested in politics are now asking questions," he said.

Drawing on his theme that today's problems are of man's doing, the senator said "the problems that face us today, being identical with those before, are because of man's doing. Man will get us into trouble." He continued, saying one of our biggest troubles today is the attempt to legislate in a manner to take away man's freedoms. "The Republican party exists for one reason, it is individual freedom," he said in defining the purpose of the GOP, "and everything we do as Republicans should be to perpetuate the freedom and not the taking away of one little sliver of it."

THE COUNTY has the largest prosecuting office in the United States, he said, and serves more than six million people. By contrast to the 22,000 felonies processed here last year, New York County, which includes New York and

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COMPARING the latest Soviet 20-year plan with conditions in this country today, the Senator said Premier Khrushchev's new plan calls for free housing, free medical care, and free food for the people of the Soviet Union by 1980. He compared these goals to the programs requested by President Kennedy and asked "If these are to be universal goals, why do we fight Communism?"

Goldwater also charged that current administration proposals for Federal Aid to Education will lead to more central government control. He charged that central control is the mainstay of the Communist system and added that "without these central controls, a free Republic can always succeed."

He also added that government by free men can be killed by apathy, "only to be born again by men who desire freedom." He also spoke briefly on the question of new national goals, and asked "what's wrong with the old ones—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?"

"The argument that the more complex the society gets, the more complex the central government must get is not valid," the Senator emphasized. He said that he recognizes as population grows, the central government must grow, but not out of proportion with the population. "Freedom will die," he added.

GOLDWATER said the central government's purpose was

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## L.A. Man Held In Slaying Try

Los Angeles Police today are holding Richard T. Henke for the murder of his son and attempted murder of his son-in-law after a family quarrel ended with blazing guns.

Henke, 61, lived with his son Charles, 38, at 245 E. 99th St., Los Angeles. Sunday morning he shot his son while the son and an unidentified woman were getting into a car. The woman, still unidentified, fled from the scene.

THE ELDER Henke then drove to the home of his son-in-law at 24122 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, according to police. The son-in-law, John Blamor, opened the door and was shot in the chest.

Blamor, a school bus driver, was taken to Harbor General Hospital in critical condition. The bullet damaged the spinal cord, but hospital officials said the amount of damage is still undetermined. He was still in critical condition late Tuesday.

Neighbors of Henke told police that the elderly man had been morose since his wife died of cancer some nine months ago.

HENKE TOLD arresting officers that he and his son had been drinking and had had an argument. "I got so mad I got my gun and shot him. Then I went to Lomita, woke up my son-in-law and shot him. It was after that, that I realized what I had done," Henke was quoted as saying.