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FBI RAID NETS TWO SUSPECTS

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think we should be proud that California is first in population?" the Pennies inquirer asked at the Rolling Hills shopping center at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Mrs. John Mills, Wilmington: "I think it's good. It seems we have a housing problem here in the Harbor Area though. I am kind of proud that California is first in population myself and I'm very satisfied with California."

Mrs. Dan Mills, Wilmington: "I don't mind the influx of people. I was raised here and wouldn't live anywhere else. The population doesn't bother me. My child who is in kindergarten goes to a school which has 1,000 students. I'd rather he went to a smaller school."

Mrs. William Pfingston, Gardena: "Yes I think we should be proud. I think it shows people who may not have a chance in life can come here and make good. The large population doesn't bother me. I think people learn to adjust to the problems with a large population and they can cope with it."

Mrs. Hank Marebel, 2761 Loftyview: "Yes I think so. It shows others besides ourselves have seen the good points of the state. The population doesn't bother me. Why fight it. It's inevitable. I think there is a natural pride in being the biggest of anything."

Mrs. E. E. Starns, 216 Via Los Altos: "As a native Californian I think that if we weren't so proud we probably wouldn't be so crowded. We would be better off without so many people because there are so many problems involved. Clinically I don't blame anybody for moving here."

Commission Claims City Moving Slow

Charges that city officials have been moving too slowly in a drive to stamp out objectionable literature in Torrance were hurled by members of the city's Youth Welfare Commission during a meeting of that group here Thursday night. Commissioner Joseph Piatt told the HERALD after the meeting that Commission members felt their "hands are tied," and that a workable complaint program will not be effective until results of a police investigation called for by the City Council are made available.

"IT WOULD appear," one of the commissioners said, "that

Police Nab Redondo Pair For Robbery

Two Redondo Beach men stopped by police who had seen one of them loitering near a North Torrance liquor store were booked on suspicion of robbery and possession of dangerous drugs after the liquor store owner identified one as the man who robbed him in December.

Booked at Torrance jail were Patrick Knight and David Green, both 23, who were stopped by Torrance officers after they fled from the area of the store at 18915 Crenshaw Blvd.

Officer Donald Flaherty and Harry Waugaman reported finding a loaded revolver and some pills in the car occupied by the two men.

Owner Nick Gegas at the liquor store identified Knight as the man who had robbed the store on Dec. 27. Knight allegedly admitted the holdup.

some lawmakers are more interested in protecting the authors, publishers, and distributors of obscene literature rather than helping remove a cancerous source of moral decay."

Piatt said members wondered "if political campaign contributions or lobbying tactics are possibly a cause of this political apathy in Sacramento and elsewhere."

Specific complaints on local operation of the clean-up campaign were directed at the lack of specific data on the police investigation of the city's magazine vendors.

THE POLICE department was instructed to make such an investigation on Oct. 9. A "silent survey" of the objectionable literature has been made by members of the Commission during the past two weeks.

Chairman John C. Babbitt indicated that several outlets were found to be carrying questionable material. Those stores and dealers who have cleaned out the literature described as objectionable from their magazine racks were commended by the city group.

A request was forwarded to City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to voice an opinion on the extent of the Penal Code violations found in publications submitted to his office by a member of the Commission. They asked for an opinion for their Feb. 7 meeting.

The End of an Era



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . . Memories of exciting football games, colorful half-times with marching bands and exuberant students rooting for their teams are about all that remains of the Torrance High School bleachers which are being torn down to make way for a new girls gymnasium. Although the sign "Torrance Students Only" sits forlornly among the rubble of dismantled bleachers perhaps it will eventually find a home at new athletic facilities which are under construction on Lincoln Avenue but future of the track hurdle, foreground, is doubtful. (Herald Photo by Darrell Maddox)

Ryan Confirms Closing Of Plant Slated May 1

A considerable number of some 450 employees at the Torrance Ryan Aeronautical Co. plant will be transferred to San Diego about May 1, company officials announced. The exact number to be transferred will not be known until a study now under way is completed, according to President Robert C. Jackson.

RYAN OFFICIALS said the firm's Torrance property is for sale. It is located on 40 acres adjacent to the Torrance airport and consists of a 360,000 square foot factory, three main administration, engineering and production buildings.

Production and engineering activities of the company will be consolidated at San Diego because "it is now considered advisable to make this move," Jackson said.

With additional plant capacity now available to Ryan in San Diego, the company's electronics design and manufacturing operations can again be brought together for closer coordination and improved efficiency, Jackson added.

"CLOSE LIAISON between engineering and manufacturing is an important advantage in the development and production of the complex electronic equipment we now have under contract for space vehicles, as well as for aircraft and helicopters," Jackson said. The move is considered advisable, he said, with the purchase of a large new plant in the city's industrial park area on Kearny Mesa.

At the time production was ordered on Doppler navigation equipment for the Navy, Ryan Electronics' facilities on Kern Mesa though expanded to handle additional research and engineering, were not adequate for quantity manufacturing. Consequently, production was moved to the Torrance plant, he said.

Man, Wife in Motel; Agent Makes Arrest

A robbery suspect who had been quoted as saying he would not be taken alive was arrested in a Torrance area motel Friday night by FBI agents and Long Beach detectives. Taken into custody was Gary Bell, 28, and his wife, Shirley, 26, who were surprised by officers in a motel at 2455 Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach.

Officers said Bell was seized by a federal agent as he dove for a loaded automatic pistol beside his bed. Assisting the agent in the arrest were Dets. C. A. Wiggins Jr. and Errol Greenleaf of the Long Beach Police Department.

BELL WAS identified as a suspect named in a federal warrant charging unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for a series of robberies in Arizona.

Arresting officers allegedly confiscated a quantity of cocaine and morphine during the arrest Friday night.

Bell was booked in Long Beach on the unlawful flight charge, and his wife on suspicion of narcotics violation and for investigation of robbery and forgery.

Mothers' War On Sex Fiends To Get Trial

A trial run on a "block mother" plan in the Meadow Park school area will take place beginning Feb. 1, it was reported this week. The proposal touched off mixed reactions when disclosed recently, but will get a chance during the trial period.

Suggested by the Meadow Park PTA as a means of countering threats of molesters and sex fiends who might prey on students between their homes and school, the "block mother" plan proposes to have one home in each school-area block designated as an emergency haven to which children could run if trouble arises.

THE HOMES would be designated each day by a large "Block Mother" sign posted at the house.

Don Hartel, Torrance police officer, is safety chairman of the Meadow Park PTA and classifies the plan as "a step forward" in the drive to provide safe passage to and from school.

In addition to providing a protection against unwanted molesters, the system would provide help in cases of emergencies, such as sudden illness, injury to a student, or other matters, spokesmen for the sponsoring group say.

To Speak Wednesday

Hy Heimbaugh, international trustee, will be the speaker at the Kiwanis interclub meeting to be held at the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro at 12 noon Wednesday.

Scouts Hold Buffalo Fete

A buffalo-beef barbecue was held by Boy Scout Troop 154, Post 154X and Ship 1545 Jan. 12 at Ryan Field. Buffalo meat was obtained from the department of the interior game refuge at Cache, Okla.

Entertainment was provided by the order of the arrow Indian dance team.

John Patton, institutional representative, acted as chairman, assisted by Frederick Cohenaur and Ronald Frederickson.

Troop committee members included Lloyd Batchlor, Arthur Timper, Robert Saunders, Homer Nelson, Vic Matson and Ralph McElyea.

Votes Donation

The Torrance Lions Club recently voted a \$200 donation to the Junior Blind Foundation at a board meeting.

New Hospital Opening Delayed for 30 Days

Transfer of facilities and patients from the old army barracks type Harbor General Hospital to the new \$15,400,000 new acute unit and out-patient clinic has been delayed until Feb. 22, 23, and 24, A. L. Thomas, administrator, announced Friday.

An announcement during the Jan. 14 dedication of the eight-story building at Carson Street and Vermont Avenue had set the transition for next weekend.

"The sequence of movement will be the same as previously

announced. The clinics will be closed Friday, Feb. 22, for transfer, patients will follow Saturday, and Sunday will be 'operation mop-up' and we will be in full operation Monday, Feb. 25," Thomas said.

"We regret to postpone this, as we had geared our personnel to the January date. But unexpected mechanical problems which developed suddenly in the new unit force the delay. We therefore chose late February to insure sufficient time to move regardless of any eventuality," Thomas added.



DOWN UNDER . . . Professor Julius Sumner Miller of El Camino College (center) and Professor Thomas Gold (left), director of the Cornell University Center of Radio Physics and Space Research are shown in discussion following a lecture by Miller at the 1963 Summer School of Science in Sydney, Australia. Miller is one of five scientists from England and the United States serving as guest lecturers at the meetings held at Sydney University from Jan. 7 to Jan. 18. (Photo by Australian News and Information Bureau)

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