



EMERGENCY—Arlington School pupils Sandra Voeltz and Janet Briley bone up on the dark continent during studies of current events, geography and culture of Africa.

### Litterbug Halt Asked During Clean-up Month

Litter thrown in the street by pedestrians and motorists is more than paper and trash—it's money, Wade Peebles, director of public works, said today.

"No citizen would throw money into the streets and highways, yet that's exactly what the litterbugs are doing," Peebles said.

"Trash often collects in gutters and sewers, clogging and flooding them during heavy storms. The damage from this overflow often means further expenses.

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### Peninsula Pavement Improvement Slated

Plans and specifications for improvement of Palos Verdes Drive North from Daplegray Lane to Western Ave. were approved today by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The improvement will consist of constructing a four-lane divided highway within a 200-foot minimum right-of-way with channelized intersections. Bids will be opened June 14.

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### Camino History Instructor to Work in Norway

William M. Scoggins, El Camino College history instructor, will teach in Norway on an educational-exchange grant for 1960-61, the Department of State announced this week.

Scoggins will teach at the Halden secondary school. His exchange teacher, Ivar Ryhne Bjorndal, will teach at El Camino.

Six weeks will be spent by Scoggins at the University of Oslo studying the language and history of Norway prior to his teaching assignment.

With Scoggins in Norway will be his wife, Joan, and his daughter Cindy, 10, and his son Rhone, 8. Both children will attend Norway schools.

Provisions for the award are made under the Fulbright Act. Candidates are selected by the Board of Foreign Scholarships following recommendation by the United States Office of Education.

### Africa Comes Into the Light for Social Studies in School

Events that have shaken much of the world also are shaking the school curriculum in Torrance and in schools throughout the country.

In recent years, Africa, Asia, and the Near East have become increasingly important parts of the social-studies curriculum. Formerly most of the social studies were confined to the nations and areas with western culture. Often, Africa and Asia were viewed as continents filled with peculiar people and strange ways.

Revolutions and wars have made two-thirds of the world, occupied by the non-whites, a more important force in world affairs, and, hence, in the school curriculum.

Torrance's three high schools and Carr, Arlington, Riviera, and Steele elementary schools have conducted pilot studies into the meaning of current events in Africa.

A Torrance High teacher, Alice Hammond, is taking a year's sabbatical leave to study at the UCLA African Studies Center.

Darlene Rodecker's class at Arlington School has completed an intensive study of Africa and its impact on world affairs. They made maps showing characteristics of the continent—its people, animals, climates, airline routes, and surface features.

They made up booklets describing phases of life on the dark continent after doing research on the subject. Miss Rodecker tied in history, geography, art, and research skills to help the youngsters understand current events.

An entire bulletin board was devoted to the latest events in South Africa, Kenya, Belgian Congo, and other nations of Africa.

They studied the significance of the creation of new nations in this part of the world and discussed the effects that they would have on the United States.

The state framework for social studies, soon to be re-adopted is expected to place considerably more emphasis on Africa, Asia, and some of the previously lesser-known parts of the world.

"As the dark continent moves into the light, it also will become a more important factor in our thinking," said Assistant Superintendent Albert Posner. "It will be more important for children to study. Yesterday Africa was considered a far-off land. Today it is less than a day away."

### 7th Spacecraft Parley to Draw Torrance People

Members of nine units of Understanding in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties will gather at an abandoned desert airport along with thousands of others for the Seventh annual Spacecraft Convention at Giant Rock, Calif., May 28 and 29.

Representatives are expected from Torrance, El Monte, Pasadena, Inglewood, Van Nuys, Long Beach, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside.

The national Understanding organization, with headquarters at Pasadena, also will be represented at the meet—the grandfather of flying-saucer conventions now in its 7th year.

Daniel W. Fry of West Covina, founder and president of Understanding, will be a speaker at the convention to tell of his ride in a remote-controlled extraterrestrial craft during 1950. Fry is vice-president of Crescent Engineering and Research, an El Monte missile firm.

### Torrance Firm Wins Air Force Contract

Forty-four Los Angeles-area firms drew \$1,314,047.77 of \$1,383,804.47 in contracts awarded last month to 49 in California for supplies or services needed by the Air Force Test Center at Edwards AFB.

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