

...Murder

(Continued from Page 1) died about 2:15 p.m., three hours after the shootings.

ALL HAD BEEN shot in the head. Officers said he had used a .25 automatic until it jammed and finished the grisly task with a .38 caliber Colt two-inch revolver.

The murders climaxed a series of attempts by Saltares at reconciliation with his family since their separation last Oct. 31. When other attempts to reconcile their differences failed and Carmen planned divorce proceedings, Saltares was reported to have made death threats. The family home was at 2624 Madison Ave., Dominguez.

ACCORDING to Carmen's babysitter, Miss Virginia Bata, 16, of 1510 Banning Blvd., Wilmington, he had come to the "G" Street address, home of Carmen's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sotero, Saturday.

He took the children to town and bought them new shoes and ordered a new washing machine to be delivered Monday. It was, and this was the pretext used for luring them into the garage.

Mrs. Sotero, who was taken to Harbor General Hospital briefly in a state of shock and hysteria, told authorities Saltares came to the home in good spirits and asked his wife to come see the machine with the children.

When they walked into the garage he pulled the guns and began firing.

MRS. KATHERINE Gonzales, a neighbor at 1310 W. "G" St., said she saw the delivery van and a short time later heard at least 10 shots. Her husband Richard rushed next door and found the scene. "Oh my God," he screamed. "My kids played with them, he might have shot mine too."

Miss Bata, arriving at the scene, was nearly in hysterics. "Where's Carmen," she cried to an officer. "Oh no! Oh no! He threatened to kill her and now he's done it."

SHE HAD BEEN with the dead woman until 11 p.m. Sunday night. During that time, she told police, he had called and issued another death threat.

The neighborhood in which the grisly scene took place is a quiet and older section of Wilmington, just off Figueroa Street and within hearing of the busy Harbor Freeway. The homes are well kept and attractive.

THE SOTERO HOME is a white stucco house with the old-time double strip cement driveway, grass in between. The detached garage is about 30 feet from the street and is a small, box-like stucco structure. After the shootings, dollar bills, apparently spilled from Mrs. Saltares' purse which had fallen on the cement floor and burst open, covered the blood-spattered floor.

...Chief

(Continued from Page 1) sibly be employed in the Torrance Police Department. He also said one cadet now employed in the department will not be eligible for appointment as a police officer—if the current ban holds—because a brother is an officer. Yet, Koenig said, the city started the cadet program to aid in recruiting new officers.

THE CHIEF contends that problems which arise when relatives are employed are the exception and not the rule. "You don't gear your operation to the exception," he said.

He said he is convinced the ban is illegal because of the federal and state statutes which prohibit discrimination in employment based on

ancestry. Remelmeyer told the council last week the chief's interpretation of the word "ancestry" is not what is meant in the law.

As a result, Remelmeyer will seek an opinion from Attorney General Thomas Lynch.

...Bands

(Continued from Page 1) Christmas Eve. The Junior Band, the only one in its class selected to appear in the invitational parade, is composed of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade musicians from the Torrance area.

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