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**SKETCHING DAY . . .** Students from Bishop Montgomery High School spent a day sketching at McKinley Home for Boys in San Dimas for the annual United Crusade Catholic High School art contest. Sketches will be translated into a variety of art media and judged this month. Winners will receive trophies from the Southern California Knights of Columbus and Saturday scholarships to the Art Center College of Design. Students (from left) are Cathy Campbell, Richard Cameron, Elaine Priest, Sister Stephen Joseph, Anne Moore, and Eileen Hall.

# Plan for Anti-Vietnam March Refused by City

## \$100,000 Voted By Supervisors For Improvement

Torrance councilmen last night awarded a contract for the improvement of a major segment of Sepulveda Boulevard near the eastern city boundary.

## Chamber Has New Brochure

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week announced that a new "Facts and Figures" folder on the city of Torrance is now available at the chamber offices.

The folder is designed to answer many of the questions asked concerning the city by interested persons and firms throughout the nation.

Each year the chamber receives thousands of inquiries asking for such information as economic business trends, population, climate, schools, special events, employment, etc. The information contained in the new folder is most representative of the type of inquiry received at the chamber.

Many of these questions are replied to quickly and adequately by sending the folder to inquirers. More than 10,000 copies are distributed annually.

## Jail Cell Burns

Fire broke out in a Torrance jail cell Monday, destroying a mattress, a mattress cover, and a blanket. Denise Rasmussen, a Torrance teenager being held in custody, was charged with setting the blaze.

## Woodman, Spare That Homely Tree

"A large and homely" tree must fall before the axe. Torrance City Council last night granted permission to Newton Pacific Co. to remove the homely tree from their parking lot at 3100 Pacific Coast Hwy.

The term "homely," applied to the tree by Paul A. Linnell, a partner in the firm, apparently humored the council into granting the request over objections of Park Superintendent Casper Clemmer.

The council stipulated, however, that the firm must replace the scraggly monstrosity with four comely trees.

## Group May Take Case to Court

By NATALIE HALL, Press-Herald Staff Writer

Vietnam protesters will have to get a court order if they want to stage a mammoth demonstration parade down Hawthorne Boulevard during the height of the Christmas shopping season. The Torrance City Council voted 5-2 last night to deny, without a formal hearing, the parade request submitted by South Bay Vietnam Summer.

The hearing was denied despite repeated warnings from City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier that there was a "100 per cent certainty" that the courts would overthrow the ruling if no hearing were held. Some officials compared the case with the Century City demonstration last June in which the courts overruled a similar decision of the Los Angeles City Council.

MAYOR Alben Isen disagreed with Remelmeier, stating that there was nothing illegal about denying the application without a hearing. He argued that if no hearing were held, the application would automatically be considered denied.

Isen denounced the parade request as "obnoxious" and an "imposition on the general public," denying that his objections to the parade were based on ideological differences with the demonstrators.

Councilmen supported Isen in his conviction that the parade would be a hazard due to the already congested traffic conditions on Hawthorne Boulevard. Councilman David K. Lyman termed the request "ridiculous," stating that it was comparable to petitioning authorities to block off the San Diego Freeway for four hours.

ISEN STRESSED that the protesters have the right to demonstrate at a time and place where they won't disturb normal traffic patterns for thousands of local residents.

"We can't even adjust a traffic signal on a major highway without state permission," Isen exclaimed.

Darby N. Silverberg, attorney for South Bay Vietnam Summer and the American Civil Liberties Union, was sole spokesman representing the demonstrators before the council. Silverberg claimed that he had been informed by the state highway department that the city of Torrance had jurisdiction in the case since it had agreed to maintain the highway.

SILVERBERG was present at the council meeting to request an official hearing on the matter within seven days.

Councilmen voting to deny the parade request were Jay Beasley, Ross Sciarrotta, George Vico, Isen, and Lyman. Councilmen Ken Miller and Ed Talbert agreed that the parade would present a hazard but voted against denial because they felt the protesters deserved a formal hearing.

Councilman Miller said he couldn't disagree more with the philosophy of the demonstrators, but to deny them a hearing would be "undemocratic."

EARLIER in the meeting, the council had voted to concur with the opinion of the city attorney and send the matter to the License Review Board for a hearing. After heated debate, however, they voted to deny the application outright because of a stipulation in the city attorney's recommendation that would make the review board's decision final.

Vietnam Summer had applied to hold its demonstration parade Saturday, Dec. 16, from 2 to 6 p.m. The parade would begin at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Boulevards and proceed down Hawthorne to El Nido Park. Some 5,000 persons were expected to participate.

## Harbor Commissioner

# Area Businessman Drowns in Harbor

Mystery continued today to surround the death of Pietro Di Carlo, 69, president of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission. Di Carlo's body was found yesterday floating inside the ferry building in San Pedro.

A preliminary coroner's report, issued last night, indicated death was by drowning. A full report is not expected to be available until late this evening.

Di Carlo, president of Cabrillo Savings and Loan Association as well as the Harbor Commission, is a key figure in a grand jury probe into charges of conflict of interest between members of the Harbor Commission and a developer of a new trade center on Terminal Island.

THE BODY of 69-year-old Di Carlo was discovered about 9:55 a.m. yesterday by Harbor Department employees Tony Lauro and Capt. Raul Medina, who were preparing to board a Harbor Department boat. Los Angeles police said

there was no indication of foul play. The body was fully clothed and rings, a wrist watch, and horn rimmed glasses were customarily worn by Di Carlo were intact, police reported.

A native of Fontechiari, Italy, Di Carlo was born in 1898. He came to this country with his family in 1902 and lived until 1906 in Steubenville, Ohio. He came to San Pedro in 1906 and had lived there since.

HE WAS founder and president of the Di Carlo Baking Co. of San Pedro and president and chairman of the board of the Fishermen and Merchants Bank of San Pedro until its merger with California Bank.

Di Carlo was awarded the Medal of Solidarity by the Italian government in 1954.

A deeply religious man, Di Carlo was a daily communicant at Mary Star of the Sea Church in San Pedro. He and his wife had attended the 7 a.m. mass yesterday.

## Policemen to Star In Training Films

The Torrance Police Department is going to receive international recognition through police training films.

The City Council voted last night to grant permission to Police Science Productions to use local police department buildings, equipment and personnel for a series of these films.

Torrance Police Chief Walter R. Koenig said he was delighted that the company had singled out his department for the honor. "I have been

acquainted with the films made by Police Science Productions for the last 10 years," Chief Koenig said, "and I can personally attest to their authenticity and value as a training medium."

The company does not use props or professional actors for its movies. All productions are filmed in an authentic setting with regular officers portraying the roles they play in real life.

Police Science Productions has received outstanding endorsements, Koenig said, and advertises it in a magazine that reaches 20,000 police administrators in most English-speaking countries.

"I feel that this is a tremendous vote of confidence for this department and a fine opportunity to receive nationwide recognition at no cost to this department or our city," Koenig said.



**NEW OFFICERS . . .** Torrance Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig (center) congratulates two new officers who have completed recruit training at the Orange County Peace Officers Training Academy. The new officers are Donald W. Maynard (left), 27, who comes from Texas, and Stephen C. Badenoch, 23, a native of Inglewood and graduate of El Camino College. Both officers have been assigned to duty with the patrol division.

## Charges Against Youth Dropped

Charges of possession of marijuana against George Benson, 17, of 2336 W. 230th St., have been dropped. Benson and three older youths were arrested last Friday night by Torrance police.

## Teachers Must Pay For Sub

The first in a series of Torrance Board of Education meetings was held Monday at South High School and will rotate among North, West and Torrance High during the next four months.

Bert M. Lynn, president of the board, was ill and unable to preside at Monday's meeting. Dr. Donald Wilson served as chairman. Other board members in attendance were Polly Watts, Dr. Owen Griffith, and Bill Hanson.

KEITH WEIDEMAN, president of Torrance Education Association, will attend a semi-annual national meeting of Urban Chapters at Detroit, Michigan, next week.

Although Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, cautioned the board of trustees Monday against authorizing attendance of school personnel during school days at this type of meeting, consent was given.

Weideman's expenses, including the cost \$60 of a substitute teacher for his reading classes, will be paid by TEA. The meeting in Detroit deals with employe organization business.

Weideman recently presided over TEA's protest parades at three high schools opposing salary negotiation policies of the board.

DR. J. H. HULL, Torrance superintendent of schools, said Monday at a meeting of the board of trustees that he will ask for an additional member to his staff to assist with employe business. The person, it is understood, would serve as an executive secretary and be responsible for such assignments as employe salary negotiations and communications.

THE SOUTHERN California Regional Occupation Center requested and was granted a loan of \$125,000 to \$150,000 by the Torrance school district. The money will be used to cover obligations and will be returned to Torrance between 30 and 60 days when financial assessments are due. (See BOARD, Page A-2)

## Trash Collections Delayed . . .

Torrance residents who normally carry trash cans to the curb for Friday morning pick-ups can delay their weekly chore for 24 hours this week, according to Walter M. Nollac, director of public works for the city. Nollac said trash collection crews will observe the Veterans' Day holiday Friday and work Saturday to complete their weekly collections. Saturday is Veterans' Day.

## Two Torrance Men Die . . .

A 28-year-old hunter was shot and killed Saturday while on a hunting trip in Kern County and a 25-year-old skindiver died at Pismo Beach over the weekend. Dead are James Wesley Shannon of 1163 W. 204th St., and Larry Staat, 25. Authorities said Shannon was shot while deer hunting about 30 miles east of Bakersfield. Shannon and three companions were hunting in the area. Staat's body was found floating off Shell Beach. Both deaths are being investigated, it was reported.

## Woman Charged in Murder . . .

Formal murder charges have been lodged against a 28-year-old Torrance housewife who is suspected of shooting her husband last Nov. 1. Mrs. Niki Mullenaux, a Greek immigrant who speaks little English, will face a preliminary hearing Nov. 13 in South Bay Municipal Court. Torrance police arrested Mrs. Mullenaux two days after she allegedly shot and killed her husband, Joseph J. Mullenaux Jr., 22, in the kitchen of their apartment. The couple lived at 3711 W. Artesia Blvd., Apt. 13.