

# ... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

County fairs are county fairs and when you've seen one, you've seen them all. I don't mean that you can't have any fun on the "rides" or enjoy hearing the pitchmen. That's part of the scene. But the pattern is the same — with very slight variations.

Imagine my surprise when I visited the Los Angeles County Fair this week... and was treated to a new twist in fine arts display. "Art in Action" is received national recognition when it was inaugurated last year. Some of the top creative artists of California are actually working in their specialized fields, while fascinated crowds watch breathlessly.

Hal Painter of San Francisco, nationally-known for his tapestry and rug weaving, has a prominent spot in the center of the display area. He sits at the loom and demonstrates his textured panels of native plant materials. I watched him select long grass of different varieties... thin branches... and twigs... to weave together into decorative wall hangings.

**THE FINE ARTS** spectators seemed to be more of a selective group than the usual "fun-bent" midway crowd (not a snobbish remark, just plain facts).

Anyway, as I watched Hal Painter working on his panels, I overheard a woman saying to her friends:

"I don't see why he bothers to use natural materials when he can use wool and then walk on it when he's finished."

I TALKED with Gompers Saijo of Los Angeles and asked him some questions about his method of using papier-mache. His animals and figures almost resemble ceramic pieces when they are finished — but not quite. Plain tempera colors and then a clear lacquer finish really adds a unique charm to his decorative animals that sell in the \$30 to \$45 bracket.

Other artists demonstrating their skills and interesting techniques, include: Eric Nordstad of San Francisco, a prize winner with his potter wheel creations; Tom Ferreira, Long Beach potter, stressing hand-building techniques; Espenet of Bolinas, a master craftsman in woodworking and furniture making; Milford Zornes, Padua Hills water-colorist; Betty Dav- enport Ford, individually de- signed stoneware animal pieces; Dorothy Krause, Whit- tier, demonstrating copper enameling, and William En- king of Pasadena, cutting and folding paper into lanterns and sculpture that decorate the interior of the fine arts building.

IN ADDITION to the "Artists

in Action," I found the paint- ings hung in the room vignettes gallery of exceptional quality. Most appealing to me were "The Bathers" by Roger Kuntz, a blue still-life by Robert Frame, and a quietly muted, but powerful figure by Jack Zajac. Other artists represented are Phil Dike, Ynez Johnson, Edgar Ewing, Sueo Serisowa, and Gerd Koch.

If you go to the fair, don't miss the fine arts building — it will be worth the price of admission to the fairgrounds. It's on until Sept. 29.

HAD A STRANGE thing happen to me the other day. Last spring I spoke at the Push Horse to a service club about paintings. A guest from the South Bay Art Assn. was there and asked me if I would be a speaker on their program during the school year of 1963-64. "Sure... why not," was my reply. "Call me when school starts and I'll check my schedule," I added.

With that conversation, I shelved the idea... knowing that with this type of activity there is much checking and re-checking of dates, etc.

What a shock to receive a phone call the other day at 8:30 p.m. informing me that I was to speak at 8:30 that same evening in Redondo Beach. The explanation was... two people have the responsibility of contact- ing speakers — and in my case, even though some publicity had reached the news- papers announcing my talk — each person had thought the other had made the arrange- ments with me.

A good natured "are you kidding?" was my reply to the request... "could you still make it, anyway?"... (even though I hadn't been in- formed). The only reason I mention this incident in print is to state that my good nature suddenly turned sour yester- day. I learned from a member of the organization that the im- pression given at the meeting was one that... "he failed to show up."

AM ALREADY working on next summer's European tour, as well as an eight-day Easter tour to Hawaii. Although the arrangements are not quite definite, I have already booked jet air space on TWA for Sat- ursday, June 27, New York to Lisbon. It will be around a 40-day tour for about \$1,250.

The Hawaiian tour will leave Saturday, March 21, on Pan- American jet and will cost \$279. If you like excitement and adventure, pack up an let's go. If you have any questions, drop me a card at El Camino College.

## By Amendment

# Congressman Moves To Permit Prayers

A constitutional amendment which would permit prayer and Bible reading in public schools and protect from legal action the many spiritual manifesta- tions of public life threatened by recent Supreme Court deci- sion has been introduced to Congress by Congressman Frank J. Becker (R-N.Y.), a frequent contributor to the news columns of THE HERALD.

Becker's proposal, drafted in cooperation with a commit- tee of six Congressmen, if adopted and ratified by three- fourths of the states, would permit participation in such matters on a voluntary basis.

THE SUGGESTED amend- ment would state that "Noth- ing in this Constitution shall be deemed to prohibit the offer- ing, reading from, or listening to prayers or biblical scrip- tures, if participation therein is on a voluntary basis, in any governmental or public school, institution, or place."

Another section would place a similar stamp of approval on "making reference to belief in, reliance upon, or invoking the

aid of, God or a Supreme Being, in any governmental or public document, proceeding, activity, ceremony, school, in- stitution, or place, or upon any coinage, currency, or obligation of the United States.

IN COMMENTING on the move to gain approval of the Constitutional amend- ment, Congressman Becker noted that the "Civil Liberties Union in California had filed a suit at- tacking the constitutionality of the words 'Under God' in the

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Since that time, an attack on the employment of chaplains to provide religious observa- tions for members of the armed forces has been launched under the charge that such practice puts the govern- ment in the role of supporting religious activities.

In TORRANCE Everyone Reads the HERALD

## Edison Rate Reductions Get Approval

Rate reduction recommend- ed by the Southern California Edison Co. for some 22,000 customers have been approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.

L. E. Jenkins, district man- ager for Edison, said the re- duced rates will save some customers in the area a total of \$95,000 annually.

## Firm Announces New Division

General Technology Corp., 3510 Torrance Blvd., has announced the formation of a new operating division to han- dle its line of vacuum and controlled atmosphere equipment.

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## Attorney, Demo Leader Says Council Should Enter Probe

The city council's reluctance to carry out its investigative powers may be a major source of so-called police scandals which have received prominent attention in recent weeks.

That is the conclusion of a Torrance attorney and former candidate for the City Council in a letter sent to THE HERALD this week.

Attorney David Lyman, active in civic groups and in official organizations of the Demo- cratic Party, charged that the City Council "has not taken one step to inform themselves or the public of the true facts" although it "has had two months in which to do some- thing."

"Yet, the local government, instead of exercising powers that they have, are yelling like wounded buffaloes for Attorney Mosk to step in and save them from what they term is an unfair attack," he wrote.

The attorney cited provisions of the city charter which en- ables the City Council to exam- ine witnesses under oath, and to use subpoena powers to compel the attendance of wit- nesses and the production of evidence.

"The City Council might be surprised what they could find out if they would only exercise their investigative powers," he said.

Lyman pointed out that the City Council had always been very vocal in demanding that local government be allowed to function without inter- ference from outside agencies.

## Slate Junior Citizen's Day November 26

A resolution proclaiming Nov. 26 as Junior Citizen's Day in Torrance was adopted by the City Council at their regular meeting Tuesday evening.

During the day, representa- tives from the local high schools will take the place of the mayor, councilmen, city manager and other department heads.

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