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FBI HOLDING BANK SUSPECTS

Two Nabbed In \$80,000 Bank Holdup

An unemployed maintenance worker and one of the supposed victims have been arrested as suspects in the \$80,000 robbery of a Torrance area bank Friday morning. Arrest of a third man believed to be involved in the robbery is expected soon, officials said yesterday.

Taken into custody by Santa Barbara deputies and two California Highway Patrol officers early Saturday was Raymond Arthur Vigneau, 26, who gave officers addresses in Lomita and Hermosa Beach. Officers found an airline flight bag crammed with \$25,000 reportedly taken Friday from employees at the Pacific State Bank at 21600 S. Normandie Ave. Investigators later found travelers checks and bonds in Vigneau's apartment.

ARRESTED LATER on charges of being an accomplice was Jorge Velasco, 25, employee of a custodial service who told officers the two bandits followed him into the bank at 8:15 a.m. Friday as he arrived to clean up the building.

Vigneau and Velasco are being interrogated by agents of the FBI who were called into the case shortly after the robbery alarm was sounded. Vigneau has been booked into county jail and will be arraigned Monday on bank robbery charges. He has denied taking any part in the robbery.

OFFICERS SAID Vigneau was arrested after his estranged wife reported that he had fled her station wagon without her permission. Officers were looking for the vehicle when it was spotted on Pacific Coast Highway at its intersection with California Highway 1 north of the Gaviota Pass above Buellton. He surrendered peacefully when confronted by the officers. Vigneau has a long record of arrests for robbery, suspicion of murder, and grand theft auto, officers reported.

THE HUNT for the robbers began shortly after 10 a.m. Friday when an alarm was sounded by bank employees. Investigating officers were told (Continued on Page 3)

Center Series Of Workshops Set Oct. 16

"Passport to the World in Song," Oct. 16, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, will introduce a series of volunteer leader workshops at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. Presented by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the Torrance Recreation Department, the workshops supplement training of volunteer leaders of non-profit organizations.

Ann Woolf, director of Hollywoodland Camp and member of the board of American Camping Assn., will conduct the Oct. 16 session. There is a registration fee of 50 cents to cover cost of the training manual.

Bids Open for Coast Highway Improvements

The State Division of Highways will open bids Nov. 7 in Los Angeles for Pacific Coast Highway improvements.

Approximately \$71,300 is available for the project, which will include modification of traffic signals and installation of highway lighting at the intersections of Pacific Coast Highway with Pennsylvania, Cypress, Narbonne and Eshelman avenues and Oak and Walnut streets.

Admiral Guests At Navy League

Rear Admiral E. J. O'Donnell will be the guest speaker at the ladies' night meeting of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Council of the Navy League, Oct. 17, at the Plush Horse Inn. Social hour will be at 6:30, dinner at 7:30.

Admiral O'Donnell is former commander of the naval base at Guantanamo and presently a member of the Weapon System Evaluation Group in the Pentagon.

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18-Year-Old Found Dead, Three Held

Three youths have been booked on suspicion of murder by Torrance police following the death of a companion believed to have been caused by a fatal injection of a narcotic drug. The trio was arrested Thursday a few hours after the death of 18-year-old Gilbert Nicolas, 23633 Madison Ave., was reported to police.

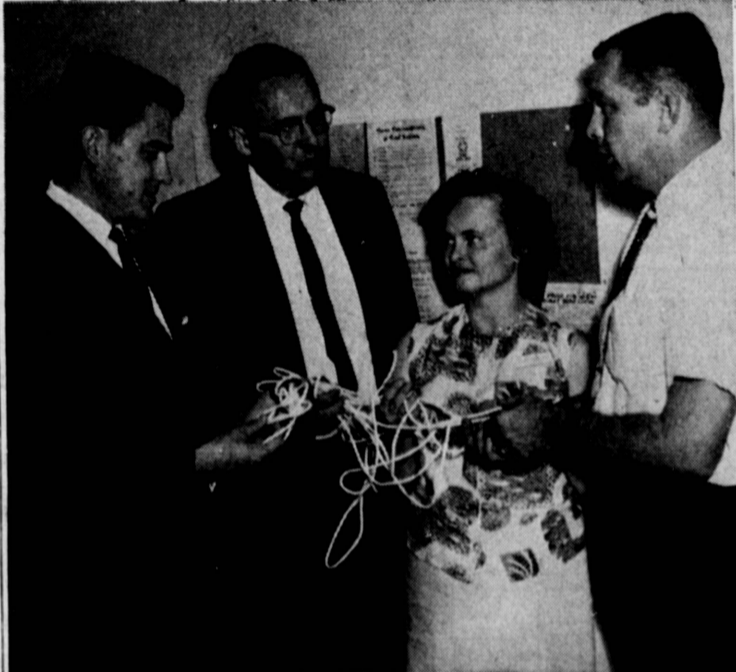
Jailed were Kenneth Jarrett, 21, of 20633 Shearer Ave., Patrick O'Hare, also 21, of 1443 Jackson St., Long Beach, and a 17-year-old youth whose name is being withheld at the moment because of his age.

THE ARRESTS climaxed an intensive investigation headed by Lt. D. C. Cook, head of the city's vice detail. Assisting Cook were vice officers Leo Gonzales and Jerry Garver.

Lieutenant Cook said the three suspects and Nicolas apparently were together Wednesday evening and may have been injecting heroin into their arms. One of the suspects, O'Hare, had heroin in his possession when arrested Thursday, police said.

The victim's mother, Vera Daguro, found the lad on his bed Thursday morning and, thinking he was asleep, placed the bed covers over him.

LATER IN THE morning, she returned to the room and discovered that the boy was dead. Police were called immediately, and Lieutenant Cook and his vice detail officers took over when marijuana cigarettes and seeds were discovered in the (Continued on Page 3)



BANDIT VICTIMS . . . Manager Keith Pischel (left), assistant manager Emerson Kreiger, and teller Bonnie Farquhar show plastic clothesline used to tie up employees of Pacific State Bank at Carson Street and Normandie Avenue Friday morning to officer investigating one of the Southland's biggest bank robberies. A man believed to be one of the two bandits, and an accomplice, have been jailed for the crime. (Herald Photo)

Youth Fined \$50 for Arrow Shot Accident

A 19-year-old Torrance area man was fined \$50 Friday for shooting a hunting arrow which injured a Torrance housewife as she stood at her kitchen sink Monday evening.

Kenneth Lee Dean, who lives at 25116 Freijoa Ave., pleaded guilty to a charge of violating a city ordinance prohibiting the shooting of any steel tipped arrow within the city when he appeared before Judge William B. Keene.

HELD FIRST on the more serious charge of assault with intent to commit murder, the youth was brought before Judge Keene on the misdemeanor charge of violating the city ordinance regulating the discharge of arrows. He denied the shooting was intentional in response to a question from Judge Keene.

Injured in the Monday evening incident was Mrs. Reta Lampeth, 3236 Danaha. She was standing at the sink in her kitchen preparing cold drinks for her children when the steel tipped, game arrow slammed through the screen door and struck her in the thigh.

Surgery at Little Company of Mary Hospital was required to remove the barbed shaft. She is recovering from the wound.

WITH DEAN at the time of the straying shot Monday was Anthony Ray, 18, of the same address. He was released shortly after the two were taken into custody Thursday.

Investigating officers and Lt. Gus Rethwisch, head of the city's juvenile bureau, paid tribute to the help given them by an area archery club in turning up the person who shot the arrow.

The youths said they had picked up the bow and some arrows from a garage in the city. They became frightened and fled when they heard the woman scream, they told officers.

The bow was found hidden in the Freijoa Avenue home.

\$26,866 Quota Set for City Fund Drive

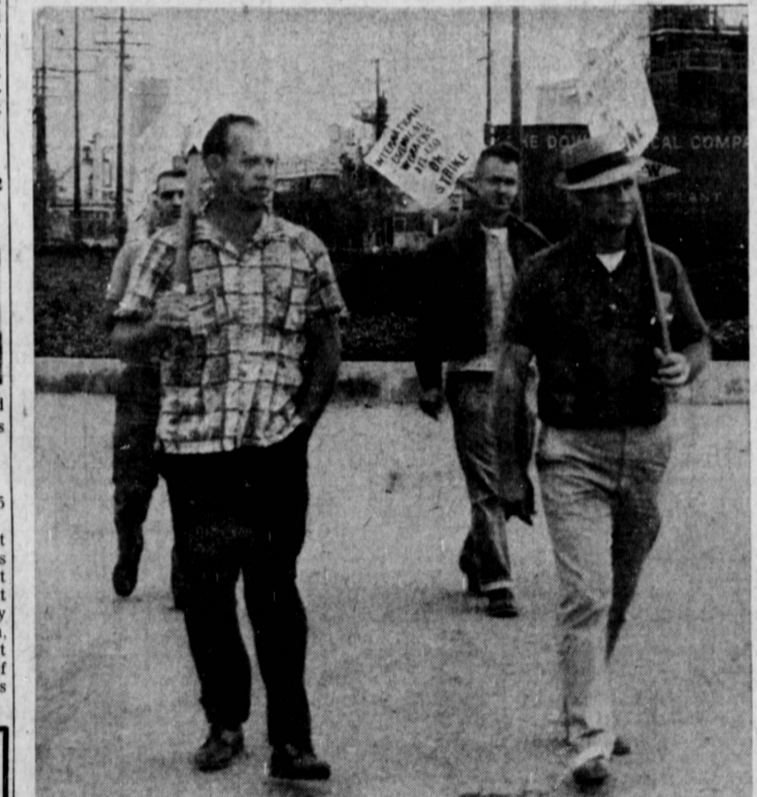
A goal of \$26,866 has been set for Torrance by United Way, Inc. officials for the first annual appeal in Los Angeles County by the organization.

Formerly the Community Chest, United Way, Inc., combines more than 300 agencies throughout the county into a joint annual appeal for funds.

Heading the Torrance drive is city chairman Arthur Reeves of the Dominguez Water Co.

Bulk of the Torrance quota is expected to come from the commerce and industry program which has been assigned a quota of \$13,430.

Advance gifts, small business, residential and school contributions will make up the balance of the quota. The residential campaign in Torrance is expected to bring in about \$7,854, with \$3,190 coming in from schools in the area.



ON THE PICKET LINE . . . Striking workers at Dow Chemical Co. are shown marching on the picket line here. Some 85 employees have left their jobs in a dispute over working conditions and wages. The striking workers are members of the International Chemical Workers Union, Local 598. Plant operations are continuing with nonunion supervisory personnel operating the equipment. No substantial cut-back has been made according to Personnel Manager Glenn Allen. (Herald Photo)

**A Penny
for
your
Thoughts**

The Pennies photographer asked several Torrance housewives, "Should the United States sell surplus wheat to the Soviet Union?"

Mrs. George Cookson, 19301 Flavian Ave.: "No, I don't think we should. Before selling wheat to anyone, we should give—and I mean give—it to the poor people in the United States. Then, our allies come next. I don't think we should sell any to Russia."

Mrs. Gordon Berglin, 19406 Sturgess Dr.: "No. After traveling with my husband, I think we should take care of our own people first. We shouldn't have to work so hard and let the rest of the people rest. Let's help ourselves for a change."

Mrs. John Weber, 503 Ave. G: "I am not in favor of any sales to Russia. How would we know that Russia would not turn around and give it to Red China? Sell, or give, it to non-communist countries, but let's not sell it to the communists."

Mrs. John Laffey, 22632 Greenwood Ave.: "No, I don't believe that we should sell such commodities to communist countries. There is always the chance it will be used against us. I would rather pay the storage costs than to send it to Russia."

Mrs. Roger Anderson, 2655 W. 226th St.: "I am against any wheat sales to the Soviet Union. I can't express any special reason, but I just don't like the idea of any wheat sales to Russia."

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