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CITY SHOWN MIGHT OF U.S.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Torrance Police observed National Police Week with an open house yesterday, and special award ceremonies Friday. The Pennies photographer asked several of the officers, "Would you recommend police work to young people as a career, and why?"

Patricia Findley:
"Yes. I think young women would find a career in police work interesting and varied. I've been on the force for seven years and my husband also is on the force in the traffic division. I like it and find it very interesting."

Capt. John Maestri:
"I would recommend it highly. It is very professional, teaches clean living, and, above all, it teaches you to respect the feelings of others. Police work also teaches a young man the proper demeanor in life."

Don Flaherty:
"Yes, if they are really dedicated to it. You have to have a natural liking for people and for police work in general. Young men would find its standards very professional. I've been on the Torrance force for two years, and served 11 years in New Jersey."

William C. McLean:
"Well, it has a lot of advantages. It is a good profession and gives you a feeling of self-satisfaction. You are helping the public. If you like working for people, you can't beat police work as a career. I've more or less grown up around it."

Harold Maestri:
"I feel it is an honorable profession. Police work is a good field. It teaches young men a lot. Police officers see a lot which regular citizens don't see and don't understand. As a career, police work is the ideal thing."

Police Honor Torrance Man For Heroism

A Torrance man who dashed into the middle of a robbery get-away scene to give first aid to a wounded police officer was cited for his heroic act Friday morning by Torrance police officers during their annual Police Memorial Day services here.

Hamilton Case Now Near End

A second Torrance police lieutenant, suspended and then discharged on charges that he lied to investigators from the attorney general's office, has been found not guilty of all but one charge by a Civil Service Board who heard his appeal, and is to be reinstated to his post.

Lieutenant Donald S. Hamilton, who had been commander of the Torrance detective bureau before his suspension on March 6, was found not guilty on two of the three charges brought against him by M. H. Porter, assistant police chief, who ordered the suspension and subsequent discharge.

THE BOARD report—signed by Lawrence Townsend as chairman and members Lewis E. Jenkins and George Morehart—recommended that Hamilton be suspended for 30 days without pay for the period commencing March 6. The recommendation will be placed before the City Council Tuesday at the 5:30 p.m. meeting. It was a similar recommendation on Lt. D. C. Cook last week that touched off a dispute which ended with two councilmen leaving the meeting and three of the remaining five voting to erase the 30-day suspension recommendation. The City Council can affirm or modify but not increase the penalty.

Autos Collide

Two persons, both in the same car, were injured Monday afternoon in a two car collision on Carson street just west of Madrona.

Taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital were Harold Raymond Morey, 42, driver, and his passenger Geneviene Morey, 66, of 1121 W. Fiat.

Driver of the other car involved was Kenneth Edward Kell, 19, of 23101 Falena Ave.

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Richard Keelor, a Long Beach high school coach, was cited during ceremonies in front of the city hall when Officer Ray Silagy, president of the Torrance Police Assn., presented him with a mounted certificate commending him for his quick action. He was credited with being instrumental in saving the life of Officer Leo Gonzales, now recovering from head wounds suffered when shot by a fleeing bandit.

ACTING POLICE Chief M. H. Porter set the tone for the day when he said Police Memorial Day was dedicated "to those who have given their lives and those who have given their blood that their neighbors might be secure from a perverted and malignant segment of our society."

To the officers standing in ranks before the city hall, Porter said their chosen careers might fill them with a sense of solitude at times, but reminded them that they are not alone.

"There is present today a member of the community who has demonstrated you are not alone," he said, referring to Keelor.



HEROISM CITED . . . Officer Ray Silagy, president of the Torrance Police Officers Assn., presents citation to Torrance resident Richard Keelor, who rushed to the aid of officer Leo Gonzales moments after he was wounded by gunmen fleeing the scene of a drug store robbery on April 30. Presentation was made Friday morning at city hall. (Herald Photo)



DISCUSS PLANS . . . George S. Wing, president of the HiShear Corp. and general chairman of the Torrance Armed Forces Day activities, discusses plans for the day with Assistant Secretary of the Army Edmund T. Pratt Jr. and Mayor Albert Ison. Pratt was grand marshal for the parade and the featured speaker at yesterday's luncheon honoring the Armed Services. (Herald Photo)

Long, Hard Viet Nam War Predicted by U.S. Aide

Governmental stability is probably the most important factor in the continuing war against the communists in Viet Nam, declared Assistant Secretary of the Army Edmund T. Pratt Jr. yesterday. Pratt, who has just returned

from a tour of Army installations throughout the Pacific which included a trip to Viet Nam, said the war would be long and hard, but he predicted victory for South Viet Nam. The new government, he said, seems to be gaining in public support. "I don't think there will be another coup," he said. The recent coup against the Diem regime did set back the time table, he said. Changes in the equipment now being used and the willingness of the new government to press the war will be helpful.

THE ASSISTANT Secretary, here to serve as grand marshal of the Torrance Armed Forces Day festivities, met with newsmen in an informal press conference prior to yesterday's parade. He covered a wide range of subjects during the 90-minute session. Asked about the recent study ordered by President Johnson to determine if the draft could be eliminated, Pratt said the Army is doing preliminary work on the study. He said one of the major problems of enlistments is making the service attractive enough to support the required standing army.

VOLUNTEERS now comprise more than 50 per cent of the annual turnover in the Army, said Pratt, but this is probably the result of the pressure of the draft on many young men. Answering a question about possible unification of the services, Pratt said there is currently a greater degree of centralization in the Department of Defense than ever before. He compared the services with a large corporation and said the units had to be maintained in manageable units. Further

unification would not materially change the organization of the Department of Defense, he asserted.

PRATT DID say, however, that duplication of efforts by the major branches of the services could not, and would not, be defended. Efforts by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara have been highly successful, said Pratt, and the program is continuing.

When asked if the success of Operation Big Lift might indicate an eventual pull-back of American troops now stationed overseas, Pratt said the mere presence of troops in such places as Germany and Korea is an important part of what America is trying to do. Psychological effects are important, said Pratt. He added that Operation Big Lift was more to prove that such troop deployment was possible rather than to clear the way for cut-backs.

RECENT CLOSURES of service installations throughout the country, part of an economy program, is part of a continuing effort to eliminate unnecessary expenditures, said Pratt. "From time to time, it is large to take a look at the wide holdings of the Armed Forces," he said.

Pratt said he was "happy to be in Torrance" for the parade and festivities.

U.S. Forces On Parade In Torrance

An hour-long parade lead by Assistant Secretary of the Army Edmund T. Pratt Jr. gave Torrance area residents and visitors a glimpse of the U. S. military might yesterday as it moved through the downtown area from Cabrillo and Carson Street past a reviewing stand in front of the Torrance city hall on Torrance Boulevard.

The parade's prologue, led by the Torrance Mounted Police, and including city officials, the grand marshal, and distinguished military guests and decorated heroes, was followed by marching and mounted representatives of all military services, reserve units, veterans groups, and service-connected service groups and auxiliaries.

HIGH SCHOOL bands from Torrance and surrounding cities provided marching tempos along the parade route with hefty assists by several military bands.

Infantrymen carrying rifles joined with huge missile trailers, veterans of World War I, Marine color guards, ROTC units, and others in making up the parade.

Secretary Pratt, who spoke to reporters from The Herald and other Southland newspapers before yesterday's parade, was principal speaker at the annual Armed Forces Day luncheon following the parade, and was a guest of honor at a Chamber of Commerce dinner last evening.

THE CITY'S fifth annual Armed Forces Day celebration was kicked off Friday night with an hour-long fireworks show behind the civic center.

Displays of military equipment ranging from models of the Polaris missile to helicopters and life rafts were lighted by the eerie glow of fireworks. The displays were open to the public all day yesterday.

Area Youngsters Make Appearance On Television

Mary Vonne Hambleton, whose investigations of the mating habits of sharks won first prize at the North High Science Fair, and Steve Holley will be seen on KNBC television program "Survey '64" Sunday evening at 6:30.

Mary Vonne and young Holley will be interviewed by Bob Wright. Steve designed and built "Volto the Robot," a project selected to represent Meadowpark School at the Science Fair.

Dominguez Tax Study Under Way

An economic base study of the entire area which has filed papers for incorporation as the City of Dominguez has been started by Gold-Thompson and Co., Inc., of South Pasadena, management consultants.

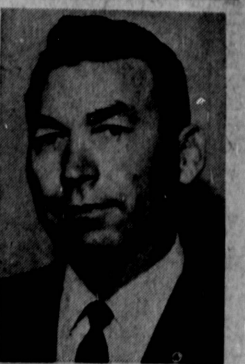
The survey was ordered by a newly formed Industrial Committee in the Dominguez area. The committee involves about 50 of the largest industrial firms and land owners in the area.

Arthur L. Reeves, secretary of the Industry Committee, said Gold-Thompson and Co. has made similar surveys for 15 proposed cities in recent years. The firm recommended for incorporation in eight areas, and against incorporation in the remaining seven areas.

IN ALL BUT one case, said Reeves, the Gold-Thompson recommendation was accepted. Among the cities which were incorporated on the recommendation of the firm is Commerce, now rated one of the most successful of new cities.

John O'Driscoll, a tax consultant representing Golden Eagle Refining Co., is chairman of the Industry Committee. Reeves is secretary and chairman of the executive committee.

The report is scheduled to be submitted to the committee about July 15. It will be printed and released to the public, said Reeves.



PLANS FETE . . . President Dell Wright of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors yesterday announced an official proclamation breakfast for the Board Hall Tuesday morning to set the stage for National Realtor Week, May 24-30.

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