

# ... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Photography has always been at odds with painting over the question "Is it art?" The painter argues that photography can't be creative—at least to the extent that it would enter the realm of being new, exciting and different. Probably one of the causes for the feeling that photography is a step-brother to drawing and painting—could be the fact that anyone can buy a cheap (?) camera and take a fairly good photo. Because the manufacturers are making the cameras so absurdly easy to use, a new market is being tapped and the list of "photographers" grows and grows. Ever notice a graduation or wedding? All the relatives are out with cameras.

LUCKILY I have no axe to grind when it comes to photography. I know that it can be a highly creative art when handled by the right person. The same can be said of painting—because it is just as easy for one to buy paints and canvas as a camera.

One of the most uniquely different photographers I have ever seen, Bill Robinson, will soon be snapping away at his new studio at 25366 Crenshaw Blvd.

Bill was formerly associated with me in my gallery operations—but the drive was too much for him—so he decided that Torrance could use the services of a highly creative photographer.

A FINE EXAMPLE of Bill's work is the photo that should be accompanying this column. It's a black and white print from the color negative—and you should really see the original in color at his new studio.

Jerry Ronan, a Torrance connoisseur of all things having to do with beauty and good taste—admired the photo very much and he ordered a color copy of it to add to his art collection.

Last summer Bill took about 1,500 color slides of 12 European countries—and they are of superb quality. If you want good photos of Europe, he can certainly take good care of you.

# Hahn Asks Report on Telephones

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has called for a full report on overloaded county switchboards which make it difficult for citizens to telephone county government.

Hahn said he had received complaints from persons who had to wait several minutes before a county operator could answer their call on the regular MADison 5-3611 number.

Director of Communications Maurice Kennedy has informed Hahn that part of the problem is due to the in-

creased number of calls since the merger of the City-County Health Departments.

"We all recognize that the county is operating under an austerity program with rigid economy," the Supervisor said. "However this is a critical area of contact between the citizen and his government."

The Supervisor pointed out that the long delays in getting through calls also means wasted time—and money—to the telephoning taxpayer.

Hahn asked the chief ad-

ministrative officer to confer with Kennedy to see if more help or improved equipment is needed and report back to the Board of Supervisors.

# Heart Fund Volunteers Over Goal

Topping all previous years, Heart Fund volunteers have raised a total of nearly \$1.8 million, according to Richard D. Dotts, chairman of the Los Angeles County Heart Association's Board of Directors.

Dotts told members of the executive committee, meeting for the first time in the new year, a total of \$1,777,441 had been raised. The total amount is more than \$35,000 over the goal set by the Heart Association for 1963-64.

"Congratulations are in order for the Heart Fund Chairman, William R. Ohland, and the thousands of volunteers throughout the county who generously gave of their time and money to make this record possible," Dotts said.



CREATIVE... Bill Robinson, a Torrance photographer, took this picture in the National Veterans Cemetery, Presidio, San Francisco. The photo won first prize in the 1963 Professional Photographers of Southern California contest. Larry Macary discusses Robinson's work in his "Let's Go" column today.

# Young GOP Meeting Set

The All American City Young Republican Club will meet at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the cafeteria at Fern Avenue School, located at the

corner of Elm Avenue and Dorado Street, one block south of Torrance Blvd. Guest speaker will be Robert Muncaster, Republican candidate for Congress in the 17th Congressional District. At the June meeting the club passed a resolution endorsing and pledging its support to the candidacy of Muncaster.

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