

# A Lonely Vigil at Creeping Cliff



THREE MEN AT NIGHT stand guard of the heights above the sea. In the photo at right Officer Don Fell stands by fence. All are men of the Torrance Police Department. —PRESS photos

## Torrance Police Guard Area Round the Clock

Twenty-four hours a day, on a cliff by the sea, a lonely vigil is maintained by the men of the Torrance Police Department.

They have been standing guard for the past two weeks while the workings of nature change again the appearance of the Pacific coast line.

Part of the creeping cliff of Paseo de la Playa tumbled into the sea last week. Now, apparently, it lies dormant like a sleeping lion until the workings of nature rouse to work again.

There is one section that men believe will, and should, slide into the sea, but it seems to be held for a while by a "prop" of diatomaceous earth.

However, even while the creeping cliff lies dormant, the lonely vigil of the Torrance Police Department goes on to see that no one gets hurt.

A man is there to guard the public against its own curiosity.

... to make sure the inquiring mind of an eager child doesn't lead to danger by day.

To warn away surfers or other people who may venture too close to the danger area by sea.

To make sure in the dark hours of the night that all is well.

The Torrance Police Department rotates the shifts

At night, as Torrance sleeps, even three hours can be awfully long—waiting there alone, surrounded by the eerie combination of sound created by the roar of the sea, and the whistle of wind whipping over the cliff.

Thursday night, The Press visited the men on the lonely vigil, and found Officers Robert Keith, Don Fell, and Don Mitchell, sharing the three-hour stints that night at the continent's edge.

Sometimes, we human beings need to be protected from ourselves — our own curiosity, or the strange, baffling compulsion to flirt with danger.

Protecting us is the job of the men of the Torrance Police Department, night and day.

Right, now, part of that job is a lonely, unsung, vigil on a cliff by the sea 24 hours during the day and the night.

As you read this, there's a Torrance police officer on that lonely vigil out on the cliff.

## L.A. SUPERVISORS JOIN TORRANCE IN ATTACKING RAPID TRANSIT TAX

The Board of Supervisors is on record as opposing vigorously the Metropolitan Transit Authority's proposal to finance the \$649 million rapid transit system through property taxes.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, pointed out that supervisors will make their opposition known to local state legislators, who will have the opportunity to approve or deny MTA's request to become a taxing agency.

Basically, the MTA has proposed to build a 58-mile transit system and asked for permission to levy a tax of 15 cents per \$100 valuation to finance it.

C. M. Gilliss, executive director of MTA, was subjected to sharp questioning by Supervisors and finally admitted that the only thing new in this proposal is the measure to give the MTA the right to tax.

The routes the MTA has outlined have been the planned routes for a transit system since the days of the early 1900's," Hahn said.

Supervisor Hahn raised several objections to the proposal, many of them basic Constitutional arguments.

"The responsibility of taxing property rests in California with those who are elected by the people. This gives the people the right to control their expenditures and maintain some check on heavy taxes," he said.

"I do not approve giving an Authority appointed by the Governor the right to levy as much as 15 cents per \$100 valuation on the taxpayers of this county," he stressed.

Hahn also said the MTA would force the taxpayers of Los Angeles County to be taxed for services of a transit authority that also serves Riverside County, San Bernardino County and Orange County.

"Why aren't those counties being taxed for the services? Why should just Los

Angeles County property owners foot the entire bill?" he asked.

## We Wanna Meet Your Neighbor; Introduce Us!

Unless you live either in a lone tepee out in the hot, barren desert, or in a lone igloo out on a cold, cold bleak (brrrr) ice field, you all have neighbors.

Yes, in places like that, life could be pretty grim and lonely.

But — thank heavens! — we live in Torrance, and Torrance is a neighborly city.

As a matter of fact, that's one of the nicest of the many nice things about Torrance that we like.

You see, we like neighbors, and we like to meet them.

As a matter of fact, we would like to meet YOUR favorite neighbor and introduce her to the readers of THE PRESS.

So, why not sit down right NOW and write a letter to Neighbor, The Torrance Press, 3228 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, Calif., and tell us about your neighbor.

The writing doesn't have to be fancy (what busy housewife REALLY has time to write?) or literary, and we don't even mind how the words are spelled. Just write about YOUR neighbor exactly as you would tell us about her if we were sitting in your own home.

And, IF you do write, we may just visit your home to meet your neighbor — so, in turn, we can introduce her to the many, many other readers of THE PRESS. We're sure they would like to meet her, too.

## FITNESS MEANS FREEDOM

"Fitness means Freedom" is the theme of the North High PTA meeting to be held at 8 p.m. Jan. 23 in the gymnasium.

Students under the direction of Miss Dalton and Mr. Gilmore will be on hand to display their skill.

An honorary life award will be presented to some worthy citizen, who has contributed outstanding services for the youth of our community.

Linda Kennedy, senior class president will lead the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman featured will be Mrs. J. R. Allison, dental health; Mrs. A. Stilwell, student welfare; Mrs. H. Johnson, honorary life; and Mrs. J. Cleveland, founders day. Junior and Senior class mothers will be hostesses for the evening.

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**WILLIAM C. KULOW** has announced the opening of a general real estate brokerage firm on the Palos Verdes peninsula. He brings 10 years of experience to the peninsula to specialize in Palos Verdes property, homes, lots, income and acreage. Offices will be opened in the new peninsula commercial center on Silver Spur Rd. Kulow also said he will represent Beverly Realty Co. as sales agent for 45 remaining Estates unit dwellings, and continue as exclusive sales agent for all peninsula developments by Edward K. Zuckerman. Kulow said Zuckerman will begin extensive construction this month. Kulow was named Palos Verdes peninsula's first Citizen of the Year in 1962. He is president of the Rolling Hills Board of Realtors.

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Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
January 13, 14, 15  
Loves Made Her a Killer!  
Susan Hayward  
Peter Finch in  
**'I THANK A FOOL'**  
In Cinemascope and Metrocolor  
—And—  
Street of Mystery!  
Alan Ladd  
Rod Taylor  
**'13 WEST STREET'**  
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8:00 A. M. - 1:00 P. M.  
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## PREVIEW SHOWING...

Two new units featuring all new floor plans and exteriors are now under construction.

Exciting, new versions of the famous Kon-Tiki, inside patio plan... The Williamsburg, elegant 4-bedroom, 2-story... the all new Richmond, 5-Bedroom, 2-story... The President, 4-bedroom open patio plan. Other all new 3 and 4 bedroom, family room, 2 bath models with outstanding features including custom fireplaces, built-in O'Keefe & Merritt gas range and oven, Waste King dishwasher and intercom systems.

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