

# Torrance Welcomes Students From Other Lands

## Program of Understanding and Friendship



Souvenirs from Home

With pride, the American Field Service students show two officers of the local chapter articles brought from home, representative of their countries. From left, Ana Bezerra of Brazil shows Mrs. Ellis Myer, press chairman, a Brazilian doll in na-

tive costume. Yuko Shiganami displays a colorful Japanese party decoration while Mrs. Mary Bartholmew, AFS president, looks at the Thailand flag held by Muratha (Roy) Sriwong.

Torrance Chapter of the American Field Service has been busy during the past two weeks welcoming four students from foreign lands who have come here, along with 3,000 throughout the United States, to spend a year in America.

In a program of understanding between the peoples of the world, these young students have traveled great distances to attend local high schools and to make their home with American families in an effort to learn the American way of life and to share their culture with their adopted families and this community.

Here for the year, and already enrolled in Torrance high schools, are Ana Maria Estivallet Bezerra from Brazil, who is making her home with the Avery J. Timms family while attending Torrance High School; Muratha (Roy) Sriwong, who hails from Thailand is the adopted son in the O. W. Christianson family and is attending West High School.

Others arriving were Yuko Shiganami from Japan, who is a guest of the Arthur M. Orrell family and has enrolled at South High School; and Erika Stotz from Chili, living with the J. Ray Brown family and attending South High.

Mrs. Mary Bartholmew, president of the Torrance American Field Service chapter, has

announced that the community will have an opportunity to greet the visiting students on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. when a potluck dinner will be staged at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.

Mrs. Frank Barnes, dinner chairman, has announced that the dinner is open to the public through reservations. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish to serve ten people and individual table service. Those interested in attending are asked to call Mrs. Frank Barnes or Mrs. Argyle Prescott for reservations.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bingham, program chairmen, have announced that the students, wearing their native costumes, will be introduced and will display items of interest that they have brought from their native lands. After the dinner, guests will be given an opportunity to chat with the students and to welcome them to the community.

After Dec. 1, the students will be available for speaking engagements for civic and service clubs. They will tell of their countries, show slides and will give their impressions of the United States.

Mrs. Howard Tompson of Torrance is serving as chairman of the speech schedule and invites any club to call her in advance to schedule the students' for club programs.



To Tell Their Country's Story

After Dec. 1 Torrance civic and service clubs will have the opportunity to hear these students describe their countries and show colored slides brought with them from their homelands. Looking over some of the slides, in preparation for helping the students with arm-chair tours of their native lands, are from left, Mrs. John Hughes, AFS liason chairman, looking at a slide brought by Erika Stotz of Chili, while Mrs. C. H. Thompson, AFS speech chairman, enjoys other slides.



Always the Sound of Music

Music hath charm and here the charm is international as Erika Stotz from Chile sits down at the piano to accompany Muratha Sriwong of Thailand, who plays a Siamese flute which he brought from his homeland. Muratha, who will probably be known as Roy during his stay, hails from Thailand which was once Siam.

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With Chopsticks Yet?

Yuko Shiganami of Japan prepares one of her country's favorite dishes 'Suki-yaki,' consisting of thin slices of meat fried with onions or other vegetables and a little soya sauce, sake and sugar, for her new friends. Delicious, said the student from Brazil, and the fun began when Yuko taught her to eat with chopsticks.



Traditional Dance

It's not the twist or the watusi, it's a graceful centuries-old Japanese dance which fascinates Karen Harding of Torrance, as Yuko Shiganami of Japan performs. Yuko donned her colorful kimono and uses the brightly colored fan to interpret her country's dance.

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International Teenage Language

When Karen Harding, student at Torrance High, started her record player with an album of "rock 'n roll" big, broad smiles were exhibited by the foreign students, it was a language they understood. Gathered round for the music fest

are, from left, Yuko Shiganami of Japan; Ana Maria Estivallet Bezerra, Brazil; Karen, holding album, Erika Stotz, Chili; and Muratha (Roy) Sriwong, Thailand.