

## City Aide Quits Post At Airport

William Critchfield, assistant manager at the Torrance Municipal Airport since July, 1962, has resigned his position to enter private business. Critchfield said his resignation would be effective Dec. 31.

Critchfield, who resides at 21914 Evelyn Ave., would say only that he felt he had a "better opportunity" in private business and had decided to give up airport administration work.

He was appointed assistant manager at the city's airport in 1958 and served for about a year. He left the airport in 1959 to work in the city's engineering department and returned to his position at the airport in mid-1962.

A graduate of Long Beach State College, Critchfield holds a bachelor's degree in business administration. He has lived in the Southwest area since 1945.

Now 32, Critchfield and his wife, Barbara, have two children, Susan, 4, and Scott, 8 months.

A veteran, he served in the Marine Corps Reserve during the Korean War and was stationed at various Marine installations in the United States.

A successor will be appointed following civil service examinations.

Marine Pvt. Peter D. Mora, son of Mrs. Amelia Mora of 4701 Sepulveda Blvd., was graduated Nov. 19, from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego.

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## Power Blackout Unlikely, Edison Official Testifies

A spokesman for six major California electric utilities has testified before an assembly interim committee that "it is highly unlikely that a total system interruption approaching the magnitude of the recent Northeastern interruption can be experienced in California."

Speaking on behalf of the utilities represented at the hearing was Robert N. Coe, vice president of Southern California Edison Co. He told the committee on public utilities and corporations that there is no need for legislation in California in the wake of the massive power blackout in the East.

Coe was representing Pacific Gas and Electric Co., the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Pacific Power and Light Co., Sacramento Municipal Utility District, and San Diego Gas and Electric Co., as well as Edison.

"ELECTRIC utility system planning and operation in California is directed toward providing customers with service with a high degree of reliability," Coe said. "The specific aims are to reduce the likelihood of interruptions to service and to minimize the effects from trouble situations such as led to the failure in the Northeastern states on Nov. 9, 1965."

He noted that the utilities provide reserve generating capacity equal to about 17 per cent over and above their estimated annual peak requirements. "A sufficient portion of the reserve capacity, called 'spinning reserve,' is kept in operation, ready to pick up load so that the loss of the largest single source of power from any generating plant or transmission line will not affect the system's ability to serve its customers," he said.

IN ADDITION, Coe explained, each of the major FORENSIC WINNER Gilbert Diaz, student at Claremont Men's College and member of Scripps College Forensic Society, was awarded an "Excellent" certificate at the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensic Association Fall Championship Tournament held at UCLA. He is the son of Mrs. Olivia G. Diaz of 1517 Plaza del Amo.

utilities has interconnections with one or more adjacent utilities, "thus forming a power 'pool' which can be drawn upon if, in an emergency situation, the resources of the utility are inadequate to meet its own requirements."

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