

UC Bank Will Open In Del Amo Center

United California Bank's Del Amo Financial Center of 21545 Hawthorne Blvd. will open for business Friday during an all-day celebration.

The new office, 203rd in UCB's statewide network of branches, is located in a two-story pavilion building in the Financial Center.

Grand opening ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m. when George W. Post, vice president and general manager of the new office, and other bank officials cut the ribbon.

Participating in the ceremonies will be Frank H. Lewis, assistant manager of the new branch; J. B. Thompson, vice president and branch administrator for the area; and Edward A. Johnstone, assistant vice president from the Los Angeles area headquarters of UCB.

welcome the public to the all-day open house with free gifts for adults and children and refreshments for everyone. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

Located on the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard north of Carson Street, the leased building represents a total investment by the bank of \$125,000 for furniture, fixtures, and vault equipment. Total investment by builder and lessee is approximately \$400,000.

The 15,700-square-foot building is one of four pavilion structures erected in the huge Del Amo Financial Center. The circular two-story building is constructed of concrete with steel frame structural system. Exterior walls are architectural concrete

and glass and the structure is set with the other pavilion buildings among lagoons and sunken gardens.

Interior is painted plaster and exposed architectural concrete with walnut banking fixtures and matching walnut furniture. The lobby is floored with quarry tile. The officers' platform and other customer service areas are carpeted and the balance of the floor covering is vinyl asbestos tile. An acoustical tile ceiling features recessed lighting fixtures. The bank offers complete banking services and has a night depository for merchants and businessmen.

United California Bank now has 203 banking offices located border to border throughout the state.

News Photos On Exhibit

The best newspaper photographs taken in the state of California during the past year are now on view at the California Museum of Science and Industry at Exposition Park.

This collection, the 10th annual California Press Photographers Association Gold Seal News Photo Exhibition, will be shown through next Sunday, according to an announcement by Museum Director William J. McCann.

Comprised of 63 photographs, the exhibition presents the finest photojournalism produced during 1966 by news photographers in the state.

Two Area Men Are Elected to Board Positions

The board of directors of Virco Manufacturing Corp., national manufacturer of school and institutional furniture, has elected Julian A. Virtue chairman of the board and Donald C. Heyl president.

Virtue, 59, of Rolling Hills, moves to the newly-created position of chairman after serving as Virco's president since the company was formed in 1950.

Heyl, 46, of Palos Verdes Estates, was promoted to president from executive vice president and general manager, a position he held since 1965.



ARRIVES SAFE . . . Dr. Horace Mays (left), acting executive director of the Los Angeles Council of Churches and director of the Department of Christian Education, and Cortland E. Peterson, vice president for sales promotion for the May Co. California, inspect part of a shipment of small figurines. The collection of Nativity scenes from throughout the world will be featured in the "Christmas Around the World" display at the May Co. downtown Los Angeles store. It will remain at the store from Oct. 30 to Nov. 11. The figures are from the Institute of Architecture at the Academy of Fine Arts in Leopoldville, the Congo.

'Christmas Around the World' Exhibit to Open

"Christmas Around the World," a major exhibition of nativities from throughout the world assembled by the Paris office of Radio-Tele-Luxembourg, will premier in the United States at May Co.'s "Le Grand Tour," opening to the public Monday, Oct. 30, and continuing throughout Saturday, Nov. 11.

This collection of 38 different Bethlehem scenes represents various countries' interpretations of the Birth of Christ from as near as Canada and as far as South Vietnam. The collection was flown from Paris to Los Angeles and will be hosted by Madame Francine Guillet an official of Radio-Tele-Luxembourg, Paris.

Roger Bourgeon, director of Radio-Tele-Luxembourg, a commercial station broadcasting throughout Europe from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, first conceived the idea of "Christmas Around the World" — or "Noels du Monde" as it is known in French — early in 1966.

PLANS WERE made with the Service of the Airport of Paris to exhibit the nativities for one month at Orly Airport, terminating with the tradition Christmas Midnight Mass in Orly's Grand Hall.

Radio-Tele-Luxembourg staff members, airline companies, newspapers, embassies, religious organizations, and many other people assisted in amassing the nativities for the original exposition.

Each Bethlehem scene was displayed in its own house or case, ranging in variations of style from elaborately rich to austere simplicity, from modern to ancient, but all expressed the great moving event of the Birth of Christ. Figures in the holy scenes also vary and include carved wood, painted sculpture, glazed stone, and even papier mache. Sizes of the nativities range from 2 feet high by 2 feet deep by 3 feet wide to as large as 6 feet high by 4 feet deep by 12 feet wide.

MORE THAN two million people journeyed to Orly to view the magnificent exposition and it was lavishly praised and applauded by the press, radio, and television. Its reception was so great that the exhibition was extended through January, 1967.

Madame Guillet, who assisted in selecting 38 of the most unusual and outstanding nativities from the original Paris showing for its American debut, will be the official hostess for "Christmas Around the World" at May Co.'s Downtown Los Angeles store, fifth floor.

Madame Guillet is one of the few women in France who has been awarded the Legion d'Honneur; she also holds the Military Cross 1939/45 and four other important medals for war and Resistance Group services. She has been with Radio-Tele-Luxembourg, Paris, since 1949, and was one of the key people responsible for assembling the original exhibition.

REPRESENTING the Torrance area will be Mayor Albert Izen and Councilmen Ken Miller, Jay Beasley, Dave Lyman, Ed T. Albert, Ross Sciarrotta, and George Vico.

Also expected to attend are Edward Ferraro, city manager; Jerry Scharfman, assistant city manager; Tom Rupert, city treasurer; Vernon Coil, city clerk; Walker Owens, manager of the Chamber of Commerce; Ed Sullivan, assistant manager of the Chamber, and Larry Bowman, Chamber president.

Others are Don Hyde, US Steel; Keith Pischel, Imperial Bank; Bob Vroman, state of California; Bob Rojo, Torrance Laundry; Bill Shawger, Rotary Club; and Bud Blankenship, Kiwanis Club.

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The test will consist of the signal, which will be a one-minute sounding of an undulating tone of the sirens, said Pitchess. The steady wail has been discontinued, both as an alert signal and as part of the monthly test, Pitchess said.

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