



**FITTING MEMORIAL** . . . Artist Leo Politi (right) chats with Library Commissioners Mrs. Robert E. Leavitt and John Mosely, following Mosley's presentation of four Politi paintings to the City of Torrance. The pictures, purchased as a memorial to Mosley's late wife Ethel, will hang in the children's section of the proposed Torrance Public Library, main branch, when the building is completed. Politi holds a copy of his book, "Piccolo's Prank," which he and Mosley also donated to the library. The artist-illustrator is the author of many children's books which feature historic sections of Los Angeles as their setting. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Leo Politi Work

### Mosley Presents Paintings In Honor of Late Wife

Artist-author Leo Politi was on hand at last week's City Council meeting when Library Commissioner John B. Mosley presented four Politi paintings to the city.

Mosley purchased the pictures for the presentation in honor of his late wife, Ethel Mosley, who also served on the Library Commission. The paintings will be permanently displayed in the main branch of the Torrance public library when the proposed building is completed.

Until then, they will be shown in the Waleria branch library.

POLITI, who writes and illustrates books primarily for children, also presented a personally autographed copy of

his book "Piccolo's Prank" to the library on behalf of Mosley and himself.

The soft-spoken artist gave a brief presentation before councilmen, telling of his love for children and for the historic sections of downtown Los Angeles. Politi's books deal primarily with the quaint folk scenes of the Olvera Street and Bunker Hill areas.

Politi displayed a number of his whimsical sketches of children, monkeys, and Los Angeles landmarks, noting that children love colorful pictures filled with intricate details.

**INTRODUCING** Politi was Library Commissioner Mrs. Robert E. Leavitt, who revealed to councilmen that the artist was born in Fresno but went to live in Italy when he was 7-years-old. Politi won a scholarship to the University of Art and Decoration near Milan when he was 15, and returned to California at the age of 23, settling on Olvera Street.

Mrs. Mosley, for whom the paintings were given, served on the Library Commission from August, 1960, to March, 1968. She worked and planned for the development of an independent library system for Torrance and helped develop the branch system.

MRS. MOSLEY was also active in the First Christian Church of Torrance, where she and her husband sponsored the

### Conference Begins on Handicapped

Torrance Unified School District will be represented by seven members of the special services staff at a coordinating institute for cooperative schools programs to be conducted today through Friday in Hollywood by California State College at Los Angeles.

Attending the meeting, which will concern itself with vocational rehabilitation for special education students, will be: Dr. Richard Hubert, special education consultant; Mrs. Virginia Huschke, special education assistant; and Walter Cason, teacher of the educationally handicapped at West High School.

Others are Mrs. Judith Wygal, teacher of the educable mentally retarded at South High School; Robert Little, teacher of the educable mentally retarded at Torrance High School; Stewart Kemplin, teacher of the educationally handicapped at North High School; and Mrs. LaVern Swegles, teacher of the educable mentally retarded at West High School.

### Educators Plan 2-Day Seminar

Three industrial arts educators will represent the Torrance Unified School District at a leadership conference for high school industrial education department chairmen to be held in Idyllwild Friday and Saturday.

Attending will be: Guy Sherrod, North High School industrial arts department chairman; Delbert Peckum, district industrial arts chairman; and William Maey, South High School industrial arts department chairman.

### Anniversary Sale Is Scheduled at Nader's

Area businessman Chuck Nader, familiar to most residents for his big smile and accompanying slogan, "That's me . . . I'm he," is observing some current good times with a special one-day Anniversary Sale.

Nader, president of Nader's Furniture and Appliance Stores said, "For the past six month period ending Feb. 20, Nader's has enjoyed a 25 per cent sales increase over the same period last year. So we

are planning a fantastic sale to pass along dollar savings to our many area friends."

Nader has promised that everything in the store will be "drastically reduced."

Refreshments will be served and children, Nader explained, "are always welcome. The Nader family will be on hand to greet all of their friends."

Nader's experience in the merchandising field includes several years spent with Sears, Penneys, and Woolworths. "Our success is due to a combination of quality, service, and low prices," the local merchant said.

"Bring the gang," he added, to 166 E. Carson St., Sunday, April 20, from noon to 8 p.m.



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### Library Offers Framed Prints

Framed art prints are now available in the five branch libraries in Torrance and are being loaned out for four-weeks at a time. Rental fee is 50 cents per print.

Each of the libraries has 12 prints, produced and framed by the New York Graphic Society.

### Assembly Approves Law To Lower Court Costs

Legislation by Assemblyman Robert G. Beverly (R-46th District) to reduce taxpayers' costs of jury trials in criminal cases has won approval of the Assembly and was sent to the State Senate this week.

The measure, AB 465, permits jurors who are normally locked up during their deliberations to go home and return the following day. Beverly said the cost for meals and lodging for jurors which are locked up overnight exceeds \$200,000 annually.

"In many criminal cases and particularly in misdemeanor

matters," Beverly explained, "there should be no reason to keep the jury detained."

Beverly said the federal courts now send jurors home at night and have not had any difficulty in the procedure. He said his bill puts California in line with the federal procedure.

"I believe this legislation is essential in reducing taxpayers' costs of maintaining juries, and it would be a significant contribution to the efficient administration of criminal justice in California," Beverly stated.

### Michigan Band Sets Concert

Tickets for the University of Michigan Band concert, scheduled May 13 in the El Camino College auditorium, are on sale in the ECC bookstore.

Ticket prices are \$3, \$2 and \$1. A 50-cent discount on any price ticket is available to El Camino students with activity books.

The symphony band's appearance is one of 14 concerts scheduled throughout the West during the month of May.

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