



HOLLAND, PREPARES . . . Adolf Hitler, Chancellor and Fuehrer of Germany's Third Reich, has flatly stated in his book, Mein Kampf, that the Fatherland must regain the lands lost as a result of the World War. Acutely conscious of another European conflagration, the peaceful people of the Netherlands are preparing their borders against attack by aggressors. Picture shows a frontier bridge of Aalten where an anti-tank barrier has been erected. Highways in the near vicinity are barred by tank traps.

They 'Defended' City in Vain Air Raid Warning Plans Abandoned

FOR SALE: A consignment of nice, fresh aerial bombs, complete with discharge tubes. Fine for Fourth of July or the next "air raid maneuvers." Apply at Police Station or see Commander Lyle Doan, American Legion Post.

It would have been a "nice war" if the well-publicized plans of how the civilian population of Torrance was going to act during the air raid tests conducted Tuesday, yesterday and today had been carried out. But with the first "warning" that "enemy bombers" were en route here at 10:35 Tuesday morning, Commander Doan and Police Chief Stroh had their plans for "defending" the city knocked into the well-known cocked hat.

"This is Capt. Gregg, Sheriff's sub-station No. 3, warning you that 'enemy' planes are due over your city soon and we pass the word along to other cities as planned," came a voice over the telephone to Stroh.

"Okay, Captain," the local chief replied, "we'll also fire our warning bombs to let our people know so they can carry out instructions regarding the raid maneuvers."

Log Only Desired
"No, don't do that—that stuff's all out!" instructed Capt. Gregg. "Civilian population's cooperation isn't necessary."

"But I thought we were to let our people and industrial heads know in order that they can simulate evacuation of the plants here. And weren't we to check in our police and firemen who are off duty and American Legionnaires and Boy Scouts at the central fire station?" Stroh queried.

"No, that's not desired now—just pass the word along to Redondo Beach, Hermosa and Manhattan Beach chiefs and let it go at that. All we want is an accurate log kept as to the time warnings are received and when you get the 'all clear' message," Gregg replied.

Bloody Goes Precautions
Hours passed and the "all clear" message never came. Off the record, Stroh commented that he didn't care if it ever did. Neither he nor Commander Doan could understand why the original plans were not followed and the aerial bombs the city had purchased at their request could not be fired.

It was to have been two bombs for the "air raid warning" and one when it was "all clear." Local industrial heads, summoned to a meeting at the city hall two weeks ago, pledged their cooperation; the press had carefully reported their arrangements and then—

"Bloody—there aren't any raids after all so far as John G. Public is concerned," Stroh snorted. Original plans called for cooperation of peace officers, fire departments, hospital heads and other civilian groups who, for the first time, were to work with the Army in practicing what they would do in event of an actual raid.

Only Two Defenders
Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, from headquarters set up in an Alhambra warehouse, was in charge of the civilian "defense" while squadrons of plans soared over the Southland from March and Hamilton Fields in the simulated "air attacks" that were scheduled at three periods daily for three days.

Torrance's sole defense consisted of a puzzled Police Chief and a caustic Commander of the American Legion.

County Budget Hearings Begin Next Wednesday

Public hearings on the Los Angeles county budget will open Wednesday, Aug. 9, before the board of supervisors, it was announced today by Wayne Allen, chief administrative officer.

Copies of the new budget were made to taxpayers this week, in a smaller volume than for many years. Reason was the use of smaller type in printing it, which enabled its pages to be cut from 500 to 315, and effecting a saving in its publication, according to Allen.

The preliminary budget calls for appropriations totaling \$70,110,143 for the county proper this year, although it would be necessary to raise only \$40,311,143 by tax levy. The other \$30,000,000 is available in revenue, surplus and unsecured personal property collections.

3 Million Slash
Now, to cut the budget, Supervisor William A. Smith proposes to cut out all items not absolutely necessary, including exploitation funds totaling nearly \$500,000, and also to eliminate all proposed purchases of land for beaches and for park sites, totaling nearly another \$500,000.

Other items which Smith proposes to cut out of the budget make up a total of nearly \$3,000,000. He also proposes a five percent cut in the salaries of all county employees receiving more than \$150 a month. These cuts would avoid an increase in the general county tax levy which now stands at \$1.51, Smith explained.

State Bureaus Working Under New Program

California's new co-operative program between the Department of Employment and the State Relief administration to date has resulted in placement of 15 persons from the Torrance-South Bay office of the department, according to Edwin A. Bird, manager.

He said the co-operative program, which started only six weeks ago, has been a major item in reducing relief expenditures here. The program involves registration for work with the department of every person who applies for relief. If suitable employment is available, the applicant must take work or forfeit rights to relief.

Arrangements for the co-operative program between the two state agencies were made in Sacramento by Dr. H. Dewey Anderson, State Relief Administrator, and Roy Stockton, chief of the California State Employment Service, a division of the Department of Employment.

Three Accident Victims Treated

Three accident victims were treated at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week following as many mishaps in widely separated parts of this district.

Mrs. Jean Barney, 51, of 1438 Carson street is reported to have lost the sight in one eye and is temporarily unable to see out of the other as result of an automobile crash in Redondo Beach early Monday morning.

Serious injuries were sustained by J. W. Green, 37, of Long Beach, Sunday night when he crashed into a car at Carson and Figueroa streets. Green was driving a pick-up car to get a disabled truck in El Segundo and struck a car ahead of him which he claimed did not show a tail-light.

Jose Gutierrez, 31, Hermosa Beach, was badly hurt early yesterday morning when he ran his car into a retaining wall at the intersection of 135th street and Crenshaw boulevard. He suffered lacerations and abrasions of the face and legs, possible fracture of the right leg and possible internal injuries. After treatment here he was removed to the L. A. General hospital.



WINS TORRANCE TROPHY . . . Congratulations were in order Monday night for the Shell Athletic Club nine, who defeated El Centro to win the California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament at the city park diamond. Dale Riley, state semi-pro commissioner, is shown here congratulating Pete Sanchez, Shell Manager, after pre-

sending him the large gold trophy. Others, left to right, are Walter Morris, manager of the Torrance-Lomita Merchants; Manager Jack Stark of the El Centro club; Manager Jack Halla of Standard Oil and Mayor William H. Tolson. See sports page for complete details of the tourney finals.

Firemen Revive Child Found in Fish Pond
The still figure lying face down in a fish pond at 2440 219th street looked like a large doll carelessly tossed into the water to the man who happened to pass by the garden last Friday morning.

He stopped to look again and to his horror saw that it was the body of his two-year-old niece, Julia John. Rushing to the pool, Joe John pulled the child out and ran to the street. Two oil workers driving by swerved to the curb in response to the man's frantic yells and then sped to a nearby emergency hospital. Unable to se-

crete aid there, the group then rushed to the central fire station.

Fire Chief J. E. McMaster and Engineer Roy Winters began operating the resuscitator and a local physician arrived to assist in reviving the unconscious child. After an hour's work, the little girl was then taken to Torrance Memorial hospital for further attention.

The child, apparently none the worse for her near-drowning, was returned home in the afternoon. The Johns are natives of Brazil, recent arrivals in this country, it was reported.

New Type Highways Okayed by Governor
High speed highways, to be known as freeways, radiating in every direction from the metropolitan area of Los Angeles county, are provided for in Senate Bill 848 signed Monday by Governor Culbert Olson.

State Director of Public Works Frank W. Clark, said signing of the measure "has placed California in the forefront of the states in furnishing citizens with the most modern and useful of highway facilities."

"Particularly in densely populated metropolitan areas and in the areas adjacent to our other cities, will this new freeway construction provide additional safety, convenience and saving of time to the constantly increasing volume of motor traffic," Clark continued.

Separated Roadways
"The through traffic will be removed from residential and business thoroughfares, leaving the streets free for use of local motor traffic and pedestrians."

"The freeways would be so located and constructed that there would be access only at intervals selected to give greatest convenience in distributing traffic and so constructed that there would be no crossing of moving traffic at grade."

"The crossings with important highways would be by means of subways or overhead bridges. The freeways would consist of divided highways with separated roadways for traffic in each direction."

"An example of this is the Arroyo Seco Parkway now under construction by the state in the cities of Los Angeles, South Pasadena and Pasadena, six and one-half miles of which will be of the most modern freeway type of design and construction."

Pencil Portraits of Prominent Personalities
Sketched by ELIZABETH LOSEY

Starting as a volunteer in 1925, Fire Chief John E. McMaster today is the senior member of the Torrance Fire department. He has seen the department expand from one paid member to the present staff of seven and from a single station house to three. There are 15 volunteers at the present time.

A native of Nova Scotia, Canada, where he was born June 26, 1886, "Mac" was brought to the U. S. as a boy of six weeks. He lived in Pennsylvania for 15 years and came to Torrance from New York state in 1919. He began as a regular on the department here in 1931.

Chief McMaster is a member of the California State Firemen's association and is constantly studying the latest methods of fire prevention and fire-fighting.

With his wife, Grace, he lives at 815 Cota avenue. They have three children, Ruth and John E. Jr., who live in Los Angeles, and Mrs. Helen Lidyard, who resides in San Diego. Quiet-spoken, amiable, "Mac" holds the respect of his men and his superior officers, who value his ability and experience.

Runaway Boys Still at Large
A state-wide teletype report sent out Tuesday by Police Chief John Stroh for Wilton Loy Street, 15, of 2316 239th street, and Arthur Fred Weichman, 14, of 25223 Narbonne avenue, had not resulted in apprehension of the two runaways at press-time today. The boys left their homes Saturday afternoon and have not been seen since they were observed at the night ball game, their parents, C. H. Stowell and A. F. Weichman, told police.

Both had talked of going on a hunting trip and they may be headed for Canada or the home of the Stowell boy's uncle at Greenfield, Iowa. The boys had 15 silver dollars when they left, their parents said.

Improvement Group Meets Monday, Aug. 7
Chairman Robert J. Deininger has called a meeting of the City-Wide Improvement Association for Monday night, Aug. 7, at 7:30 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce building. The group will hear a report on the Burbank plan of extending sewer systems and also consider the latest moves toward the removal of P. E. tracks and wires from Cabrillo and improvement of that and other streets in the city.

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Home Construction Holds Lead in City Building During July

Last year's oil boom in South Torrance which saw several hundred derricks erected and equipped at an estimated cost of \$5,000 each continued to make the current year's building "look bad," it was noted Tuesday when the comparative totals for July 1939 and 1938 and the year-to-date figures were compiled at the city building department.

But the oil boom is a dwindling thing—no derricks being erected for several months now—and construction is proceeding here on a more stable and lasting basis. Home-building and home modernization is now leading in Torrance.

During July seven new residences were started and two duplexes begun for a total expenditure of \$31,500. Permits were also issued for the modernization and improvement of three homes here, the work to cost \$1,225.

Two Homes Start
New construction for July amounted to \$38,135 as compared to \$188,779 for July, 1938. The total for the year to date is \$450,265, while the first seven months of last year saw \$2,469,416 worth of building accomplished here—most of it being done in the South Torrance oil field.

Seven oil tanks, costing \$2,960, were installed during July and other construction consisted of a warehouse, \$100; workshop, \$100, and repairs to non-residential property, \$100.

During the past week, building permits were issued to: R. J. Deininger for construction of a six-room frame stucco residence and two-car garage at 1527 E. Prado, \$5,800; W. A. Peterson of construction of a six-room frame stucco house and two-car garage at 819 Beech, \$3,200.

Building Dairy Barn
Charles Nakazawa of Gardena for installation of a gasoline tank and pump at 24226 Ward street, Welteria, \$45.

Nellie Pohl is adding a room to her store building at 4910 Redondo boulevard for \$100, and Henry Conze of 24448 Ward street, Welteria, is building a frame workshop at 24049 Ocean avenue for \$100. A Van Vleet of Gardena is erecting a concrete and frame dairy barn at 22839 Hawthorne avenue for \$2,500.

BUILDING IN COUNTY AREA SHOWS INCREASE
Building figures during July continued the gains already shown during this calendar year, with the first seven months of 1939 showing a total of \$18,055,211 in building permits for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles county, as against \$12,790,637 for the same period last year. This is a gain of \$5,264,574.

The total value of permits during July was \$2,316,760 which shows an increase of \$344,503 over the \$1,972,257 total for July of last year, but a slight decrease from June, 1939, total of \$2,402,036.

One-story dwellings again were the largest item in the building figures, there being 512 permits issued for a total value of \$1,241,585. Public works and utilities permits totaled \$461,000 in value. Additions to buildings had a total value of \$198,920, with 273 permits issued.

Peterson Now Heads Legion
B. F. Peterson of Lomita succeeded Lyle Doan of this city as commander of Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, American Legion Tuesday night during installation ceremonies conducted by Charles Walters of Long Beach, past district commander. At the same time Bobby Lewellen took over the captaincy of the Sons of Legion squadron from Dean Barkdull.

The Wilmington post's drill team assisted in the ceremonies which were attended by a large turn-out of members and visiting Legionnaires from Long Beach and Wilmington. The next meeting of the Torrance post will be Aug. 15, the Sons of the Legion meet Monday, August 7.

Canada To Help Refugees
VANCOUVER, B. C. (U.P.)—Between 45 and 50 families of Catholic Sudeten Germans, refugees from strife-torn central Europe, will be settled on lands controlled by the Canadian Pacific Railways.

Gardena Tries to Aid Escaped Norwalk Inmate

"Gosh, I thought she acted kinda peculiar but I never thought she was mentally off," exploded James H. Chappell of Gardena last Saturday when local police informed him that the woman he was attempting to take "home" was an escaped inmate of Norwalk State hospital.

Chappell offered to give the woman a lift when he saw her sitting at the corner of 190th and Normandie avenue. She appeared worn out from walking, he said.

But once in the car, she could give no coherent address and so Chappell drove about Torrance trying to follow her directions until he ran out of gasoline. Then he escorted her to the police station and investigation developed that she was from Norwalk.

Frolic Group Works Hard for Event
"Everything for the Factory Frolic is moving like clock-work." General Chairman Fay L. Parks said today in announcing that his executive committee of nine would meet Monday night, 7:30 o'clock, at the city hall to advance plans for the community event that will be held Sept. 28, 29 and 30.

"Each committee member has a definite job to handle now and all are rapidly lining up their functions to make the second annual Frolic an even better celebration than the 1938 affair," Parks said. Headquarters will be set up in the Chamber of Commerce soon.

L. B. "Slip" Kelsey has been appointed contact man to coordinate the Frolic features and he is expected to start on this work in the near future, the general chairman reported. Other members of the executive committee and their assignments are:

Mrs. Flora Wright, finances; Mrs. Dean Sears, entertainment; Harry Abrams, parades; John V. Miller, last year's general chairman, concessions; E. E. Murchison, decorations; Lyle Doan, displays in the Civic Auditorium; Robert Lessing, publicity, and George Figueredo, sports and contests.

Parks, who will handle the hobby and handicraft show again, requests that those interested in the Frolic features should see the committeeman in charge of any part of the event they want information about.

Tomato Prorate Data Available Here Saturdays
The tomato prorate having become effective in Southern California July 24, Los Angeles county primary licenses may be obtained and stickers may be purchased from fieldmen Saturdays only from 10:15 to 12 o'clock noon at the city park and from 1:15 to 2 o'clock at Victoria and Wilmington boulevards.

J. T. Hoggins, who is in charge of the south coast area for tomato prorate, has headquarters at the Park hotel here and may be reached by calling 733. In Harbor City he will issue licenses and distribute stickers from 8:30 to 10 a. m., Saturdays at Western and State streets.

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