

AMERICAN AIDE TO CHINESE GOVERNMENT VISITS SISTER HERE EN ROUTE TO CAPITOL

En route from Chungking where he is an advisor to the Chinese Nationalist government on mobile equipment, D. F. Myers arrived yesterday for a brief visit with his sister, Mrs. William Hiatt of Berendo st. He had driven and flown more than 11,575 miles since May 16—and still had the U. S. to cross before he reaches his destination at Washington, D. C.

"My mission is to confer with government officials about aspects of the Lend-Lease bill as it pertains to China," he said. "I am not at liberty to say more."

While Myers would not amplify his reasons for the Washington trip he was free to report that China's national government is certain it is winning the war from the Japanese and the Nippons were most anxious to get out of the conflict as soon as possible.

Here Three Months "Japan can only bomb a few cities now and while that causes damage, casualties are held to a minimum because the Chinese have learned to take cover when the planes come over," he said. "Japan has learned that it cannot destroy the Burma Road and further penetration of China will be excessively costly in men and supplies."

Myers, who will be in this country for about three months and then return to his post in Chungking, said that his home-ward mission took him from Kweiyang to Burma over the famed Burma Road, a flight back up to Kunming, the east end of the great lifeline for China, where he spent a week and then a flight back to Chungking, the seat of the war government. From there he flew to Hongkong and boarded a Clipper plane for the trans-Pacific flight of 8,700 miles.

See Defense Work He was in Chungking the night of June 5 when Japan launched a great aerial raid over that rock-walled city of 1,500,000 people. Three bombs landed on the tunnel shelter where he was taking cover but "they did no damage—only took our breath away with the terrific concussion." During the raid about 1,000 Chinese perished—not from bombing but from suffocation. They were confined in bomb shelters mined out of solid rock for seven and one-half hours.

The U. S. defense program is geared at top speed in the Philippines, he reported, and considerable work—which cannot be described—is being done on the Pacific bases where the Clipper stopped en route to the mainland.

Rapid Progress Made On Lomita Blvd. Work

Lomita boulevard will seem like a new street shortly, with its new resurfacing from the eastern boundary line to the western line where it joins Torrance territory.

The widening of the boulevard from Woodward to the strip past the site of the former blacksmith shop will start within the next two weeks and sidewalks and curbs for this strip will also be a part of the improvement. The total cost of the improvement is placed at \$8,000.

Graders and a large enough crew to put through the work rapidly has left the boulevard open to traffic with little interruption.

TO SAVE MOTOR If the motor trip will necessitate driving on dusty roads the air cleaner should be thoroughly cleaned, advises the emergency service department of the Automobile Club of Southern California. This allows the motor saving device to operate more efficiently.

Red Cross Unit Hears Talk on Defense Today

The first meeting of the new Red Cross Committee for Torrance was held at a luncheon at the Woman's clubhouse at noon today when the various chairmen, members of the executive committee and advisory board were introduced. Jack Beaman, director of public relations for the Los Angeles chapter, gave a brief outline of the Red Cross defense program and told how everyone can serve the nation at this time of national crisis. Mrs. R. R. Smith, chairman of the local branch, presided.

Officers Are Announced Officers of the Torrance Branch, American Red Cross, who were invited guests of today's initial luncheon meeting are: Mrs. R. R. Smith, chairman; Mrs. A. H. Silligo, first vice-chairman; Wallace Post, second vice-chairman; Mrs. Helen Miller, relief chairman; Mrs. R. S. Sleeth, secretary; Dean L. Sears, treasurer; Mrs. L. G. Barkdull, production chairman; Mrs. Mary Vonderhabe, publicity; Mrs. Beas Myers, motor corps; Casper Clemmer, first aid; Mrs. G. S. Evans, home nursing; Mrs. Luella Lewellen, canteen; J. E. McMaster, emergency loan chest; Miss Ada Chase, Junior Red Cross; Mrs. Joan Sears, branch supplies.

Members of the executive committee are: Edwin A. Bird, Mrs. Cleora Stanger, John H. Stroth, R. R. Smith, O. A. Kross, Mrs. Harriett Leech and Mrs. Mildred Lancaster. The advisory board is composed of Postmaster Earl Conner, Rev. Frank Porter, Mrs. William Jolley, J. E. McCall, Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, Rev. C. M. Northrup, Rev. H. W. Roloff, Rev. Harry G. Branton, Rev. Fr. Joseph V. Bauer, Grover C. Whyte, Sam Levy, Mrs. C. D. Mitchell, Harold Appenzeller, Clifford Ruppell, Mayor Tom E. Ney, Mrs. W. H. Tolson, Hugh Shortley, Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, Mrs. W. I. Laughon, Mrs. A. P. Stevenson, John W. Beaman, R. F. Bishop and William H. Harrison. John Elder, Charles A. Curtis, Mrs. Axel Flink, Mrs. Flora Wright, Mrs. George A. Evans, Mrs. E. A. Miles, James Hitchcock, Sherwood McIntyre, William H. Stanger, F. L. Parks, L. J. Gilmeister, Rev. P. D. Mechlins, Mrs. Charles P. Pockman, Mrs. Janet Woodington and L. E. Stanley.

Police Chiefs Confer Here On How to Outwit Saboteurs and Spies

Anti-sabotage to guard Torrance and South Bay industries working on national defense orders were discussed by Police Chief John Stroth with Police Chiefs of El Segundo, Redondo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Palos Verdes, Monday night at the city hall.

Stroth was recently named head of a peace officers' national defense sub-committee formed in this district by Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, head of the county's emergency preparedness committee. Detection and surveillance of "fifth column" elements in this area was also considered by the police officials here.

RATTLES TELL NEED People usually know it is time to buy a new car when everything on the old one makes a noise but the horn.

Sweden's first rock wool production plant, the second such factory in Europe, is now in operation.

Mrs. Buffington's Pupils Praised for Recital Art

An enthusiastic and appreciative audience attended the musical-recital in which junior and senior piano students of Kathryn Buffington, pianist and teacher, were presented at the Central Evangelical church Saturday evening. Rev. Wesley Roloff, pastor of the church, gave an invocation to music which was composed for the occasion.

Eight-year-old Charles Coulson, Mrs. Buffington's youngest student, opened the recital with a special group of two-piano numbers which he played with Mrs. Buffington at the second piano. An especially enjoyable part of the program was the group by Helen Torres, soprano, and Ramona De Bra, accompanist, in which two songs and a special two-piano number were presented.

Mrs. Buffington gave each student an opportunity not only for solo groups but many two-piano numbers were played, giving students additional opportunity to show their musicianship and skill. The guest artist, Nadine Farrar Nickol, again proved her artistry in two well-chosen groups of songs and responded to the applause by singing as an encore a patriotic song "He's My Uncle." Mrs. Nickol was accompanied by Mrs. Buffington.

The stage beautifully decorated with white flowers provided a perfect setting for the closing number. A lovely and appropriate poem read by Rev. Roloff set the mood for the song "Come to Me" sung by Mrs. Nickol to the music of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, played by Mrs. Buffington. The effectiveness of the solo was enhanced by a lighted cross on the stage as the lights in the church were darkened.

Many in the audience congratulated the young students after the recital and warmly commended them for their excellent performances and praise was extended Mrs. Buffington for her part in developing these young artists and affording them the opportunity to be heard by the community. The following students were presented: Charles Coulson, Patricia Rojo, Norma Jean Hearrell, Doris Robinette, Ramona De Bra, Dolores Fulton, Betsy Ruth Morgan, Mary Louise Acord, Richard Mitchell, Joan Loper and Helen Torres.

OBITUARY

EDWARD H. NELSON . . . a former resident of Torrance who came here in March 1929, succumbed Monday at the General hospital of heart disease. He was 63 years of age and a resident of Inglewood. Mr. Nelson had been ill for the past three months. He was a native of Elgin, Minn. The survivors include two sons, Jerome and Edgar, and three daughters, Mrs. Gamby Boss, Mrs. Earl Schwartz and Mrs. Mildred Millan. The funeral service was held this morning and interment was at Inglewood Park cemetery.

Small Claims Court To Be Set Up Here

The city of Torrance will operate a small claims court, assisting in the adjudication of money matters up to \$50, as soon as the necessary records and legal machinery can be set up, it was decided by the city council Tuesday night. At the present time those having small claims must go to Gardena. City Judge John A. Shidler will preside over the new court.

P. V. BELIEVED CERTAIN TO GET HUGE NAVY HOSPITAL

Selection of the site for the \$2,500,000 U. S. Naval Hospital to be constructed someplace in the harbor area will be placed entirely in the hands of the Shore Stations Establishment and Admiral Ross McIntire, chief of the bureau of medicine and surgery.

Secretary of Navy Knox made this decision Tuesday, according to Rep. Lee E. Geyer, who immediately telephoned A. E. Hanson of the Palos Verdes Estates Co., giving him the information. The representative said that inasmuch as the Palos Verdes site "most nearly met all requirements" of the navy, that the Shore Stations Establishment board had previously recommended the site, and Admiral McIntire favored it, there was every reason to believe the hospital would be located in the Palos Verdes hills, south of Lomita.

Chief requirements demanded by the navy, Geyer said, were accessibility, freedom from noise, odors and traffic; adequate territory for future expansion; altitude of sufficient elevation to be out or nearly out of the fog belt, and price of the property. Mrs. D. A. McDonald left last week for Pittsburgh, Pa. to attend the wedding of her niece. She will also visit at Washington, D. C. returning to Denver for the balance of her vacation. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burgener are entertaining as their house guest his niece, Miss Marguerite Burgener of Denver, Colo.

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