

Local Japs Await Evacuation Order

(Continued from Page 1-A) this week. Manzanar, the reception center which eventually will care for 10,000 evacuees, is being rushed to completion.

Late bulletins reaching Federal officials assigned to this area to assist in the alien evacuation program are clarifying the status of the local Japanese families who would be affected by the evacuation order.

To ease the burden on these families, the government will finance their transportation whether by their own cars or trucks or by bus or train to resettlement centers.

"All up in Air" In addition, an allowance up to \$100 per family will be made for the moving of their possessions. Those who desire to store their goods here may do so at government expense, provided they crate their goods. If they are destitute the government will give them an allowance for crating.

Exempt from the evacuation order are inmates of hospitals and sanitariums, those whose health will not permit their moving and those who are over 75 years of age.

It is difficult to obtain a general report on how the resettlement exodus out of Military District No. 1, which includes the coastal strip, affects aliens and Americans of Japanese ancestry. Each has a different problem — just as any family would when faced with halting all income and orders to move. Only in a few instances have local Japanese arranged for moving to a definite location in the interior—away from all connection with military areas and defense zones. The rest are, as one young Japanese-American said: "All up in the air and worried to death."

Naturally, none — if there are any — are complaining. It wouldn't be good for them if their objections became known. There have been no public tears shed — but one never knows what concern may be shown by families within the walls of their own home — be it a shack in a vegetable plot or a nicely furnished residence in town.

Some fear attacks upon the war and its outcome. Torrance had the 10th largest Japanese population (1,189 of whom 781 are U. S. born and 408 are aliens) of any city in the nation. Lomita also had a large number of Japanese. The effect of their evacuation will work a profound change in the economic life of the two communities. While they have not been spendthrifts, they have contributed considerably to business here and their production of vegetables has been a major source of income for the county as a whole.

With only a few exceptions, most of the evacuees-to-be have contributed nothing to the social and artistic life of the community. They have not been assimilated into the organizations and

D & M Production Line in Action



NO WASTE MOTION HERE... Working steadily flow of machine lathes at the D & M Machine Works on Abalone ave. in Torrance. Employees are working about 60 hours a week to speed production of this vital equipment.

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Morning First Aid Class Scheduled

Beginning next week a morning class in Standard First Aid will be held each Wednesday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock noon. This class will take the place of the one scheduled for Wednesday afternoon because it has been found that a morning session is more convenient for a number of industrial workers who wish to take the course. The class will meet in the council chambers in the city hall and the instructor will be Fred B. Foltz.

Sugar Ration Dates Fixed

(Continued from Page 1-A) books, each containing 28 coupons, had been shipped through the country. Swear to Amount One person from a household will be allowed to register for all the members, but the ration books will be non-transferable. Army selectees will be required to surrender their books when inducted. Registrants will be required to declare under oath the amount of sugar they have on hand. Those having more than two pounds (per individual) may sell back to retailers or take a reduction in coupons. Rationing violators probably will be prosecuted for swearing of false oaths, Bane said.

Social Club Here Is Incorporated

Secretary of State Paul Peak has filed articles of incorporation of "Let Us Be Friends, Inc.," a non-profit, non-stock organization with headquarters in Torrance. It was formed to advance, foster and bring about the mingling together of people for their own legal, proper pleasure and enjoyment. Named as directors are all of Torrance, were Clarence R. Carr, Samuel F. Webb, Hugh G. Ingram, Enoch E. Fulton and Gertrude Cook.

COUNCIL MEETS FRIDAY An adjourned meeting of the city council will be held Friday, March 27, at 5 o'clock.

VISITS PARENTS Miss Ruth Barnard, who is living in San Diego, spent the weekend with her parents here.

Bartlett Declares Action and Experience Best Qualifications

"In announcing myself as a candidate for re-election as City Clerk, let me say that I am in agreement with President Roosevelt, who said: 'Petty politics must be forgotten for the duration of the war.'" City Clerk A. H. Bartlett declared today. "In making this statement, President Roosevelt laid down a rule which must govern the conduct of those who seek public office. I agree that now is a time for constructive planning and action — not for destructive criticism and name-calling.

"Since the outbreak of the war I have tried to translate this conviction into terms of a accomplishment," the veteran clerk, who has served the office for the past 20 years, continued. "I asked myself: What is it that people want from their leaders today? The answer is certainly not 'small fry politics.' Our people are not interested in who is after whose job. They are sick and tired of hearing promises of office seekers concerning what they will do for voters after election. The home folks are 'fed up' with reading in newspapers, handbills and on the backs of paper matches all of the long and political 'drift' that the ambitious candidate and his job-hungry henchmen spend months looking up and then publishing against the officials they seek to unseat.

"Put Buses to Good Use "What the people expect and what they have a right to expect of their leaders—if they are leaders—is constructive thought and then action concerning the welfare and safety of our families. How about helmets for protection against shrapnel, at least for our civilian Police and Air Raid Wardens? How about gas masks for every person in Torrance? How important is it to plan and construct additional air raid shelters located at strategic places in the community so that everyone may have adequate protection in the event of an emergency which our government tells us to expect? "These and other similar thoughts fill my mind and my time these days. For weeks I have been collecting data and seeking information on these matters and will soon be in a position to make specific recommendations for securing these necessary measures for protection.

"To you who work in defense plants in Los Angeles, Inglewood, Wilmington, San Pedro and Long Beach, I say: 'What is the most important question to you today?' Isn't transportation to and from your work? You bet it is. Every time that old fire on the rear wheel makes a revolution on the road you are wondering how you are going to get to work when the poor old thing finally gives up and blows out. I have done a lot of thinking on this matter lately and here is the way it looks to me: Torrance has only large buses which are presently engaged in losing about \$700 of tax money each month taking a few workers and a lot of shoppers to Los Angeles.

"If I am guilty of presumption in taking it upon myself to make the much-needed plans for the security and well being of my townpeople it is a guilt of which I am not ashamed. I take my job that seriously. Fortunately my 20 years of experience have made it possible for me to devote considerable time to the extraordinary tasks without causing the normal functions of the office to suffer. I am not in the difficult position of a new man in the office, whose primary task would be to try to master the complex financial executive and administrative duties of the important office of City Clerk to the exclusion of all other considerations. "If you will permit me, I should like to make one con-

"Now buses mean transportation and transportation is what we need to get to work. So I said to myself: 'Why not make a survey of the number of local men working at defense factories in nearby communities and then make arrangements to use these buses to scheduled routes to focal points near these plants at times of the day and night that would coincide with shift-changes?' I am sending out letters to the unions of these various defense plants asking their cooperation in planning such a system of transportation.

"Office is Key to Action "Again as I drive through North and South Torrance and near Walteria and see the large plots of fertile land which are being vacated by their present Japanese farmers, I wonder how we are to replace the foodstuffs which are so necessary but which will be reduced by evacuation of the Japanese. I am making an effort to cooperate with W. G. Rosecrans, west coast representative of the Department of Agriculture, in his effort to make sure that not one acre of tillable land will be wasted.

"There are hundreds of questions that must be answered if Torrance people are to get the full measure of protection in the present emergency. It does it the good to argue and wrangle about 'How are we going to do these things?' We must do them! The important thing is action. We can always find ways of doing things. Important and money with which to do them. Our people must have protection — they must have transportation to their defense jobs — and the land must be well housed — and these things must be planned now, not after election. The bombs may not wait until April 14.

"Now why, you ask, should the City Clerk take it upon himself to do these things? Then let me ask you one: What city official is in a better position to do these things than the City Clerk, the official who is in his office and is available more regularly than any other? Who is in a better position to know the qualifications and capabilities of people and organizations than the City Clerk, whose job it is to keep in touch with them? Who has better contacts with government officials and can thereby get the utmost cooperation from them than the present City Clerk, whose 20 years of experience have put him in touch with hundreds of important people who have learned to confide and trust in him?

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Chicago Coach Turns Fisherman



Jimmy Wilson, boss of Chicago Cubs, now in spring training at Catalina, shows Star Pitcher Paul Erickson, right, string of bonita he caught after practice hours.

Oil Rigger Injured by Falling Board

Struck on the head Tuesday morning by a falling board while he was working as a rig builder on a derrick near 1237 23rd st., Ralph Bamforth, 43, of Long Beach is recovering at Torrance Memorial hospital. He suffered a deep gash on his scalp and was taken to the hospital in Stone and Myers' ambulance.

structive point: This is no time to change an important official. You all know that we do not want an efficient welder or machinist or mill hand off his job simply because someone else wants his job. We keep the skilled man on the job because we want the job done well. There is no substitute for experience," Bartlett concluded.

Jap Radio Thieves Forced to Give Up Loot by Victim

Two Japanese youths who had stolen two radios from a restaurant in Walteria were overtaken by T. E. Melton of 28700 Madison st. on Pennsylvania ave. in Lomita Tuesday afternoon and forced to return the equipment. Melton reported the theft, chase and recovery to police but said he did not bring the alleged thieves to the police station because he was glad to get the radios back. He furnished officers with the license number of the car driven by the Japanese and a further investigation is being made.

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