

Columbia Steel, Nat'l Supply Start Production Drive for Duration

Labor-Management Groups Formed for All-Out War Effort

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Beginning this week, the two major Torrance industries, Columbia Steel Company and National Supply Company, launched an "all out" production drive that won't end until a victorious peace is signed. Both plants announced active cooperation with the National Production Drive following appointment of Management-Labor committees to stimulate the war efforts in their output of essential materials.

Columbia Steel's committee consists of 10 men, five representing Labor and five representing Management, all employees of the local plant. They are: Nicholas H. Cucci, chairman; G. C. Jones, secretary; Howard Daniels, Jack O. Anderson, George Uzzo, James R. Wilkes, Hartest H. Cook, Junior J. Gallyer, Albert V. Berry and Forbes W. Jones.

National Supply's committee has six men, evenly divided between Labor and Management. Members are: Robert F. Lesing, Henry T. Weis and J. F. Pierce, shop representatives, and J. D. Spaulding, Forrest J. Young and James A. Obbole, Management.

The purpose of the committees in the two industries is to promote better efficiency through cooperation and to conduct a campaign of peak production for the duration. Wholehearted cooperation is expected of every employee of the plant toward bettering the production aims of the drive.

On Feb. 27, President Roosevelt issued a statement to Donald Nelson, head of the War Production Board, to take every possible step to raise production and to bring home to Labor and Management alike the supreme importance of war production this spring. The formation of the Labor-Management committees to carry through this drive and coordinate efforts in each plant producing war materials was the method suggested.

The resolution creating the joint committee at the Columbia Steel plant follows: "Whereas, Donald M. Nelson, chairman, War Production Board, has requested the organization of joint labor and management committees to the end that the production quotas of implements of war set forth by the President of the United States may be met and topped, and thus the liberties of the people may be preserved by a defeat of the Axis Powers:

"Now therefore be it resolved, that there is hereby created within the Torrance Works of the Columbia Steel Company, a 'Production Drive Committee' for the purpose of exercising the function of a Joint Committee to direct a Production Drive within said plant, of the kind and scope contemplated and set forth in the 'Production Drive' official Plan Book of the War Production Board, which Official Plan Book is hereby made a part of this resolution."

The committee is formulating plans for keeping all departments informed of their progress in this drive, as well as conducting production and slogan contests, and the provision of suggestion boxes.

At the National Supply, the Production Drive Committee will meet shortly to formulate plans for active participation in the national campaign.

Absentee Voters May Get Ballots Now

Local registered voters who will be absent from Torrance on municipal election day, April 14, should make application before 5 p. m. next Thursday, April 9, for absentee voters' ballots, it was announced today by City Clerk H. Bartlett. Applicants must request such ballots in writing, signing their names as registered voters, give home address and where to mail the ballots. Absentee ballots may be voted up until 7 p. m. election night, April 14, and should be mailed to the city clerk.

So. America Broadcasts Sponsored by Rotary

Sponsored by Rotary International in the interest of goodwill and better understanding between the Americas, an interesting radio program, titled "The Americas Speak," is being presented each Sunday afternoon from 6 to 6:30 p. m. over the Mutual Broadcasting system and released locally by KJH. These programs, which begin in Chicago and then switch to South American capitals for informative talks and music, will continue through May 10.

Next Sunday, April 5, the South American program will come from Santiago, Chile; on April 12 from Buenos Aires, Argentina; on April 19 from Caracas, Venezuela.

Brick Co. Seeks Injunction to Continue Digging

Evidently unwilling to wait for a report from the city planning commission, the three co-owners of the Coast Brick Company in North Torrance, L. P. and L. I. Liston and H. T. Bernhart, served notice on the city council last Friday they are seeking an injunction to prevent the city from denying their firm a variance from the municipal zoning ordinance that would permit them to expand present excavations.

Notice of a motion for injunction was served on members of the council, city attorney and police chief last Thursday afternoon. A hearing on the injunction motion will be held in Dept. 22 of the Superior Court April 7. City Attorney John E. McCall is expected to receive instructions before then to appear and object to the granting of such an injunction.

The brick company appealed to the city council March 24 for a re-hearing before the planning commission or an appeal to the council for a variance from the zoning law which now forbids further excavations in North Torrance. An attorney for the brick company stated at that time that if the requests were denied he would take court action. The matter was referred to the planning commission for action.

The Coast Brick Company on Dec. 5, 1941, was denied permission to expand diggings. No appeal or request for a re-hearing, as prescribed by the city zoning ordinance, was made at that time.

Deadline Nears State Income Tax Return Filing

Less than 15 days now remain in which to file a return of annual net income under the provisions of the California State Personal Income Tax Act. All persons, single or head of family, whose net income amounted to \$1,000 or more or married couples whose combined net income amounted to \$2,500 or more, and all persons, married or single, whose gross income equalled or exceeded \$5,000 must file with the state of California.

Residents of California are taxable upon their entire net income, even though all or a part is derived from outside the state. Non-residents of California are taxable only upon income from California sources.

Already through the mails and branch offices of the Franchise Tax Commissioner several hundred thousand income tax returns have been received. The ratio of income tax returns filed to the total reasonably anticipated indicates that a large number of taxpayers are waiting until the last few days in which to file their returns, for various reasons.

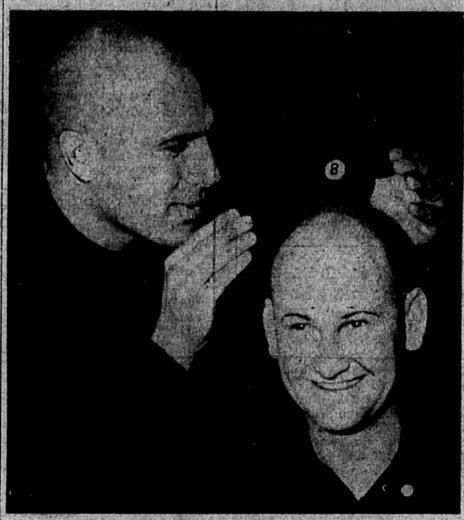
Immediate filing is urged by reason of the facilities and assistance which may not be available if a last-minute rush develops. All persons affected by the provisions of the income tax law are urged to make early visits to the branch office at Long Beach (303 Heartwell bldg., 19 Pine ave.) or to complete their returns through the mail without further delay.

Quick Action Saves City Truck, Waste Paper Load

"I'm no fireman but I know smoke when I smell it," Tommy Turner, driver of the Torrance city waste paper pickup truck, said Monday after he had saved his vehicle and its load from destruction by fire. His quick action prevented the loss at 6:30 a. m.

The truck had just taken on a batch of paper from one of the collection receptacles in the downtown area. Apparently someone had tossed a match into this receptacle a short time before Turner called to empty it.

Realize Suppressed Desires



IT CAN BE DONE! . . . On the naked hoggin of Engineer Gordon Northington of the Torrance fire department, Police Officer Adrian Thornberry successfully demonstrates a new phenomenon—the eight-ball can be balanced on a shaven skull. Northington tried the same feat on top of Thornberry's shaven poll but the police officer's cranium has more bumps than Hitler's got enemies.

In the spring the young man's fancy turns to a lot of things. The fancies of Police Officer Adrian Thornberry and Engineer Gordon Northington of the fire department turned to realization of suppressed desires—a return to boyhood springs when complete exposure of one's scalp was a fitting salute to the coming of summer.

(Remember when you were a boy and you had your head shaved so you could go swimming and escape parental detection because your head quickly dried?) Messrs. Thornberry and Northington are offering what they hope is a plausible explanation of their dual exposures—they say their locks were shorn because their tight service caps were causing their hair to fall out.

Columbia Steel Expands Plants

Columbia Steel Company, subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, today announced additions and improvements to its Pittsburg and Torrance plants which will increase materially their production of steel for the nation's war effort. The expansion program, which will provide electric furnace capacity as well as alterations and improvements in finishing facilities, will be undertaken entirely with the corporation's own funds at an estimated cost of \$5,500,000. The installation will be completed with all possible speed.

More First Aid Classes Open

An Advanced and two Standard First Aid classes are starting here and high school students may now participate in the civilian defense program by serving as stretcher bearers, according to announcement this week by Casper Clemmer, Red Cross first aid chairman.

The Advanced First Aid course will start next Thursday night, April 9, with Fred B. Folts as instructor. The lessons will be given each Thursday night from 7 to 10 o'clock in the council room of the city hall. Those who have completed standard courses are eligible to enroll.

Postal Receipts Take Big Spurt Here

Torrance postal receipts took a big spurt during the past quarter, according to Postmaster Earl Conner today. The total receipts for the first three months this year were \$13,662.15 as compared with \$9,916.98 for the same quarter in 1941.

It is estimated that more than 50,000,000 radio sets are in use in the United States.

372 In Civilian Defense Units Ending Training

There are 372 men and women enrolled in Torrance's civilian defense organization, Police Chief John Stroh reported this week as he completed pasting pictures of the workers on identification cards which are to be laminated to prevent wear and tear.

The local director of civilian defense said there are 152 air raid wardens completing training, 92 auxiliary police who have about three more lessons to finish before they are trained, 50 auxiliary firemen receiving final instructions and 78 messengers.

Auxiliary police enrollees have purchased their own nightsticks and whistles have been bought by air raid wardens. No equipment other than armbands, has been obtained by the city, although steel helmets may be issued if they are distributed by the Office of Civilian Defense. A plan whereby each civilian defense worker would put up a deposit and the city use this money to buy helmets is under consideration.

The city's defense workers have started to build the first of 150 or more stretchers for 38 air raid wardens' posts and casualty stations, the latter being established at the Civic Auditorium, the Central Evangelical church's guild hall, the Woman's clubhouse, the Methodist guild hall and the postoffice building.

State Making Traffic Survey for War Effort

Transportation—that constantly increasing problem for defense workers, government and public utilities alike—is the subject of a metropolitan survey by the State Railroad Commission in the Los Angeles area.

The Railroad Commission intends to find out just what transportation lines—street cars, trains and buses—are vital to the war effort and which are not contributing to production, either of war materials or revenue. Those who have seen preliminary reports and maps of the survey state that passenger transit, including defense workers' private autos, is due for a great change in the near future.

Directed toward relieving "bottle-necks" in the way of over-crowded lines, long-distance hauls and deficit-creating lines, the state survey in this metropolitan area is chiefly concerned with getting defense workers to and from their jobs with a minimum of delay. A number of transportation lines, both municipally and privately owned, are cooperating in the investigation, while war industries have been asked to make a check of their workers to determine all the factors that enter into their own problem of transportation to and from work.

Transportation lines which are found to be both unprofitable and contributing little or nothing to the war effort will probably be abandoned or the equipment transferred to routes that do carry the load. One of (Continued on Page 5-A)

Local Japanese Must Evacuate by Sunday Noon

Under a second evacuation order issued by the Army Monday night, all Japanese must leave two critical areas—including most of Torrance and all of Lomita—in the Harbor District by next Sunday noon. The order, issued in San Francisco by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, commanding general, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, will affect approximately 3,000 persons.

Bob Ueda on Eve of Evacuation Hopes for Victory

The following letter received by this newspaper from Bob Ueda, a resident of this community for nearly 18 years, property owner, farmer, insurance and real estate agent, court interpreter, is taken to express the sentiments of all loyal Japanese-Americans on their evacuation:

"To my many Lomita and Torrance friends whom I regret to leave I wish to express thanks for courtesies and consideration shown me and my family during the years I have lived among you.

"I hope to return to Lomita at a later date for there is no place that I know that seems to me a better place for a home. Since our government asks us to leave we go willingly with the hope that the war will soon end and we can live in peace.

(Signed) "Bob Ueda and family." Mr. and Mrs. Ueda have five children, three of them born here. Ueda has been a community booster for years and during the last Red Cross drive he took the lead in obtaining substantial contributions from members of his race. The family goes to Santa Anita first and then to wherever the Army sends them.

"Lomita and Torrance are fine places and I only wish the war would end tomorrow so we would not have to leave," he said. "I can't see everybody that I would like to say 'good-bye' to so please tell them for me that I join all Americans in hope for an early victory."

Month's Building Totals \$64,374

Reconstruction of buildings damaged by the Nov. 14 earthquake continued to hold top classification in the monthly total of building permits issued from the city clerk's office. On the March total of \$64,374, repairs accounted for \$44,367. The total new construction during March, 1941, was \$19,961. To date, new construction here has amounted to \$274,237 as compared with \$85,280 for the first three months of 1941.

Four new homes were built here during the past month at a cost of \$1,100, while 14 new non-residential structures were erected for \$13,675 and there were two demolition jobs at a cost of \$232, according to city building department records today.

TO OPEN BIDS

Bids on the removal of P. E. tracks and wiring on the California ave. right-of-way are to be opened at an adjourned meeting of the city council next Tuesday afternoon, April 7, at 5 o'clock.

Sunrise Service Starts at 6:36 in Torrance Park

Although most of the Easter sunrise services in Southern California have been cancelled on account of the war, the traditional dawn rites will be held Sunday morning at 6:36 o'clock at the Torrance city park bandstand, under auspices of the Torrance Ministerial Association. All residents of Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City and Watts are cordially invited to participate.

Paul Peterson will sound the trumpet salute to the Resurrection Day dawn and Leland Pisel will present Easter chimes over a loudspeaker system. Other music will be presented by combined choirs of the participating churches.

Rev. Frank T. Porter, pastor of the First Christian church, will deliver the sermon on "Rolling Away Stones." Rev. C. M. Northrup, pastor of the First Baptist church, will give the Scripture reading of the inspiring Easter story and Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, pastor of Central Evangelical church, will offer the prayer.

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