

Oil Industry Comes Thru in Rubber Drive

One June 12 President Roosevelt, in a radio address, made an appeal to the people of America for scrap rubber, and entrusted the job of collection to the American oil industry, under the leadership of the Petroleum Industry War Council. On June 15 the oil industry and the people of America went to work. On July 10, when the whirlwind drive came to an end, the Government of the United States had 454,155 tons more of scrap rubber than it had on June 15.

Government Seeks Lease of Alondra Park

Lease of the 213 acres known as Alondra Park, at the northerly edge of Torrance, is scheduled for approval by the board of supervisors at request of the Federal government.

Twenty-one frame buildings also are to be taken over on the property. The lease is for \$1 for the period ending next June 30.

CD Workers See Action In Raid 'Incidents'

In recognition of this achievement, President Roosevelt wrote W. R. Boyd, Jr., chairman of the Petroleum Industry War Council, which is composed of nationwide representatives of the oil industry, a letter of congratulation on the success of the campaign.

The response to the president's appeal by the oil industry and by the people was immediate and enthusiastic, and it does indeed seem that the drive was a success.

Everyone Worked—No quota or goal was set up. None could be, because no one could estimate the amount of scrap rubber scattered around the country, in attics and cellars, city dumps and elsewhere. Some rubber experts in Washington guessed that no more than 100,000 tons would be acquired. So, without a fixed goal, the oil industry just went to work to get all the scrap rubber it could.

A more spectacular campaign was probably never staged in the United States. But the oil industry did not achieve this success all by itself. It had the support of everyone—the press, the radio, outdoor advertising, the motion pictures, governors, mayors and civic organizations.

The far West should be proud of its accomplishment in this drive. California led all states in the total tonnage accumulated, 40,247 tons, approximately 50 per cent more than the next nearest state—Illinois—with 27,800 tons.

Standard Oil's Share—The five Western states—California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona and Nevada—accounted for 88,874 tons of the total, or 15 per cent of the national total. The total of these five states is less than 8 per cent of the total population of the country.

In the calculation which shows pounds per capita, Nevada took first place with 30.13 pounds for every inhabitant; Oregon was second with 18.75 pounds; Washington was seventh with 14.99 pounds; Arizona followed with 14.98, only 1/1000 per cent behind Washington; California was fifteenth with 11.65 pounds.

Standard Oil Company of California is proud of its share in this campaign to accumulate vital material for national defense. Working with the organization set up to collect scrap rubber in the West, company committees were formed and the campaign for rubber was carried on in a highly organized way. There was scarcely an employee who did not take an individual and active part. The result was that the company's collection of rubber amounted to 17,944 tons. This is the equivalent of more than one ton for each of the 17,580 company employees.

O'Toole Raps 'Red Tape'

Basing his campaign on a program of cutting governmental red tape, James J. "Jimmie" O'Toole, candidate for member of the assembly from the 68th district, denounces petty technicalities which not only annoy the average citizen but are a serious hindrance to the war effort.

Two glaring examples of obsolete legislation that is now plaguing war workers, O'Toole says, are technicalities connected with establishing proof of birth and liability of drivers of private cars for injuries sustained by those riding with them to and from work.

O'Toole is pledged to work for revision of the insurance, health and safety codes in the interest of simplicity, economy and public convenience, he declares.

HOME FROM DEEP SOUTH—Mrs. H. J. Howe and son Paul returned Friday from Arcadia, South Carolina where they have been visiting for the past six weeks. They were accompanied by Mrs. G. N. Miller who will remain for an extended visit.

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Torrance underwent a series of bombing "incidents" last Friday night but the only actual casualty was a 15-year-old boy who caught a cold.

Impersonating a "mortal" victim of bomb fragments, he was found by air raid wardens and auxiliary police in an alley north of Torrance Blvd., between Greshaw and Beech st. The youth laid there for more than an hour, guarded by Auxiliary Policeman Phillip Osborne, awaiting a truck that was to take him to the "morgue."

Finally he got so cold he had to get up and go home.

Plan All-Out Drill—Police Chief John Stroh, Civilian Defense coordinator, and Robert Deininger, commander of the Control Center, worked out the series of "incidents" for practice of a portion of their emergency workers. Only small groups of the various Civilian Defense units were instructed to participate in the drill but they were responsible for simulated handling of everything from evacuation of residents in the vicinity of "unexploded bombs" to repair of water and gas mains and treatment of "casualties" at the Civic Auditorium.

A fleet of trucks and delivery cars was used, in addition to the new city ambulance, to transport "casualties" to the Auditorium where a large group of Red Cross workers were on the job. Auxiliary firemen fought simulated blazes in various parts of the city, demolition squads pretended to wreck buildings damaged by bombs, street repair and other public service aides went into action, air raid wardens and auxiliary police followed out their instructions.

"The demonstration gave us a number of problems that we'll have to work out in order to operate our Civilian Defense more efficiently," Police Chief Stroh said. "However, we were well satisfied with the reports from the workers as to what they did in meeting the 'incidents.' We're planning a full-scale demonstration, using every one of the registered workers, Thursday night, Aug. 13."

Softball Clubs See Action

No hardball games are scheduled at Torrance city park for the remainder of the week or on Sunday, but the Torrance City Softball League continues contests there with the Columbia Steelmen taking on the Yankees, a new team of local defense plant workers who defeated the Auxiliary Police 18 to 7 last Thursday night. The game will start at 6:30 o'clock.

Tomorrow (Friday) night the State Guardsmen will meet the Auxiliary Police and Monday night, Aug. 10, the Civilian Defense Messengers take on the Yankees.

The Junior ball team, sponsored by the Sunrise American Legion post of Los Angeles, won the Southern California Junior Legion championship last Sunday when the club won a double-header from a San Diego team at the city park. The Sunrise Juniors are scheduled to play Stockton's club Saturday night and a double-header Sunday afternoon at Gilmore Stadium for the state title. The winner will then participate in the Western Area playoff at Salt Lake City.

NO LET-UP—Juvenile rejoicing over the prospect of curtailed lawn-mowers production was pre-mature. Manufacturers will be permitted to produce to the limit while their metal holds out, until the last of June.

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