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RUSSIAN VEHICLES
 Soviet Russia's postwar demand for motor vehicles will total at least 2,000,000 units. Russia will build some of these vehicles but most of them will have to be imported.

Micanovich in Hospital With Battle Wounds

"Getting along all right" is the latest word Mrs. Petrusa Micanovich of 215 W. Carson st. has received from her son, Pvt. Milan Micanovich, 28, who Oct. 8, suffered an arm wound while fighting in Germany.

Micanovich, who has two other brothers in service, now is hospitalized at an army base hospital in England where he reports "they treat us very nice."

He entered the army two years ago, took basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and a year ago was sent overseas to England. His brother, Lt. Vic Micanovich, is at Camp Cooke, Calif., and the other brother, John, is an air cadet at Ellington Field, Texas.

Formerly employed at Columbia Steel Co., Milan was graduated in 1934 from Torrance high school where he played basketball.



CONVERTING NAZI EQUIPMENT TO U. S. USE . . . With a Ninth Air Force Service Command Unit, France, Private R. L. Ingram from Torrance, Calif., second from left, kneeling, is busy in a Ninth Air Force Service Command welding shop which adapts thousands of German gas tanks for use on Allied aircraft.

R. L. Ingram, Torrance Welder, Converts Nazi Munitions to Use Of U. S. at Captured German Port

Private R. L. Ingram from Torrance, Calif., was one of the Ninth Air Force Service Command technicians who moved into a bombed out German air base in France to turn much of the wreckage to use against the enemy.

In buckled hangars soldiers found uncountable auxiliary gas tanks, many of which, because of their light construction, had escaped serious damage from bomb concussion.

They presented a rather impressive picture. Enormous stacks of long, light blue belly tanks had been toppled so that they lay gracefully scattered like tenpins.

Immediately work orders were drawn up toward converting the tanks for use on American aircraft.

Even supplies needed for adaptations were furnished by Germany. Soldiers combed necessary gadgets from wrecked warehouses, and welders went so far as to use barbed wire from German barricades for welding rods.

It now appears that there are more of the tanks ready for use against Germany than her air force was ever able to send against the allied armies.

Expecting to jettison tanks over France, the Germans had painted a notice to the French saying, roughly, "Ten Reichsmark reward to anyone returning this tank to a German aerodrome."

As converted tanks roll off their production line, Pvt. Ingram and his friends quip, "We shall soon collect!"

Private Ingram is the 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ingram, 1655 W. 214th st., Torrance. He was graduated from Torrance high school, and acquired his craft as a welder in the Marine Ship Yard before entering the service in February, 1943.

The Ninth Air Force Service Command, with which he does such outstanding work today, is responsible for supply, repair and maintenance of aircraft constantly flying cover for allied ground troops moving into Germany.

New License Plates Ready On January 2

New license plates—the first in four years—will be available to motor vehicle owners of the Torrance and Long Beach area beginning next Tuesday morning, January 2.

The registration renewal office serving this area is located at 700 E. Broadway in Long Beach. The 1945 renewal will be in charge of D. J. Bullock.

Only one plate will be issued for each vehicle and it will be displayed on the rear. The vehicle owner may obtain the plate by presenting his 1944 registration card (white slip) and the correct amount of the fee as shown in the lower left portion of the card.

Bullock emphasized that the 1944 registration card must show the present address of the applicant and that if the applicant has moved he should cross out the old address and print in the new carefully in ink. The 1945 registration card will be mailed to the address shown on the old card.

From Sacramento, Gordon H. Garland, director of the department of motor vehicles, announced 1945 plates and certificates may be ordered by mail by forwarding the fee and 1944 registration card to the certificate issuing office nearest the applicant's present address. Vehicle owners of this area who desire to conserve their gasoline and tires by using this method should mail applications to the department of motor vehicles at 3500 So. Hope st., Los Angeles, or 700 E. Broadway, Long Beach.

Currency should not be sent by mail in payment of registration renewal fees and the department will assume no responsibility for its loss! Use postal, express or bank money orders, certified or cashier's checks.

Renewal fees become delinquent at midnight Feb. 5 and are subject to heavy penalties thereafter.

Three Gasoline Stamps Expiring On December 31

Expiration of gasoline ration coupons B-4, C-4 and fourth quarter T was announced today by Paul Barksdale d'Orr, OPA rationing chief.

On Dec. 31, 1944, the B-4, C-4 and fourth quarter T gasoline ration coupons will expire for consumers. Few of the B-4 and C-4 coupons are still outstanding, d'Orr said, since local War Price and Rationing Boards stopped issuing them in August. The fourth quarter T coupons were issued for use in the fourth quarter only and their invalidation is a means of preventing left-over coupons from being used unlawfully.

Service station operators will have ten days, or through Jan. 10, 1945, in which to turn in their B-4, C-4 and T coupons. Similarly, distributors will have ten additional days, or through Jan. 20, 1945, to deposit the coupons in their ration bank accounts.

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Many School Students Work During Vacation

Christmas holidays, which formerly meant vacation for school children, this year meant work for many schoolboys and girls in Torrance. School authorities cooperating with local business men met the demand for extra holiday helpers in retail establishments, where the most pressing need existed for stock clerks, salespersons, wrappers and deliverymen.

Postmaster C. Earl Conner, with the approval of the War Manpower Commission, temporarily relaxed age restrictions in order to permit persons between 15 and 16 to assist during the rush period. Employment, however, was in strict accordance with child labor laws, and 15-year olds were used only when older children were not readily available.

Many service men also worked part time and during their furloughs.

Ramiro Ordaz, 17, Enlists In U.S. Marine Corps

Seventeen-year-old Ramiro Ordaz, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Ordaz of 2056 203rd st., has been enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

A student at Torrance high school, Pvt. Ordaz is on an inactive status pending receipt of orders to report for recruit training at the San Diego Marine Corps base.

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