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Civil Service Board Suspends Callihan, Driver

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He did not report for work that morning.

Inquiry was made at the city bus department office as to Callihan's capacity, and the statement was made that he was on his annual vacation.

What the action of the City Council will be on the Civil Service Commission's action of suspending Callihan, and what the result of the Civil Service Commission's hearing would be, was a matter of conjecture, but it was known that Callihan was seeking legal advice on his status in view of the attitude shown by the majority of the Civil Service board at the council meeting of July 24, when Babbitt, Elder and Raymond supported Cucci in his opposition to sale of the bus lines.

When Cucci, with the aid of Councilmen G. V. Powell and Gilbert took over control of the bus lines some months ago, and terminated Koors' contract as transportation engineer, Callihan like Ward, has been considered one of the "fair haired" employees. However, when Gilbert declared he had seen the facts and moved to sell the lines, Cucci turned on both Ward and Callihan.

Sump, Grass Fire Threatens Walker Co. Property

A serious sump and grass fire threatened the offices and equipment of the P. J. Walker and Co. yesterday due to strong prevailing winds. The construction company utilized their "bull-dozers" in making fire breaks. Other equipment, that was being used in the construction of the U. S. Navy Material Redistribution Center was also employed to combat the flame.

A Santa Fe freight train crossing Carson at Madrid made it necessary for the Torrance Fire Department to detour their route to Torrance blvd. No more than two minutes was lost in reaching the fire however, according to Chief J. E. McMaster.

Commercial End of VFW Campaign Is Successful

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nancial and moral support of industry, commerce and the citizens. We are more than confident that Torrance industries will gladly shoulder their part of the burden."

With the commercial division quota of $5000 virtually assured, Commander Conner is launching the campaign in the residential division, with a like quota of $5000. Twenty volunteers of the V. F. W. Auxiliary pledged themselves to canvass the sections in which they live.

"We are positive that all citizens will accord these workers the same courteous and liberal response we have enjoyed from all other quarters," Conner said.

COMMERCIAL DIVISION

Previously Reported	$3420.00
Charles F. Koors	150.00
Joe Machado	125.00
DeVore Electric Co.	100.00
Baker Smith Jewelry	100.00
Torrance Plumbing Co.	100.00
Tiny Tyke-Teen Age Shop	100.00
Ed Schwartz	100.00
El Prado Furniture	50.00
C. B. Mitchell Service	50.00
Torrance Sheet Metal Shop	50.00
Torrance Cycle & Fixit	50.00
Orrin E. Stadden Motor Prts	50.00
Palmer & Spangler	25.00
Torrance Hotel	25.00
Ike's Service Station	25.00
Torrance Electric Shop	25.00
Frank P. Church	25.00
Industrial Plnt Maintenance	25.00
Rendezvous Cafe	25.00
Western Village Cafe	15.00
Dr. Don C. Moshos	10.00
Torrance Shoe Repair	5.00

RESIDENTIAL DIVISION

Lee Balaam	55.00
J. R. Winters	50.00
Anonymous	50.00
Mrs. C. W. Jenkins	5.00
Mrs. Stella Anderson	5.00
Mrs. Mae Richardson	5.00
Mrs. Lorraine Balcon	5.00
Mrs. Lillian Heston	25.00
Mrs. Myrtle Aston	5.00
Mrs. Geneva Cooper	10.00
Total, to Date:	$215.00
Grand Total	$4865.00

MOTHER VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Schott are entertaining as their house guest his mother, Mrs. C. J. Schott of San Diego.

Many Torrance Stores Closed In Strike Act

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er member organizations represented by the San Pedro Business Men's Association.

Full page statements of both the union and the merchants will be found on pages 2 and 3 of Section C, in this edition of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News.

A telegram from Thomas F. Neblett, chairman of the Tenth Regional War Labor Board, seeking an immediate end of the strife, apparently was going ignored by the strikers.

The telegram said in part:

"The Tenth Regional War Labor Board today unanimously ordered the members of Local 905, Retail Clerks International Protective Association (AFL), to resume work immediately, and unanimously ordered the members of the San Pedro Business Men's Association to terminate their lockout immediately and to permit the members of the RCIPA Local 905 to return to work.

". . . Pending termination of the strike and lockout no further action will be taken by the Tenth Regional War Labor Board. . . . You are directed to bring this telegram to the attention of your members immediately, and to report to the Tenth Regional War Labor Board."

The Business Men's Association yesterday closed approximately 150 stores in the three communities, declaring that "a strike against one store is a strike against all our stores."

Tidwell, declaring the situation was unchanged, said he was advising his members to "take defense jobs, go fishing or rest."

The association informed Tidwell that it was putting the dispute into the hands of the War Labor Board. A letter, signed by Bernard Hill, attorney for merchants, reviewed events since April, 1944, and charged the union with refusing to "assume the responsibilities that go with economic power entrusted to it."

"You have called strikes without notice," the letter said, "strikes without good-faith efforts to negotiate — strikes in violation of written agreement—strikes in contempt of the courts of this state — strikes in defiance of the War Labor Board—thereby undermining the national no-strike policy and nullifying the law as established by the president and congress.

"As you have previously warned us you would strike our members one at a time, we have no recourse but to take your action in striking individual stores today as a rejection of our offer and a strike against all of us.

"The association on behalf of the merchant members therefore, withdraws all offers relating to wages hours and working conditions made during the course of our recent negotiations. We have re-submitted the matter to the War Labor Board, for consideration and action, in accordance with War Labor Board procedure.

"We will abide by its decision."

The letter said that clerks had rejected an "offer of increases ranging from 15 to 35 per cent and more, on the established 48-hour week basis."

Tidwell, representing the clerks, said, "The merchants offered lady clerks $32.50 a week for a 48-hour week. Ninety per cent of the clerks in the Harbor District today are women. After withholding taxes and other deductions are taken from their pay check, they are left with about $27 per week. How can the merchants expect anyone to live on that amount of money today?"

Rape Suspect Arrested By Local Police

Peter Catalina, sailor, was arrested by Torrance police Friday on suspicion of rape, after a complaint was made to Redondo Beach police by a young girl with whom the sailor allegedly had kept company.

Catalina, Chief of Police John Stroh said, admitted being with the complaning witness, but he denied the accusation of rape. Picked up at 101 Highway and Hawthorne blvd., the sailor was turned over to Redondo Beach police.

VISITS PARENTS

Reginald E. Treloar, recently advanced from fireman, 1/c, to motor machinist, 3/c, enjoyed a recent four-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Treloar of 1908 Andreo ave. He left Sunday evening to join his wife, the former Marjorie Warthan, who has been making her temporary home near his base, at Fort Pierce, Fla.

Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

Citizens Form Groups to Pass School Petitions

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the best interests of our children.

Board of Five

"We would elect five citizens to run our schools, and we would have the control of the $610,000 raised in or on behalf of Torrance through taxes and state school support.

"We would have culture, real community and school spirit; we would be a part of our schools, and our schools a part of us.

"And above all, our children would get first consideration in their educational needs. Our children would graduate from school prepared to meet the world, with well-rounded educations or properly equipped to enter university or college."

She pointed out that with the money Torrance is "giving" to Los Angeles, a new school could be built every year, replacing the antiquated and poorly equipped buildings now maintained here by Los Angeles.

She said that Torrance boys and girls could be given proper training in complete shops to enter the industrial life of this industrial city.

Under the Fifth Class City setup, the sections of the city now served by Perry, Redondo Beach and Palos Verdes school districts would come under Torrance jurisdiction, and the school tax rate would be levied on the whole of Torrance's assessed valuation of some $27,000,000 which makes the city one of the richest communities in California.

Cut Taxes

Should the tax rate of Torrance be fixed at the rate contemplated by Los Angeles this year, about $1.90 per $100 assessed valuation, the funds raised here and added to the state school support would exceed by nearly 100 per cent the cost of operating the schools.

"We can have our own schools, build new schools and properly equip them, and still cut the tax rate almost in half," Mrs. Carr declared.

"As long as we remain in Los Angeles city school system, we are going to pay out nearly $300,000 a year of money which we need right here in Torrance to give our children the type of schools this rich community deserves — the very best."

The parents' association is rejecting the charter idea as a cure for the school ills, in order to have a clear cut issue on the ballot.

Duane Wheeler, authority on election law, addressed the group and said that the main difference between a Fifth and Sixth Class City, is that a Fifth Class City automatically forms its own separate school district. Other changes include provisions for the election of the city judge, city attorney and chief of police.

Two Burglaries Reported in City During Past Week

Two burglaries were reported to Torrance Police Department during the past week.

Mary Roberts, of 6 Mowry Court, complained that her purse had been ransacked and gasoline stamps and other articles taken.

Thatcher and Ott, automobile dealers, reported that an electric motor had been stolen from their establishment on Cabrillo ave.

AT GLENDALE

Mrs. W. C. Moyer was a recent house guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Hattie Wissler of Glendale.

Coast to Coast Air-Freight Service Undertaken With Veterans as Pilots

Inauguration of the West Coast's first contract-non schedule air-freight service, coast-to-coast, with veterans of the famous Flying Tigers and the India-China "Hump" lifeline as owners and operators, has been announced.

Named the National Skyway Freight Corporation, the new group is headed by Robert W. Prescott, former AVG flight leader, as president. Sharing duties as directors with Prescott, are Allan T. Chase, president of Standardized Aircraft, and Samuel B. Mosher, president of the Signal Oil Corporation.

With head offices at the Long Beach Municipal Airport, the company will have a daily freight capacity of 70,000 pounds with seven Conestoga twin-engine transport planes built to rigid Navy specifications by the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company. The powerful, ultra-efficient airplanes which, although designed for cargo use, are approved by the Civil Aeronautics Authority for passenger service, were bought from the Defense Plant Corporation through the Surplus War Property Board.

The first Conestoga, named for the sturdy prairie schooners with which American pioneers opened the West, blazed the way to a new frontier — the air — when flown to the Long Beach Municipal Airport with President Prescott at the controls.

The six other Conestogas scheduled to open and maintain the air-freight service will be supplemented by more cargo planes as soon as they become available. The Conestogas have stainless steel bodies, are powered by two 1200-horsepower Pratt and Whitney radial engines, can transport a useful load of 10,000 pounds. Designed by the Navy for swift and easy handling of rush cargo, they have a large cargo door and self-contained ramp in the after section of their capacious yet graceful fuselages.

Air-freight contracts are being negotiated by Prescott, Chase and Mosher, assisted by such principal stockholders as James E. Davidson, president of the Gibson Biscuit Company, and Thomas Sullivan, prominent Pasadena business man.

Among deals reportedly being discussed are air shipment of flowers to New York, perishable foodstuffs and other commodities, pharmaceutical supplies, latest models of fashions from Hollywood and New York, emergency machine equipment, industrial machinery, motion picture film, studio props and sets.

The postwar potential includes orchids from Mexico, exotic fruits and flowers from Central America and many other goods best handled on rush schedules such as fresh fish from the Pacific and Atlantic, Prescott said. Branch offices of the company will be located as soon as possible in the nation's major trading areas, with full operation of the airline scheduled within two weeks.

The new group was formed by veterans of the fabulous Flying Tigers of the American Volunteer Group who served under Major General Claire L. Chennault in China after resigning from commissions as Army or Navy pilots. Five of them, including President Prescott, were aces, having downed five or more Japanese planes.

After the Flying Tigers were disbanded, many of the new company's officers and stockholders became cargo pilots, flying high-priority equipment and materials over the perilous "Hump" route across the Himalayas from India to China. Among them the group chalked up more than 4,000 flights over the "Hump," transporting materials for the China National Aviation Corporation. Since returning from the Orient, several of these pilots have flown for American Export Airlines, T.W.A. and Pan-American Airways.

The company plans to employ former A.V.G. men or returned service flyers or mechanics as the organization expands.

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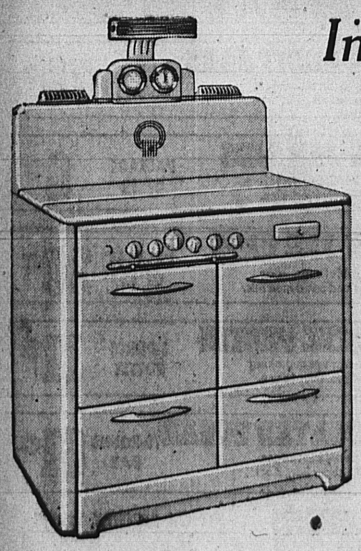

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