

Norris Hails Columbia Plan For Expansion

Kenneth T. Norris hailed an announcement that the United States Steel Corp. will extend its facilities at Torrance and Pittsburg, Cal., as presaging benefits to western fabricators.

Norris, chairman of the steel committee of the Western States Council, industrial group, organized to further Coast development, pointed out that the recent withdrawal of U.S. Steel as a potential bidder for the government-owned steel plant at Geneva, Utah, accents the company's statement of enlargement plans for its Coast plants.

"We are pleased that the U.S. Steel Corp. will increase its Pacific Coast production capacity in order to serve the expanding requirements of industry," Norris said, "particularly in the making of flat rolled steel."

"The fact that the corporation will center its western production on the Pacific Coast is probably due to the high freight rates on finished steel products from Geneva to coast markets."

Norris emphasized that his committee is neutral regarding bidders on the Geneva plant now up for disposal by the government. "Our aim," he declared, "is ultimate operation of both Fontana and Geneva by private interests pledged to maintenance of lower steel prices in the West."



NEW SENATOR . . . Gov. Earl Warren has announced the appointment of Maj. William F. Knowland, Republican, former State Senator, (above) as successor to U. S. Senator Hiram Johnson, who died last week. Maj. Knowland, 37, at present is stationed in Paris. At the time of his induction into the Army in June of 1942, he was assistant publisher of The Oakland Tribune, of which his father, Joseph R. Knowland, is president and publisher.

Torrance Boys Play Ball At Normont Terrace

Approximately 30 boys journeyed to Normont Terrace to take part in a softball playday, Saturday, August 18. In a 12-year-old group, the Torrance All Stars trounced Normont Terrace in the opener by a score of 14 to 4.

The All Stars, at the playoff, dropped a 12 to 2 victory to the Wilmington Hall Foxes on the same date.

On the same mound the Torrance Eagles lost a 4 to 2 thriller with the Banning Gophers.

TWO WAY RADIO

In order to give Walteria better police protection, Chief of Police John Strub proposes to establish a two-way radio station at Walteria Fire Station, he told the City Council, Friday night after inquiry from B. J. Michels.

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