

# Steel Union Sets Jan. 14 For Strike

The CIO-United Steel Workers have set Jan. 14 at 12:01 a.m. as the time for the beginning of a general strike in the nation's steel mills.

The action was taken by the union's 175-man wage policy committee representing locals throughout the country at a closed session in Pittsburgh, Pa., presided over by CIO President Philip Murray, who is also head of the steel union.

The resolution adopted by the policy committee said: "Over 400,000 workers throughout the nation, in a secret ballot, have given their mandate to strike in self protection."

"This is the solemn judgment after careful consideration of the steel workers, aluminum workers, and iron ore miners under the jurisdiction of this union."

In a separate resolution, the committee said: "We condemn President Truman's proposed legislation as vicious anti-labor and an attack on our basic democratic liberties."

"A fact-finding board for the steel industry is unnecessary. Any such proposal is but a false trail of fruitless delays which can only serve to undermine labor."

Local 1414, at Columbia Steel Co., recently voted about 10 to 1 in favor of striking.

A union spokesman said that was the union's reply to the request of President Truman for continuance of work pending his appointment of a fact-finding board to settle the dispute.

The strike would be the largest in the history of American industry.

The union declared: "The sharp slashing of the pay of American wage earners spells economic disaster for the American nation."

"The steel industry can meet the union's request for a \$2-a-day wage increase and in 1946 still earn over \$400,000,000 in net profits after taxes—or 3½ times its peacetime average."

# Four Persons Die In Cabin Asphyxiation

The bodies of three youthful sailors and that of an unidentified woman were found Sunday night in an auto motel at 173rd and Main sts., sheriff's deputies reported.

The four apparently died from asphyxiation, according to Capt. J. G. Bowers of the sheriff's detective bureau, who revealed that a small gas burner was found burning in the room and that all doors and windows of the cabin were closed.

One of the sailors, it was believed, had made an attempt to free himself from the room but was too overcome by the deadly fumes to do so.

The sailors were identified by deputies as Harry R. Lowery, Thomas P. McCasland and Floyd W. Schmetzler.

**WORLD AFFAIRS INSTITUTE**  
International problems concerning the political and economic future of nations will be discussed by 75 authorities at the first postwar session of the Institute of World Affairs, holding its 21st meeting at the Riverside Mission Inn for a three-day period beginning Dec. 16.

**IS CONVALESCENT**  
J. Stewart Miller is convalescing at his home, 1628 Fern ave., following major surgery. He is well enough to receive his friends, he states.

# OBITUARY

**FRED GERALD FRAME**  
Funeral services will be conducted in North Platte, Neb., for Fred Gerald Frame, 1939 Pacific Coast Highway, who passed away here Dec. 10. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Louise Frame and a brother, Ray Frame, Pico Stone & Myers were in charge.

**SAMUEL STANLEY GOODSON**  
Samuel Stanley Goodson, 50, died as a result of an automobile accident Dec. 4 at 182nd st., and Crenshaw Blvd. A native of Humansville, Mo., he had made his home in California for 20 years and was a Torrance resident for the past three years. The deceased was a teacher of printing at Dorsey high school, Los Angeles, a member of the Shrine at Kansas City, Mo., and was affiliated with the F & AM at Humansville. He is survived by his widow, Clara, of 1439½ W. Carson st., a daughter, Mrs. Gloria Moye, of Tacoma, Wash., two brothers, R. Raymond Goodson, Cornell, Calif. and J. Leslie Goodson, of Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Floyd Sells, of 1411 Amapola ave. and his mother, Mrs. Emma Dallas, of Venice, Sheldon Davis, Christian Science reader, officiated at services held Saturday afternoon at Stone & Myers. Interment was at Roosevelt Memorial Cemetery.

# WASPs Take Top Honors At CAP Air Meet

Squadrons within the Third Group, U.S. Civil Air Patrol, went through their paces last Sunday at the Torrance Army Air Field, in grand style with many of the honors going to the former WASPs.

The group's competitive air meet between the three squadrons was quite successful, according to Capt. C. H. Holmes, commander.

The Long Beach Squadron, under the direction of Lt. James Hansen, operations officer, thrilled and chilled the members with daring aerobatics expertly executed.

Lt. George Allberg, operations officer of the Santa Monica Squadron, led his flight through many notable maneuvers, demonstrating pilot proficiency throughout the meet.

It was the Lomita Squadron under the direction of Lt. Glenn Allen with his sharp flying WASPs, who put the sting on the air meet. The Women Army Service Pilots, who were flying everything from Cubs to B-29 bombers prior to their disbandment, did a smooth job of formation flying that made the male pilots "bite their nails."

The individual spot-landing contest went to E/O George Corn of Long Beach.

Nearly 100 eligible cadets were flown in orientation flights in the PT-17's and 19's comprising more than 36 hours of flying time, he said.

Capt. Holmes reported that more than 300 members were served with shrimp dinners after the air show.

**BRIDGE CLUB MEETS AT ROGERS HOME**  
Members of Mrs. R. J. Rogers' bridge club were delightfully entertained at luncheon at her home, 1605 Beech ave., last Thursday afternoon. Roses centered the luncheon table where places were set for eight guests. Mrs. W. J. Neelands and Mrs. Albert Isen were winners at contract.

**HAVE HOUSE GUEST**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sinclair have been entertaining as their house guest, her sister, Mrs. Grace Anderson, of Santa Monica.

# Strikers At Goodyear Back At Work

After a six-weeks strike of 190 production and maintenance workers at the Goodyear Synthetic Rubber Corp. plant in Gardena, the employees resumed work at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, it was announced yesterday by Robert L. Lightfoot, personnel manager of the plant.

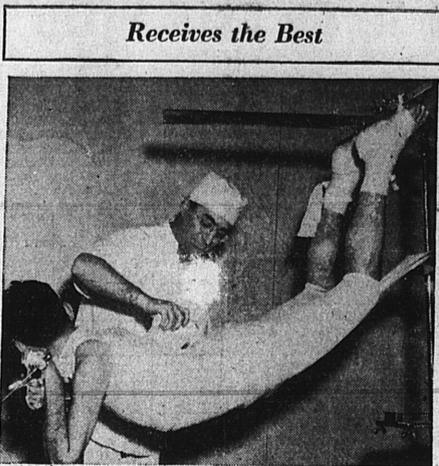
Although a majority of the contract issues have been settled through negotiation, said Lightfoot, the main issue, a 20 per cent wage raise asked by the union, is still unsettled, but will be negotiated in the near future. A side issue, he said, is the AFL San Pedro-Wilmington Central Labor Council's demand for a closed shop, which will be given consideration at the next conciliation meeting.

No date for the future meeting has yet been set, he added, but it is in the hands of Commissioner H. C. Malcolm of the United States Conciliation Service. Two meetings were held last week, on Tuesday and Thursday.

**RADIO LISTENING PARTY ARRANGED**  
Mrs. John Spiller, Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. Council radio chairman, urges all members of Torrance Elementary P.T.A. who can to be present at the radio listening party Dec. 17 at 2:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Don Wolf, president. These listening groups will receive credit as P.T.A. study groups, reports Mrs. Curtis Brown, chairman.

**TO BALBOA, CANAL ZONE**  
Mrs. Stanley McElderry, (Alice Burger) left this week for Balboa, Canal Zone, where she will spend the winter with friends.

Service men's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443



Official U. S. Signal Corps Photo  
An Army medical corps officer treats a compression fracture of vertebrae by applying a body cast. This is one of the ways in which armed forces medical corpsmen are applying modern methods of treatment for wounded men. These methods together with the latest in equipment take dollars, many of them. Your dollars, invested in Victory Loan bonds, are needed to speed this great work.

# Cost Of Food In L.A. County Increase Great

The cost of food in Los Angeles area has increased 56 per cent since the beginning of the war in Europe, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has announced. The cost of clothing has increased 44 per cent, and the cost of house furnishings 43 per cent.

During October, food prices were higher than they have been since 1920.

The Bureau stated that the cost of living is "leveling off" here now.

# Spirited Bidding On Sales Of Tax Deeded Lots

Amid spirited bidding by more than 500 people in the Hall of Justice building, 85 lots with an approximate valuation of \$15,000 went to the land-hungry as tax property sales opened today.

The sales will run each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 until 12, until all of the lots are sold, the chief deputy of the county tax sales division, G. P. Pollard, said.

# \$100,000 Bond Purchase By Shell Plant

Shell Chemical Division of Shell Union Oil Corp., Torrance, through S. Bodine, plant manager, has announced the purchase of \$100,000 worth of Victory bonds as the Torrance plant's share in the local Victory Loan drive.

Communities throughout the Western States will share in a \$15,000,000 Victory Bond subscription by Shell Oil Company, Incorporated, Pacific Coast Territory.

This sum is the same as that representing Bond purchases by Shell in both the Sixth and Seventh War Loans, company officials said.

The \$15,000,000 is in addition to the individual Bond quota set for Shell's 10,000 employees in the West. Purchases on regular monthly payroll deductions by employees recently passed the \$10,000,000 mark.

# Urge Motorists To Shop Early For Auto License

The Department of Motor Vehicles is coming upon the scene again, requesting that all motorists start early this year for 1946 automobile licenses and avoid the rush. Jan. 2 has been the date set as the earliest date when persons may apply. Feb. 4 remains as the deadline.

There will be no new plates this year. A tab will be issued to attach to the 1945 plates.

Torrance General Insurance Agency will aid motorists in event white slips are not available, it was said. Applications for duplicate white slips are on hand at the agency, and the state motor vehicle fee is 50 cents for duplicate registration.

**SAN JOSE GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Adams, of 1448 Post ave., were recent hosts to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boglio, of San Jose.

**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
Mrs. Edith J. White, 1 Beech ave., has been commissioned a Notary Public by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan.

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**A Huge War Prize**

Official U. S. Signal Corps Photo  
The grand luxury liner, Europa, once the pride of German shipping, is shown being moved to a drydock where it was refitted for troop-carrying activity. Thirteen tugs were needed for the operation. Bringing our boys home costs money. Your purchase of Victory Loan Bonds will help provide these tugs.