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With a clear realization of the responsibility resting upon us as a newspaper ... we voice these simple words of heartfelt appreciation for the sacrifices our fighting men have made for all of us.

For years now, we have been bringing you the stories of their heroism in battle. Yet alongside these stories and with the pitiless persistence of a Free American Press, we have thrown the blinding light of truth on the ills of a world that brought on this war.

Being realists we know that Victory is but the beginning. The Peace they have won for themselves and for us, is yet to be made permanent. Only the pitiless persistence of The Free American Press in revealing the truth can you and they be given the opportunity to exercise that freedom of choice which is the essence of the Democracy for which they fought.

Our pledge to them and to you is that we shall relentlessly seek to fulfill our mission as the torch of truth lighting the way of freedom.

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JAPAN'S LAST HOPE . . . And, according to Major Art Nehf, U. S. Marine Corps pilot, it was a good "hope." This 400 miles per hour fighter, which is tagged "Jack," served as a carrier and land based plane, and carries a 14-cylinder radial engine in its nose which develops around 1600 horsepower. The speedy and hard hitting threat, which will be viewed by those attending the two-day Air Show here July 5 and 6, made its appearance too late in the war to grab any great amount of supremacy, authorities say. MT Sgt. Robert Peterson, assigned to the guarding of "Jack," is shown dwarfed by one of the huge four-bladed propellers. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Columbia Now Employing Larger Force Than Worked In Local Mill During War

Humming with activity on a "round the clock" schedule is the Torrance works of Columbia Steel Co. This U. S. Steel Corp. subsidiary is now operating with a larger working force than during the war. During the peak war years, the steel mill employed some 1900 people. At present it employs 1525. Already 350 veterans have returned to their jobs at the plant. Another 150 are expected to return in the near future.

Columbia's Torrance works, which during the war was producing steel for bombs, gun mounts, blitz cans and other war weapons has reverted to making steel for peacetime commodities such as refrigerators, gas ranges, water heaters and other much needed materials for the home and farm.

The Torrance plant, which was originally the old Llewellyn Iron Works, was acquired along with other properties of the Columbia Steel Corp. in 1930 by the U. S. Steel Corp. and has since operated as a unit of Columbia Steel Co., western subsidiary of the U. S. Steel Corp.

Since being acquired by the U. S. Steel Corp., the plant has been enlarged and modernized. When first constructed, the plant was merely a small foundry and fabricating plant. Today it consists of an open hearth department with four 58-ton open hearth furnaces, a merchant and reinforcing bar mill, a structural mill, a sheet mill and a larger foundry, which includes an electric furnace for further refining alloy steels. The site of Columbia Steel Co.'s mill covers some 164 acres. O. A. Kresse is general superintendent.

International Derrick & Equipment Company Has Long California Record

The International Derrick and Equipment Company has been serving the oil fields of California since 1921 when steel derricks first began to replace wood derricks in the oil fields of the state.

The volume of steel derrick sales soon outgrew the company's warehousing facilities in Los Angeles, so that it became necessary in 1926 for the company to install manufacturing facilities in California for the local trade. At that time a plant was erected at the present site in the industrial tract of the City of Torrance. The original plant has been expanded on several occasions and now includes general steel fabricating facilities for the manufacture of oil well derricks, well servicing masts, well drilling masts, radio towers, buildings, oil well drilling and servicing hoists and other oil field specialties, including a hot dip galvanizing plant for the company's products as well as for special commercial galvanizing jobs.

The company, during the war years, operated entirely upon war contracts for various government agencies and as subcontractors on war work. The greater portion of this war work was for U. S. Navy operations, although portions of this were for the U. S. Army and the Maritime Commission.

Although the company operations are now somewhat reduced, as compared with peak operations during the war years, its payrolls now include approximately 200 persons. New products for the oil fields have been developed by the company and production is now under way upon these new products which include new and advanced types of well drilling and servicing

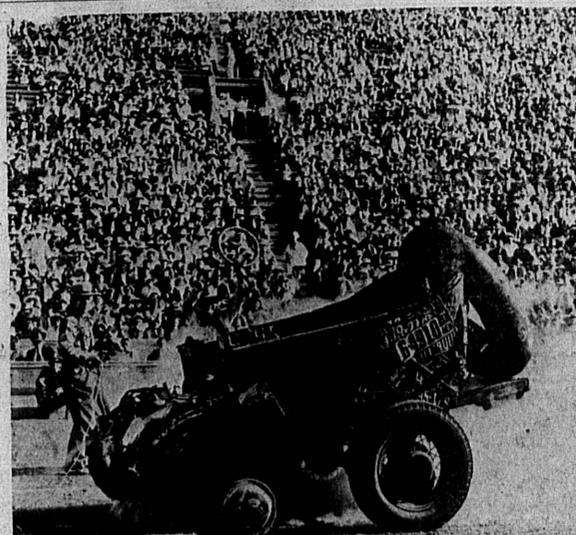
hoists and masts of mobile and semi-mobile types. These new products make possible more economical operation in the development and operation of oil wells and are rapidly replacing older types of equipment and other methods of operation. The company anticipates an increased volume of business with its new products. The Torrance, Calif., plant will serve not only the company's requirements for the Pacific Coast states, but will serve the Pacific export markets of the company as well. The International Derrick and Equipment Company is one of the Dresser Industries which is a group of 14 companies which specialize in serving various phases of the oil and gas industries although, in many respects, these companies serve all branches of industry with specialized engineering service and products.

Globe Swift Will Be Flown During Air Show

One of the features of the big Air Show July 5 and 6 at Lomita air strip, will be the demonstration of the new 1946 Postwar Globe Swift airplane, presented by Les Byars, the Globe Swift dealer located at Long Beach Municipal Airport. The new Globe Swift will be flown by Bill Carter, who before the war was with "Tex Rankin's Famous Hollywood Air Aces," an air show which toured the United States thrilling crowds with their daring aerial feats. flight instructor instructing Army primary flying at the Rankin Aeronautical Academy, Tulare, California, later instructing Army basic flight training at Polaris Academy, Lancaster, California. The Globe Swift will be flown by radio control during the course of the show.

Pvt. R. S. O'Cain In Hawaii Aboard U.S.S. Shangri-La

Marine Private Robert S. O'Cain, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. O'Cain, 1425 W. 218th st., Torrance, recently arrived in Hawaii aboard the aircraft carrier Shangri-La for duty at the Marine air base. O'Cain enlisted for two years last Feb. 18 and received retraining at San Diego. He graduated from Torrance high school last Jan. 24, where he was active in football.



SMOKE SCREEN LOS ANGELES COLISEUM 1941

CY'S ATOMIC CAR AND FLAME THROWER TO PERFORM . . . "Farmer Cy" will be on hand at the Torrance Air Circus, July 5 and 6. Cy stated that he has been trying to arrive in Torrance for the past 17 years, en route from Florida.