



RAYMOND V. DARBY Seeks Re-election

### Supervisor Darby Says He'll Seek Return to Office

County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby this week announced that he would be a candidate for re-election in the fourth supervisory district at the June primary election.

Announcement was made yesterday at the Inglewood Country Club during a breakfast attended by 200 Inglewood businessmen and civic leaders to honor Darby, who has put in 25 years of public service.

Darby, a resident of Inglewood, has served two four-year terms as county supervisor. He began his public life in 1927 when he was elected to the Inglewood City Council. After four years as councilman, he served 14 years as mayor of Inglewood.

During his terms as county supervisor he has served twice as chairman of the county board.

An original policy of Darby was preservation of beaches for public use. Most of the county beach frontage is in his district.

"Throughout my 25 years in public service I have consistently fought for honest and efficient government on all levels, and I feel that it would be foolish for me to make promises or present any platform since the record that I have established speaks for itself," Darby told the group in thanking them for their support.

First elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1944, Darby was re-elected in 1948, again in the primary election.

### El Camino Adds Course In Camping Leadership

A new course in camp and outing leadership is to be offered during the spring semester at El Camino College, according to W. H. Harless, Director of Instruction. Techniques of leadership, organization, planning and execution of outdoor recreational activities, and camping will be stressed by the physical education staff. The course is designed to meet the needs of local teachers and recreational leaders. El Camino is a tuition free community college located at Crenshaw and Redondo Beach boulevards in Lawndale.

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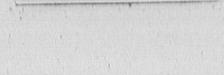
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## Letters to the Editor: Pros, Cons of Steel Walkout Discussed

(Comments supporting or protesting the actions of the steelworkers in walking out of the Columbia Steel Company plant here January 7 continue to pour in to the Torrance Herald this week by phone, letter, word of mouth. Much of the comment was inspired by a letter published in last week's issue of the Herald. Many of the reactions lauded the Herald for publishing the letter; other comments ranged from mild to bitter. Two letters which reached the Herald this week show the attitudes of the senders are being reprinted here. As was stated last week, the Torrance Herald is taking no sides in the controversy. It is publishing these letters as a public service.)

### Steelworker's Wife Refutes Charge That Union Does Little for Members

Editor, The Torrance Herald: I'm writing this letter hoping that it will help the "disgusted wife" who wrote in last week about the steelworkers' walkout. She may not accept this help, but I feel she needs it to open her eyes.

Apparently she has not been a wife of a steelworker for too long a time, or her husband has not been working for Columbia in the period when there was no union. She believes that the steelworkers' union has not done anything for its members; she is deceiving no one but herself. Not only have the wages more than doubled, but the whole community has prospered along with the workers. Only when the workers have money to spend can Torrance prosper. Columbia Steel by no stretch of imagination can be said to spend its profits in Torrance.

As I look around my house today I can see many things we did not have before the members of the union made gains. These things we once couldn't afford. We have comforts and conveniences that we would never have had if it were not for their union. We're better off and our children are better provided for.

When any member of the family has to go to the hospital, the bill is paid for by the insurance the union won for us. And my husband can look to the future with some hope of retiring on a pension also won by the union. Columbia gave none of these without a strike.

I don't claim to be a smart woman, but I know from hard experience that prices go up long before wages raises are called for. So it isn't the unions that are causing inflation. I too hate high taxes, but I know someone has to pay for our defense program against Communism, or isn't the "thoroughly disgusted wife" concerned about world Communism?

She is also alarmed at the "fat salaries from dues dollars paid into unions." These salaries, my dear, compare in no way with the money paid by the companies to find ways and means of getting more work out of your husband and mine for less pay. If your husband is a member, he knows that the dues are not paid during strikes and that they have not increased for years but are fixed by his vote at \$2 a month.

If I recall correctly, there were but two or three strikes since this plant started and the lost time from these was far less than would have been lost if the jobs were not made secure by a union contract.

Which brings me to the present trouble our men are having. You, Mrs. X, seem to know a great deal too much about past records of workers at Columbia. You make statements about two innocent workers who were discharged by the company. (They are innocent until proven guilty in America). One of these might well have been your husband or mine. I'd certainly want to see my husband receive fair treatment and I'm sure you wish the same for yours.

I think it's a noble act of brotherhood on the part of the members of the union to sacrifice their earnings for a principle. You see, Mrs. X, if we didn't fight for our rights, Hitler would now rule the world and Stalin might well be the dictator of this country.

I too am denied an income for my family, but I'm proudly sticking by my husband because he's right and he's fighting for what he knows is right. That's America. When we were married I promised to live up to my part of the bargain. I manage the house, my husband earns the money with his work. I know best what goes on in my kitchen, he knows best what goes on at Columbia. I don't attend union meetings, he does. My advice to you is to try that formula. And when this dispute is over, you will be secure in knowing that Columbia can't fire your husband (or any other wife's husband) without reckoning with the other workers, brothers in a union.

A PROUD WIFE OF A UNION STEELWORKER (Name withheld)

### Serviceman Says Union Rank and File Responsible for Actions of Officers

Editor, The Torrance Herald: Even though I have no direct concern in the steel workers' walkout, I would like to express my opinion. I am now serving in the U. S. Navy. My home is in Torrance. When I read the letter in your paper last week from "the steelworker's thoroughly disgusted wife" I, too, was thoroughly disgusted about the situation.

She, along with many others, blames the union for calling the strike and putting her husband out of work. Instead of always placing the blame on the other party as is the usual case, why don't we get down to the bare facts and clarify this situation.

The ones who are to blame for this strike are the steelworkers themselves, for "THEY ARE THE UNION." It is the steelworkers who make up the union. It is the steelworkers who place their names on the ballot to vote a strike. It is the steelworkers who go home after the strike and say to their wives, "I'm sorry, honey, there is nothing I can do about it; the union has voted for a strike."

Time and time again the people have blamed the union for the strikes. Some people say it is the subversive Communists doing their bit to undermine and corrupt the steel industries. "Mrs. Steelworker" probably blames the strike on fat-salaried labor leaders. "Mr. Steelworker" probably blames the strike on the radical members of the union.

Perhaps all of these factors are partially true, but the real blame lies with the workers themselves. The only way the other members can fight these small groups is by a loyal attendance to every union meeting. Each and every member must voice his opinion in words and on the ballot.

The workers who really suffer from the strikes are the ones with wives and families to feed. They are the members who are afraid to oppose a walkout for fear of being blackballed and called scabs. They are the ones who should get in there and fight for their right of opinion. They are the ones who should fight for arbitration of a walkout or a strike.

So, "Mrs. Steelworker," if you feel that the union is to blame for this unfortunate situation, remember that YOUR HUSBAND IS THE UNION. Instead of letting him stay at home watching television, see that he attends every meeting.

AN INTERESTED SERVICEMAN (Name withheld)

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### Pair Convicted Of Torturing Torrance Boy

Two women who operated the God's Orphanage boarding school near Anaheim this week were convicted of unjustifiably punishing a Torrance boy and two other students by a Santa Ana court.

The two are Mrs. Julia Ward, 46, operator of the school, and Mrs. Carolyn Munger, 25, school secretary. They were found guilty of holding lighted matches under the wrists of Leonard Vuchan, 9, of 1005 Maple street, and two other boys.

Attorneys for the two women immediately moved for a new trial. The hearing will be held Friday in Santa Ana. The wo-

### men are now at liberty on \$100 bail each.

Conviction came after the jury had deliberated less than an hour. Reports of the punishments resulted in the closing of the private institution last October.

### TWO INJURED AS AUTO STRIKES EMBANKMENT

A driver and his teenage passenger suffered minor injuries Sunday when their car hit an embankment at the corner of 190th street and Hawthorne boulevard.

Treated for minor injuries at Harbor General hospital were Jose Castillo, 34, of Los Angeles, and his passenger, James K. Mc-Masters, 12, of 4236 West 179th street.

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### Gunman Robs Station Of \$150 in Holdup

A neatly dressed gunman walked off with \$150 from the till of a Torrance boulevard gas station Saturday night, owner John Pennington told police.

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