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CD PLANNERS . . . E. P. Barnett, supervisor of Fire and Safety at Union Oil, standing; Torrance Fire Chief J. J. Benner, left and Batt. Chief Keith Mable, Los Angeles County Fire Department, right, confer with Ernest Dixon, regional coordinator of Civil Defense, during the all day training course given here Thursday.

Oil, Government Men Learn CD Measures

"Check your history books, gentlemen. From the beginning of time, whenever a world imperialistic power has established a militaristic force of any size, they have attempted to conquer the world; they have tried to see how far they could go."

With this grim reminder that the United States is not and cannot remain aloof from an at-

tempt at world domination by the Soviet Union, leaders of the petroleum industry in Southern California met with Civil Defense leaders here Thursday for a full-day CD session conducted in the City Council chambers.

The man who issued the terse statement was Ernest Dixon, regional coordinator of Civil Defense, Los Angeles and Orange counties, Civil Defense.

Dixon was only one of 54 representatives of government and the Southland's leading oil industries who attended the first specialized Civil Defense course given for refinery men in Southern California.

Planned by George Stevens, George Powell and Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance's leaders in CD organization, the training session was conducted by Worth Kidd, facility planning and training leader for the

State of California.

A seven-man panel of experts was on hand to answer individual questions posed by the industrial fire and safety leaders.

Serving on the panel were Dixon, Col. J. B. Colegrove, head man of transportation for the City of Los Angeles; Ross R. McDonald, chief of law enforcement, State of California; Chief Lewis A. Mable, Civil Defense boss, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Oliver C. Mullen, Richfield Oil, representing the CD setup in the petroleum industry; Capt. Marx C. Scott, Los Angeles Fire Department, plant protection service; and Capt. Claude E. Smith, Sheriff's Department, county disaster service.

Dealing with topics of organization and actual functioning of CD activity in the industry, Kidd presented a complete factual outline of the "hows" and "whats" to be considered in establishing an organization which could be pulled into operation moments after a red alert—actual air raid—is sounded, or after a disaster strikes in any part of the refinery.

Kidd presented step-by-step plans to be followed upon receipt of an enemy alert, and told the men how they should go about establishing their own CD system. Selection of shelter areas and evacuation routes form an essential part of the safety program, he said.

A complete control center from which all administrative orders could be issued during a catastrophe is a vital element in a well-working, panicless, CD program, Kidd advised.

Representatives from General Petroleum, Union, Richfield, Standard, Century, Sunset, Wilshire, Fletcher, Associated, Tide Water, Texas, Shell, CCMO and Western Gulf (Bakersfield) oil companies, and Shell and Dow Chemical concerns were present at the seven-hour session.

In addition, fire, police and safety officials representing local and state governments were on hand to learn what steps they should take to provide complete protection of lives and property in an emergency.

Topics considered were first aid, casualty estimation, injury registration, alarms, wardens, rescue, fire, police, emergency passes, coordination with city CD and radiological consideration in case of an atomic attack. Torrance, through the efforts of Powell and Fire Chief Jake J. Benner, has been conducting special training sessions in the major industrial plants of the area. Fire Capt. Gene Walker and E. E. Worthington hold regular class meetings with employees of the various plants here to enable them to "help themselves" in time of a serious emergency.

The class session held Thursday was an outgrowth of that program.

Proper CD action can reduce the number of casualties during a bombing or any other catastrophe by 80 per cent, it was stated, and it was with this in mind that the men of the oil industry—all of whom had similar problems—met with the CD leaders of the city and state.

Shopping Center Plans Approved By City Council

Final plans for a shopping center soon to be constructed on an 11½-acre parcel on Pacific Coast Hwy. in Walteria, got the City Council nod Wednesday night.

More than a dozen small stores will be built on the new site; a complete black-topped parking area will be provided. The architecture and landscaping in a must blend with present structures in the area, the council ruled.

The center is to be built north of the Fish Shanty Restaurant. G. A. Baumann of Palos Verdes Estates is listed as the builder-owner. Cost is expected to exceed \$100,000 and construction is expected to start within several months.

Governor Asked To Aid Highway Improvements

Resolutions seeking immediate relief from the "deplorable" conditions existing along two state highways were forwarded to Gov. Warren and to the state Division of Highways after approval of the City Council Wednesday night.

The action asked that the state take measures to expedite improvements of 174th St. and the installation of traffic control measures along Pacific Coast Hwy. in the Seaside-Rivera districts. Several serious traffic accidents have injured many motorists and taken the life of at least one person there.

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