



HAROLD A. WATKINS
Joins Paramount Builders

Wouldn't Retire' Joins Paramount Port Manager

Harold A. Watkins, who came to California to re-join Paramount Builders, recently appointed import manager for Paramount Supply Co. Watkins, who lives at 2355 S. Normandie Blvd. with his wife, recently returned from his import and export business in Connecticut to come to California and retire, but after a year of resting, he says he found it hard to remain in California and joined the Paramount Builders.

Watkins is an expert in his field and will also offer special Paramount service to those in the Torrance area who need advice or help on import or export problems. His service to local firms will consist of giving the names and addresses of the manufacturers in Europe, a credit investigation of the firm, information on over-insurance, and detailed information on the manufacturer— including square feet of floor space, number of employees and amount of money in the bank.

He established his business in Central America, spent time in Cuba buying commodities for New York syndicates, associated later with the Page Arms Co. in Belgium, the Birmingham Small Arms Co. in New England, the world's largest manufacturers of motorcycles, bicycles, etc.

Two years ago Watkins was a member of the New England Tariff Commission in New York City. Never specializing in one product, he has handled every commodity from hinges to peat moss.

Local Residents Gain Parts In 'Bloomer Girl'

Five Torrance residents gained leading roles in the forthcoming South Bay Civic Light Opera production of "Bloomer Girl" it was announced by Director Mel Tully this week.

The leading feminine part in the musical, that of Eyaline, went to Dorothy Dallas of 2744 W. 175th St. Miss Dallas, a mezzo soprano, came to the South Bay group from a leading part in the recent El Camino College production of "Pirates of Penzance."

Others who were chosen by the casting committee for leading roles were Nadine Nickol, of 1730 Arlington Ave., who will play the part of Serena; Joan George, 2454 Torrance Blvd.; Daisy Robert Jensen, 1203 Teri Ave.; Herman; and Lee Hughes, 17053 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Hiram Crump.

In the chorus will be Rita Green, 22708 Linda Dr., and playing the part of the first deputy will be Buddy Powers, of 2164 Torrance Blvd. Gall Link, 1312 Corday Ave., will act as prompter and will also be given a special solo singing spot in the show.

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King Raps Proposal For Aluminum Duty

Congressman Cecil R. King this week charged that passage of the proposed legislation to suspend for one year import duties on aluminum would amount to making a gift to the Aluminum Company of America of \$6,740,000 at the expense of U.S. taxpayers and provide no relief to small fabricators who sorely need the metal.

In coming to the defense of the bill and lashed out at the more than 17,000 independent, big monopolistic corporations that seek to stifle competition while reaping great profits. King pointed out to his fellow House Members the inequities

by all interested Federal Departments, a study of the bill by Congressman King failed to find where the proposed suspension of the 1½-cent per pound import duty on aluminum would eventually find its way toward lower prices to the ultimate consumer.

Principal Importer
Also disclosed was the fact that the Aluminum Company of Canada, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America, was the principal exporter and that ALCOA was the principal importer.

King's further investigation found that U.S. Companies currently importing aluminum from

ALCAN pay 20 cents per pound, which price includes a 1½-cent import tax.

"While it would appear that with the proposed suspension of the tariff the new import price of aluminum would be 18½ cents per pound, ALCAN has indicated that the price would remain at 20 cents—a rebuff to the more than 17,000 independent fabricators hopeful of getting cheaper imported aluminum from Canada, King stated.

It was also revealed that of the 896,000 tons of aluminum ALCAN will sell to U.S. producers, 600,000 tons—more than two-thirds—will go to the Al-

uminum Company of America. "This amounts to a near monopoly," King pointed out.

"The suspension of the tariff will let no additional metal into the country for the small fabricators who sorely need it because ALCAN offers most of its metal to two companies in the United States and as a bounty for this monopolistic practice would now receive \$6,740,000 as a gift by the United States," King said.

Court Help Sought
Following Congressman King's revelation to the House Members, Attorney General Brownell asked for a Federal court order to force cancellation of a contract by the Aluminum Company of America to buy one billion pounds of aluminum from the Aluminum Company of Canada over a six-year period.

In seeking the order, Brownell contended that ALCOA's position in a competitive industry is such that competition does not exist consistent with the law. He further stated that unless ALCOA is enjoined from carrying out this contract, the purpose of a 1980 anti-trust judgment will continue to be defeated.

Concluding his remarks to

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House Members, Congressman King said:
"We must exercise strong vigilance to plug all tax loopholes so that our citizens and small business can be given the relief necessary to stimulate initiative and investment expansion."

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