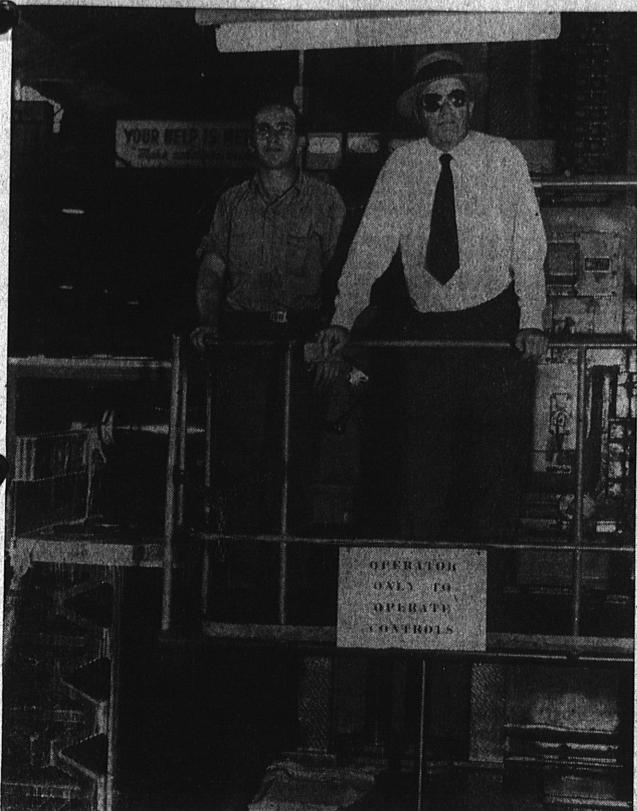


National Manager Calls Torrance a 'Blue Chip' Town



FRONT OFFICE CHECK . . . Looking over the huge National Supply Co. machine shop here from the platform of the recently installed Giddings & Lewis horizontal boring, milling, and drilling machine is Company President A. E. Walker and Operator Jack Byras. The picture was made here recently while President Walker was visiting here from the company's eastern headquarters.

Torrance is not only proud to be the home of the National Supply Co., but it can probably lay its very existence to the foresightedness of those men who picked out the 38-acre site here 42 years ago to expand the operations of the company (then known as the Union Tool Co.). Today, The National Supply Co. is considered to be the largest completely integrated machinery manufacturing plant in the West.

The company, whose huge factory extends along Border Ave. from Carson St. to 213th St., employs about 1600 persons and has an average annual payroll of more than \$5,000,000.

In its 30 principal buildings with approximately 700,000 square feet of covered floor space, are facilities that completely integrate the production of oil field equipment and industrial steel products. Included in the 38-acre plant

are three electric arc melting furnaces for production of steel a steel foundry, a large forge shop, machine shop, welding shop, pattern shop, chemical and physical laboratories, a power house, and administrative facilities which are required to operate such a huge installation.

Under the leadership of Works Manager John D. Spalding, National's Torrance plant has attained a world wide leadership in the quality of its products both in the field of oil well drilling equipment and in the production of steel for western industry.

The plant is geared to the manufacture of heavy machinery, and is becoming increasingly important in the production of maintenance and operating equipment supplied to basic western industries such as steel, aluminum, mining, and cement. The plant also manufactures Ordnance material and aircraft parts, and it produces forgings,

castings, and machinery for industrial uses.

The National Supply Co. has gained a world wide reputation as the leader in production of oil field machinery, and the trade-name "IDEAL" is seen wherever oil is found.

The company contributed in a major way to the development of rotary drilling, which revolutionized drilling methods throughout the world.

National operates more than 100 oil field supply stores in the United States and Canada for the sale of its products and those of a large number of other manufacturers.

In addition to the Torrance plant, National has plants in Ambridge, Pa.; Etna, Pa.; Toledo, Ohio; Houston, Tex.; and Springfield, Ohio.

Confidence in the future of both National and Torrance was recently expressed by Works Manager Spalding when he said: "The wisdom and foresight of

Firm Supplies Zinc To Coast

A Torrance industry since the late 1920s, The Pacific Smelting and Refining Co. at 22219 Western Ave. is one of the primary suppliers of slab zinc to steel mills, brass alloy makers, job galvanizers, and water heater manufacturer on the Pacific Coast and in the western states.

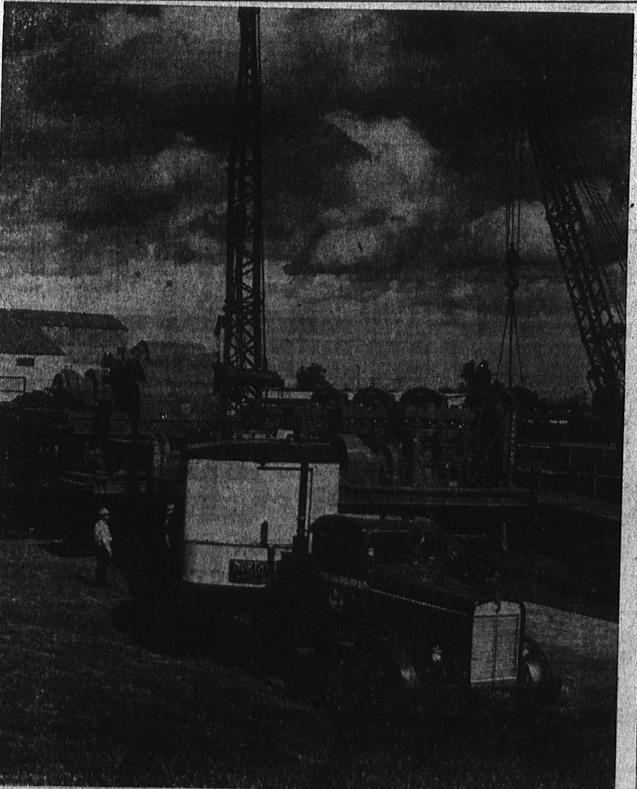
The company is a secondary smelter recovering by distillation of zinc scrap and zinc residues a high purity slab zinc which can be alloyed or converted to chemicals.

Heading up Pacific Smelting is Jack Schwartz, who is president of the firm. Other officers and leaders of the company include M. D. Schwartz, vice-president; Allen Klatzker, secretary; John O. Schmidt, plant manager; J. I. Schwartz, sales manager; William Johnson, superintendent; and M. Harrison Evans, plant engineer.

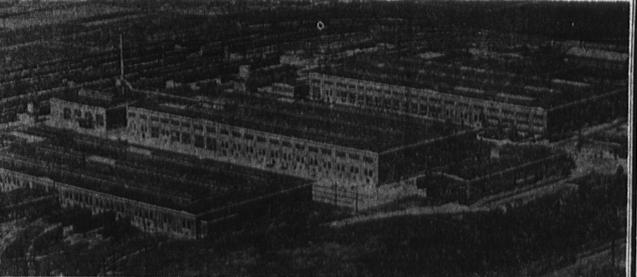
The plant occupies 7½ acres along Western Ave. and 107 persons are employed there.

Plans for the coming year include equipment improvement to attain greater plant efficiency and to increase production.

TORRANCE'S PIONEER INDUSTRY "A GOOD PLACE TO WORK"



SUPERIOR LINE UP . . . Aligning a row of Superior drilling engines in the huge yard at the National Supply Co. plant here are company employees with the help of a pair of husky cranes. Ideal drilling rig have been leaders in oil drilling fields for years and have made the name "National Supply" famous the world over.



ANOTHER PIONEER . . . This aerial photo of the Pacific Electric Shops here show another of the city's pioneer industries. The shops have been a major overhaul station for the company's rolling stock for most of the life of the city.



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