

# Dimes Still Needed to Fight Polio, Local Chairman Says

"Those of us who are contributing our services to the March of Dimes realize we face a special challenge this year," Mrs. Clara Conner, Torrance chairman for the campaign, said yesterday.

"We have seen the tremendous decline of new cases, thanks to Salk Vaccine, and as a result, some think polio is ended," she said.

This is far from true, she

stressed. The thousands who contacted polio prior to the Salk Vaccine still need help, a fact which accounted for 90 per cent of all March of Dimes expenditures going for patient care in 1957, according to the chairman.

**Holdover Patients**  
Most of those patients were left on the chapter rolls from preceding years, Mrs. Conner reported.

"These patients are among the 300,000 living Americans who survived paralytic polio," according to Mrs. Conner. "We owe them the opportunity to get from life something more than mere vegetable-like survival."

She emphasized the need to open new doors in the field of virus research—such research which led Dr. Jonas Salk to discover his vaccine.

**Personnel Needed**  
In addition to this, funds are needed to provide new trained hands and minds for research, care of patients, and the education of medical personnel.

"And, we need to continue to promote the use of Salk Vaccine to prevent future cases of paralytic polio," Mrs. Conner declared.

She urged area residents to send their contributions to the March of Dimes, Torrance, Calif. She also urged every householder to contribute generously next Tuesday evening, Jan. 28, when hundreds of mother of Torrance join in the "March of Mothers" against polio.



**PLEDGE DIME AID . . .** Area DeMolay leaders have pledged their aid in the current March of Dimes campaign. Here Jim Allen (left) and Leroy Griffith discuss plans for their help with Mrs. Clara Conner, chairman of the March of Dimes for Torrance. (Herald Photo)

# Steady Production Seen At Douglas El Segundo

Continued deliveries of three Navy combat aircraft and expanded manufacture of airframe and missile components indicate a steady production program for Douglas Aircraft Co.'s El Segundo Division during 1958.

This was disclosed Monday by Harold G. Hynd, vice president-general manager, who said the division's current contracts show a substantial business backlog for both the 1958 and 1959 calendar years.

Hynd revealed the division has under way additionally extensive research development programs for manned aircraft, missiles, weapon systems, control systems, hydraulics, and electronics. Studies in space and nuclear fields are included in this program.

**Example Cited**  
The Army-Navy simplified cockpit instrumentation program for which Douglas El Segundo is a prime contractor was cited by the company's executive as an example of the division's progress in research. Production of large numbers of "buddy store" in-flight refueling systems and quantities of external tank stores and bomb racks are other big items in the division's current output.

**Plastic Work**  
Development of plastic parts is another important product in the expanding components production program. The interplant work on components for

several Douglas missiles as well as construction of various parts for Douglas-built transport aircraft, is being carried out at the division's two facilities, El Segundo and Torrance. At Torrance alone, more than 1100 workers are now assigned to important missile work.

Hynd reported that 1957 was one of the best peacetime production years in the division's 26-year history with large numbers of fleet operational A4D Skyhawks, F4D Skyrajs, and A3D Skywarriors delivered to the Navy.

Production of all three of these aircraft and a large post-delivery modification program on F4D's extending into the first quarter of 1959, are included in the current calendar year production program.

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# RESERVATIONS SOUGHT FOR TRIP TO MEXICO

More than 50 reservations for the Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Friendship Tour" to Mexico next April have been received, Chairman J. H. Paget announced at the Chamber's breakfast meeting Tuesday.

Paget said plans have been made for 160 persons, and that reservations for the nine-day tour should be made at the Chamber of Commerce office in the near future.

Included in the tour, which starts April 18, is a round-trip air passage from Los Angeles International Airport to Mexico City, Taxco, and Acapulco. The price of \$279 per person includes the flight, hotels, and tours of many points of interest including the Floating Gardens of Xochimilco, Palace of Fine Arts, Cuernavaca University City, the Pyramids, and others.

All meals are included except four breakfasts and one dinner, Paget said.

Arrangements for special events in each community visited are being made with government and civic groups in Mexico, he said.

A brochure on the trip is available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado.

**Stauffer on Board**  
John Stauffer, senior vice president of Stauffer Chemical Co., has been elected to the board of directors of Security Title Insurance Co. It was reported yesterday.

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