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GET IN STRIDE, GO CLASSIFIED

**Telephone Manager Gives Grass Roots Point of View on Law**

A grass roots point of view about the recent bill passed by Congress and signed into law by the President that would end the ten per cent federal excise tax on "general" or local telephone service was expressed this week by Pacific Telephone Manager Dick Pyle.

"I think the bill is a good one—as far as it goes," he declared. "But the measure leaves us all with some cause for future concern."

1. The tax cuts are far from being "certainties." Congress can change its mind or even extend the starting date on the bill just passed (now set for June 30, 1960).

2. The repeal of wartime imposed excise taxes on telephone service travels only "half the distance" to the goal of abolishing all telephone federal excise tax. It still remains on long distance service.

"IT'S DIFFICULT," the manager stated, "to reconcile a 'luxury' tax like this one imposed on long distance service to a call from someone here to a sick mother living in the east."

"By the same token, it's also difficult to think of this same 'luxury' tax applying to an important business call to a distant city that requests a new part for a broken industrial machine."

"AS A CITIZEN we can all take pride in the fact that Southern California congressmen recognized the unfairness of an excise tax on telephone calls." He said generally they are "in full support" of repealing the "unjust tax treatment" given the telephone using public.

Nine of these congressmen introduced bills during the current session of the House of Representatives calling for outright appeal of all telephone

excise tax. They include: H. A. Smith (R), G. L. McDonough (R), C. M. Teague (R), E. W. Hiestand (R), R. C. Wilson (R), J. B. Utt (R), J. Holt (R), C. Doyle (D), and D. S. Saund (D).

THE MANAGER also said the excise tax legislation recently passed by Congress, and the important area still untouched—repeal of excise tax on long distance telephone service—will continue to get the future attention of Pacific Telephone. This will be so, he pointed out, until the day arrives when the telephone may be used for both local and long distance calls without the user paying a penalty to the government.

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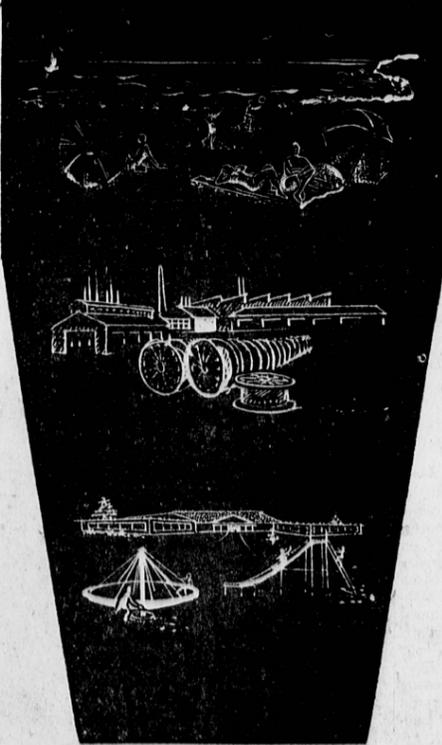
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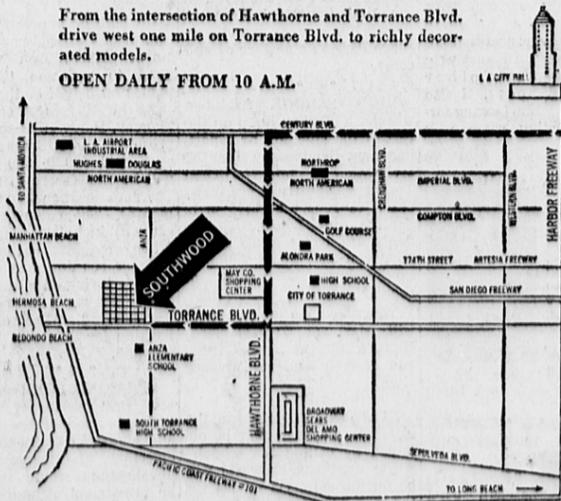
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