

## Senator McGee To Air U.S. Problems Here

A "Freshman" United States Senator, Gale W. McGee, who entered politics upper realm in the last November election when he stumped old-time Republicans in Wyoming by



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soundly trouncing their favorite Frank A. Barrett, will be the guest speaker to address the Executives' Dinner Club of the Torrance Area at its meeting Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Plush Horse.

President, Dr. J. H. Hull, announced that City Councilman Robert B. Jahn will be chairman of the evening and will introduce the distinguished Senator from Wyoming.

Fellow senators have already recognized the "baby senator" from the Cowboy State as one of their most accomplished speakers. It probably came as a surprise to folks who weren't aware of the fact that Senator McGee has been a radio com-

mentator and lecturer for some eleven years, and had made addresses in most of the United States.

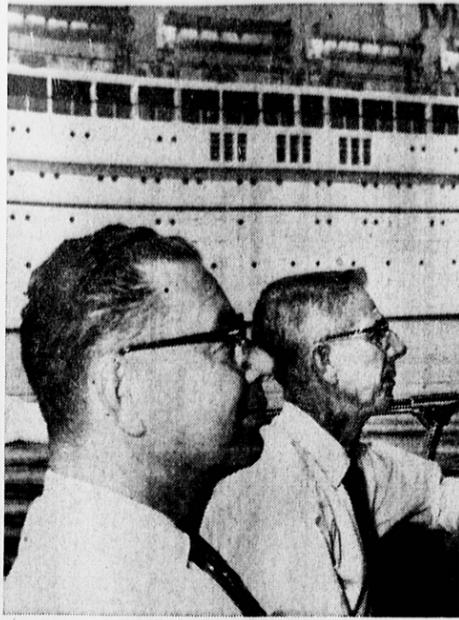
SENATOR MCGEE was a professor of history and the holder of a number of educational degrees, earned and honorary, before he decided to make the race for the Senate. In between semesters at the University of Wyoming, he had taken several trips to Russia, and had specialized in foreign relations.

In his talk here, Senator McGee will discuss Uncle Sam's current problems, and it would not be surprising if he talked about them from an international as well as national stand-

point. The senator in previous years has been a participant in the Brookings Institute of Foreign Policy Seminar, and he has led many discussions in the Round Table of the Air at the University of Wyoming.

He has an infectious sense of humor and is noted for disseminating factual and instructive information in an interesting and captivating manner.

Marines Pvt. Carlos A. Lopez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio C. Lopez of 1228 W. 256th St., and Pvt. Thomas M. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Foster of 1409 W. 254th St., both of Harbor City, are scheduled to finish four weeks of individual combat training Oct. 30 at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton.



ON HARBOR TOUR . . . Chamber President J. H. Paget and Councilman J. A. Beasley are shown here during a tour of the Los Angeles Harbor Wednesday by city and Chamber of Commerce officials. The tour was passing the Lurline as this photo was made.

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## Work Already Under Way to Set Stage for 1960 Budget Sessions

By RICHARD RICHARDS  
State Senator

With the 1960 Budget Session of the legislature still more than five months off, work is already under way on the annual state budget for the 1960-61 fiscal year.

During these early stages in the preparation of the budget, representatives of the various agencies of our state government meet with budget analysts from the State Department of Finance and present their estimates of the appropriations that will be needed to meet their expenditures for the coming year.

THESE HEARINGS, which have now begun, will be continued until the early part of November, when the governor will meet with the director of finance to make the final decisions on the amounts to be appropriated for departmental expenditure.

It is probable that many of the original requests will be pruned down by the gov-

ernor before they are submitted to the legislature in the form of the annual budget bill.

THEREAFTER the bill will be re-examined, item by item, by the finance committee of the Senate and the ways and means committee of the assembly.

It is safe to predict that still further changes will be made by each committee before the budget bill is finally presented to the full legislature at the beginning of next March.

Expenditures in many categories will not be subject to discussion either by the governor or by the legislature, since around half of all state expenditures are fixed either by the state constitution or by statutory provision.

ACTUALLY, the combination of fixed general fund expenditures and special funds means that 87 per cent of the state's total expenditures is withdrawn from the annual review by the legislature through the regular budget process. This situation is frequently troublesome to legislators, many of whom feel that the present inflexibility commits the appropriation of the major portion of state funds without regard to paramount need.

The feeling is that it prevents the legislature from exercising its function of controlling the expenditure of the taxpayers' money in a manner calculated to serve the best interests of the state and its people.

UNDER A MORE flexible process of appropriation, both the executive and legislative branches of our state government would be able to evaluate the relative importance of the problems facing the state and allocate funds to meet these problems in accordance with their considered judgment.

A committee of the Senate is now examining the entire state tax structure in its relation to spending trends on the state level. My own committee on local government is shaping up a study of particular areas of local taxation where it is hoped that some savings and economies can be made, and I will have more to report on this subject as our study progresses.

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## Toastmasters Install New Officer List

Three Torrance men and a Lomitan were among the new officers of South Bay Toastmasters Club No. 280 who were installed recently at ladies night ceremonies at the Redondo Beach Elks Club.

Tom Rische was installed as educational vice president; George Shipway as administrative vice president; W. Howard Smith as secretary; and Loren Jolley, Lomita, as sergeant-at-arms. Robert Norland, El Segundo, is president, while Robert Dreizler, Redondo Beach, is treasurer.

Douglas Johnson, Toastmasters district lieutenant governor, Torrance, was installing officer.

During the evening a "beatnik" "Spud" Monahan, Manhattan, was picked as the club's entry in the area humorous speech contest. Clad in turtle neck sweater, beret, and dark glasses, he strummed a guitar and read poetry to show the delights of being "beat."

South Bay Toastmasters meets on Wednesday nights at 6:45 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Elks Club. It is composed of men who meet to improve their public speaking.

Further information can be obtained from Shipway at FR 8-1739.

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