

# War Hero Zamperini to Speak Here on Wednesday

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# SHOWDOWN DUE IN COURT FIGHT

## Judges to Sit As Board to Review Facts

Representatives of Torrance and other cities with a total population exceeding 300,000 persons will go before a panel of three Superior Court judges Wednesday evening in Los Angeles in an effort to obtain approval of the Torrance civic center as the permanent site for the Southwest District Superior Court facilities.

Joining Torrance officials in the campaign which will be climaxed in the Wednesday night hearing have been the city councils, business groups, civic organizations, and attorneys of nearly all of the surrounding Torrance, South Bay, and Peninsula areas.

THE BID to secure the permanent facilities already has two strikes against it, officials admit:

- The County Regional planning Commission, over the strenuous objections of Commissioner Louis Kanaster of San Pedro, voted 3-2 to accept a staff recommendation that Lomita, the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and adjacent areas be excluded from the Southwest district.

- Temporary facilities of the court have been located in Inglewood, and a strong fight is being waged by Inglewood interests to keep the court in that city, despite the contention that city does not have the space to accommodate such a facility.

WEDNESDAY night's meeting will be held in Room 215 of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, 111 North Hill St. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. instead of the originally scheduled 8 p.m. The time was mov-

ed up because of the large number of officials who have indicated that they want to testify on the matter, according to Judge Lloyd S. Nix, chairman of the Superior Court committee which is studying location.

Torrance has based its claim for the facilities on the basis that it will be nearer the center of population in years to come; that it can offer adequate land for the buildings plus unlimited free parking space; and that a Torrance location would more adequately serve a larger proportion of the residents of the area than Inglewood.

AT ITS meeting Tuesday, the County Regional Planning commission discussed a number of proposals which a staff member said were offered by Torrance—but which City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier denied—which would include adding more territory onto the north to shift the population nearer Inglewood; adding and subtracting on the eastern boundaries of the district, and inclusion of the Peninsula and Lomita areas.

"It's an old trick," Remelmeier said after the session. "You set up straw men, then knock them down, leaving"

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NEW LIBRARY . . . Released this week is this artist's conception of the new West Torrance Library to be constructed on Emerald St. between Victor and Anza Ave. The 4000-square foot library will cost about \$50,000 to build plus cost of furnishings, and is being scheduled for occupancy

late in September. A similar library is being planned for Waltheria next year, and enlargement of the North Torrance Library is now being planned. Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright of Long Beach designed this building.

### A Penny for your Thoughts

This interesting question was asked five people who came to the following conclusions.

"If you were making an investment, what would you put your money in?"

Frank Dussel, 5314 Palos Verdes Blvd., office sub clerk:

"I would think about buying land in Kern or Orange County. I also would be interested in investing in a mutual fund where experts in industry and business invest it for you. That seems very sound to me."

Edna Cooper, 22645 Gaycrest Ave., dental assistant:

"I think that real estate is the best in this growing area right now. Also the expansion of desert property is wonderful. I checked around in the Lucerne Valley which appeals to me very much."

John Marsh, 23701 S. Western, hardware salesman:

"I would invest in a hardware business. This is a good field if you know your business. That is about the only thing I can think of I'd want to put money into."

Tiny Logan, 209 Via Alameda, Hollywood Riviera, cosmetician:

"Well, I'd like to invest in furniture, remodel my house and buy new appliances, so I won't get tired of it. When you work all day long you get tired of going home to the same old things all the time."

L. M. Clark, 1436 Locust Ave., Long Beach, barber:

"If I had money to invest, I would be very tempted to buy a boat. I fish every chance I get and if I had my own boat I could really take off in my spare time. A lot of my friends have one and say nothing but good about them."

### Phi Beta Kappa Elects Local Man

Robert William Raylor, 109 E. 216th St., will be among 41 students admitted to Phi Beta Kappa, oldest national honorary scholarship fraternity, at the University of Southern California on May 11.



### Dick Pyle Notes 25th Year on Job

Dick Pyle, Pacific Telephone manager in the Torrance exchange, is celebrating his 25th year of service with the Bell System.

Pyle, who lives at 736 Bynner Drive, San Pedro, has been manager of the Torrance exchange since 1953. He began his employment with the company in Pasadena.

ROTARY SPEAKER . . . Robert B. Diemer, general manager and chief engineer for the Metropolitan Water District, will speak to members of the Torrance Rotary Club Line. He will be introduced by Fred W. Mill, program chairman for the club. at the Palms Wednesday noon and show the color film, "Colorado River Life

### Military Units to Be Shown

Employees of local industry handling past or present defense contracts will have a chance to see their completed work on display at the conclusion of the annual Armed Forces Day parade, May 20.

A 30-acre site directly north of the Torrance Civic Center has been set aside as a military exhibition area where mobile units of the parade will be stationed for public inspection after the event.

According to Lt. Col. Robert Lewellen, chairman of the committee in charge of the static and returned units that will be exhibited at the site, spectators who witness the exhibits in action during the parade can get a close view of the carriers, tanks, mechanized weapons, and other components immediately following termination of the line of march.

Missiles, rockets, ground-based weaponry, system delineations, tracking and locating devices, as well as various electronic and mechanical exhibits classed as "static" or "immobile" will also be set up in the area for public viewing after the parade. Many of the exhibits will be attended by technicians of the armed forces who will act as guides. The parade starts at 11 a.m.



DICK PYLE On Job 25 Years

Before assuming his present assignment he held various supervisory and management positions in the Southern California area.

Pyle, a resident of San Pedro for the past 21 years, served as director of the Torrance Kiwanis Club and was president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in 1960. He has been a director of the Torrance chamber since 1953.

He is a member of AFE Irwin Masonic Lodge, San Pedro, and a member of the Torrance Elks. Pyle and his wife Lorraine have two children — Nancy, and Richard R., a student at Long Beach State College.

### Baseball Parade Scheduled May 6

Youth Baseball will usher in its 1961 season here on May 6 with a parade in which it is expected that 4000 boys will participate, it was announced yesterday by W. C. Virgil, secretary of the Torrance Youth Baseball Council. The parade will form on Maricopa between Maple and Crenshaw, parade on Crenshaw to Torrance Blvd., to Madrono, and dispersal area north of City Hall

### Zamperini to Speak Here On War Trials Wednesday

Torrance's most publicized war hero, Louis Zamperini, will speak on his experiences

at the First Methodist Church at El Prado and Manuel Wednesday evening at 7:30. He also will speak on his postwar work toward the establishment of boys' camps in Southern California.

Zamperini, who attended Torrance High School and the University of Southern California, was an outstanding track athlete before the war, holding the high school mile record for many years, and participating in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.

During World War II, Captain Zamperini crashed at sea and spent 47 days on a small life raft — the longest on record. He was picked up by the Japanese and spent two and one-half years in a Prisoner of War Camp in Japan.

After the war, he returned to Japan with the avowed aim of teaching Christianity to his wartime captors.

Since that time, he has written a book, "Devil At My Heels," which was published by Dutton of New York; and was featured on the popular "This Is Your Life," television show.

Wednesday's meeting is open to the public.

### Coleman Gets New Sled Job

Coleman Engineering Co., Inc. has been awarded a \$328,228 contract by the Air Force Missile Development Center to build a Coleman-designed liquid rocket engine sled for the Holloman Air Force Base Test Track, President T. C. Coleman announced.

Delivery is scheduled for September. Three similar rocket sleds, designed and built by Coleman are currently in operation at Air Force test tracks. These power plants are capable of propelling a test vehicle at speeds of Mach 2, developing a maximum of 125,000 lbs of thrust.

The sled will be built at Coleman Torrance facilities.

### 'Y' TO STAGE CAR STUFFING

Spring is in the air at the Torrance YMCA. The college-age Y club, the Phalanx Club, has invited all drivers of sports cars to bring their compact vehicles to the "Y" on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Purpose of the invitation is to have an impromptu sports car show in the main hall of the YMCA building at 2080 Washington Ave., and to challenge the YMCA's of the world to a contest for spring. According to the college students, over 60 small cars can be carefully fitted into the large hall of the YMCA. They hope to set a new "telephone booth" type record by achieving this automotive feat on April 29.

Special ramps have been prepared so that the cars can be wheeled into the building, and some owners of tiny vehicles have agreed to have their cars perched on end or up on the Y billiard table.

Along with the careful packing job, the "Y" will be open for all to view the assembled sports cars that day. LIFE magazine has been invited to cover the event after all nooks and crannies of the youth building has been filled.

All sports cars and drivers are invited to arrive at 10 a.m. and the sports car show will begin at 11:30 when most autos have been rolled into an appropriate spot. Admission is free to all citizens.



LOUIS ZAMPERINI



LITTLE AMBASSADORS . . . William Rickett III and Lynn Ann Cummins called on Adult Education Principal Raymond E. Collins at Torrance high school last week and presented him with a bouquet of daisies in honor of Public Education Week, Monday through Friday. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rickett II, 1622 Madrid Ave.; and Lynn Ann the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cummins, 3119 W. 180th St. Both attend Torrance Cooperative Nursery School. (Herald Photo)