



John J. Manseau, freight sales representative, American President Lines, Ltd., will address the Walteria Kiwanis Club during luncheon May 11 at the Jump 'N' Jack Restaurant.

A member of the 1961 World Trade Week Speakers Committee, he will discuss the prime importance of international commerce to Southern California's economic growth. Imports and exports exchanged through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach during 1960 amounted to an unprecedented figure of more than \$1 billion, \$235 million.

In keeping with this year's slogan, "Jobs Are Made By World Trade," the speaker will point up the important role two-way world trade plays in providing jobs for four-and-a-half million Americans, including 160,500 men and women in the Los Angeles Metropolitan area.

World Trade Week, May 21-27, is sponsored annually by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the two ports, which serve as the gateways to the Southern California market.

Now in its 35th year in Los Angeles — where the observance originated — World Trade Week has grown into nationwide importance which elicits an annual proclamation from the President of the United States.

**Street Work**

The Board of Supervisors has authorized \$4200 for construction work on Edgar St. and 220th Street in the Carson area, Supervisor Burton W. Chace's office announced yesterday.

To be scheduled by the Los Angeles County Road Department, the project will consist of reconstructing Edgar St. northerly of 220th St., widening the northerly side of 220th St. westerly of Edgar St. and reconstructing the northerly portion of 220th St., easterly of Edgar St.

**Desert Trip**

Mr. and Mrs. William Hardesty, Gayle and Claudia, spent the weekend at Joshua Tree on the desert. The family initiated their new camper.

**National Hospital Week Used To Tell Growth in Facilities**

Three Torrance hospitals and one in Redondo Beach will join forces during "National Hospital Week," May 7 through May 13, to draw public attention to the rapid growth which has taken place in hospital facilities here during recent years.

The four hospitals, Torrance Memorial, Riviera Community, Little Company of Mary in Torrance, and the South Bay in Redondo Beach.

To celebrate the event, the four hospitals have planned open house during the week with Torrance Memorial, Riviera, and the South Bay hospital opening their doors to the public from 2 to 5 p. m. next Thursday, May 11.

LITTLE Company of Mary Hospital will open from 2 to 5 p. m. all next week. At each of the hospitals, volunteers and nursing staffs will serve as hostesses.

Behind the names of the hospitals are statistics which tell the growth story in the community with striking clarity.

Typical months in South Bay hospital life might be January, 1955 and January, 1961. The bracket is six years, a period in which the greater South Bay population rose from approximately 172,000 to about 218,000.

ists and 59 were general practice.

Today, the total hospital staff roster is 946, which points up the fact that most doctors are members of more than one hospital in the community.

The professional staff growth shows a trend in the area of greater medical specialization. Where less than half of the staff at Torrance Memorial were specialists in 1955, today the combined figure of 946 has 666 memberships in the specialist category with 280 in the general practice category.

LABORATORY tests administered to patients in January 1955, were 1380. Tests given during the same period six years later were 13,766.

Total hospital investment in 1955 was \$211,285. Today it is more than \$9,000,000 among the four hospitals. Employees at Torrance Memorial in January six years ago were 155. Today, the total number of employees among the hospitals is 846.

THE LIST of hospital services in January, 1955, were blood bank, clinical and patho-

**Children in School After Suit Threat**

The threat of legal action apparently has resulted in enrollment of four children in school, according to a report received by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday.

After hearing a report on two separate sets of parents who refused to send their children to school, the Board on April 4 authorized filing of court action, required under state law, against the parents. The parents were notified that legal action was pending if the children were not enrolled. All four children now attend school, the board was told.

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BUT THE hospital facility figures skyrocketed with the arrival of three new hospitals and additions to the existing hospital.

In January, 1955, the one hospital had a total of 529 patients, an average number of patients each day during the month of 51. In 1961, the total was 2124 patients for all hospitals, and a combined average daily census of 266. Total number of available beds in January this year was 473, compared to 63 the same date six years ago.

TORRANCE Memorial Hospital in January of 1955 had 138 births. The combined January of 1961 figure for all four hospitals was 332.

In 1955, there were two operating rooms available, and six years later there were 19. Surgeries showed a sharp increase from 204 in January six years ago, and 888 in January this year.

In the one emergency facility available in 1955, there were 41 emergency treatments. This January with each of the hospitals having an emergency center, there were 770 treatments.

COMBINED hospital staffs are another indication of growth and medical capability in the community.

In January, 1955, there were 100 doctors on the Torrance Memorial staff; 41 were spec-

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