

Labor Leaders Honored By Torrance Officials

The city of Torrance honored Southern California labor leaders recently by taking them on a tour of the civic center followed by a luncheon at a local restaurant.

Labor leaders attending were: Cecil O. Johnson, Exec. Secty. San Pedro-Wilmington Central Labor Council; W. J. Bassett, executive sec'y, Los Angeles County Central Labor Council; Blackie Lunceford, exec. sec'y, Greater Los Angeles CIO Council;

Thelma Thomas, director, AFL Political League, L. A. County J. J. Christian, exec. sec'y, L. A. County Bldg. & Const. Trades Council; John Cinquanti, Harbor Area Repr., L. A. County Bldg. & Const. Trades Council; Thomas Randall, A. F. L.-C.I.O. organizer; O. T. Satre, exec. sec'y, LA District Council of Painters; Earl Thomas, exec. sec'y, LA County District Council of Carpenters; Dale Keys, Bus. Repr., carpen-

ters Union, Local No. 1478; James Overstreet, Bus. Repr., Carpenters Union, Local 1478; Gordon McCulloch, Bus. Repr., Carpenter Union No. 1140; Bruce Adam, bus. repr., Carpet & Linoleum Layers No. 1247; Glenn Barnes, bus. repr., Pile Drivers Union No. 2375; Jack Greenstreet, bus. repr., Operating Engineers No. 12; E. W. Egbert, bus. repr., Operating Engineers No. 12; Mary J. Olson, secretary, Waitresses Union No. 512; Kitty Howard, secretary, Culinary Alliance No. 754; Bert Simmons, bus. repr., Butchers Union No. 551; Claude Ripley, president, Teamsters Union Local 1407; George O'Brien, bus. mgr., Electrical Workers No. 11; Homer Sullivan, bus. repr., Lumber & Sawmill Workers No. 1407; C. A. Rowekamp, bus. repr., Plumbers Union No. 78; Paul J. Axelson, bus. repr., Plasterers & Cement Masons No. 838; Ben Scot, ex. sec., Re-

tail Clerks No. 905.

Also present were Mayor Albert Isen, Councilman Victor Benstead, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, City Manager George Stevens, Ass't City Manager Don Mansfield, Chamber President John A. Ebbinghouse and Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald, and other city officials.

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The projects are the Southern California Gas Co.'s \$15 million storage field at Playa del Rey and the Pacific Lighting Gas Supply Co.'s \$10.3 million Montebello field.

These two natural gas storage facilities will form important links in the integrated transmission and storage system which serves customers of both Southern California and South-Central Counties Gas Companies.

These fields—like some 200 others throughout the nation—are depleted oil fields into which vast quantities of natural gas

are pumped during "off peak" periods. The reservoirs then provide a nearby source of natural gas to meet seasonal, as well as hourly, peak demands by customers.

Locally the method has been so successful that the acquisition of additional fields is planned as they become available. These will be tied into the network of four underground gas storage reservoirs now serving the area through the integrated Southern California system.

The Montebello project is the newest of the four Southern California projects, the second largest in California and one of the five largest in the world. Construction at this field, including installation of six 1350 horsepower compressors, began in January of this year (1956).

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