

NATIONAL SUPPLY STRIKE DUE TO END HERE SATURDAY

National Supply employes may be going back to work again Monday following a seven-week strike, officials of both the company and the union announced yesterday.

Strike negotiations between the company and the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers, International Union-CIO came to an optimistic end at 5 o'clock yesterday morning after two days of intensive bargaining.

Results of the negotiations must now be submitted to union members for a vote. Two meetings have been scheduled for this Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. to be held at the Oil Workers hall, 2100 Willow st., Long Beach.

So stated Al Chandler, representative of Local No. 1-128.

Chandler indicated that settlement was reached on all four points which caused the strike and that the exact nature of the settle-

ment will be announced at Saturday's meeting.

He said that mutual compromise was involved and that the company and union each compromised on a couple of points.

Federal Mediation

Fred Ferguson, of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation service, conducted the negotiations. Monday's meeting lasted from 10:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. while Tuesday's started at 1:30 in

the afternoon and lasted through 5 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Ten union representatives and eight company officials attended.

The four strike issues included: pay increase retroactive to November 1, 1956; time-and-one-half and double time as such for Saturday and Sunday, respectively; unlimited time at company expense for unit chairman; and a 2.1 cents per hour wage difference.



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VICTORY AT SEA

Helping to keep the YMCA afloat as the annual fund raising drive starts are these individuals who met last week to hear the YMCA story and campaign actively on the Y's behalf. Some of those attending joined the YMCA Century club (\$100 donation), with \$1075 being collected.—Press Photo

Industries Tax Committee Opposes Tax-Paid Hospital

Representatives of major Torrance area industries were warned today by Robert I. Plomert Jr., tax manager for General Petroleum corp., that they must show tangible evidence of financial support for the Little Company of Mary hospital in Torrance if they wish to avoid a tax-supported hospital.

Speaking before a meeting of the industry committee of the Little Company of Mary hospital campaign, Plomert stressed the importance of unified action by industry to defeat the proposed hospital district in Torrance.

He urged industrialists to attend a hearing January 16 at the Hall of Records when the Los Angeles County Boundary Commission will consider recommendations for boundaries

of the proposed district. "It is imperative that we let the Boundary Commission and the Board of Supervisors know that industry will assure adequate financial support of the voluntary hospital," he said. "We not only must make every effort the proposed hospital district, but we then must prevent a recurring movement for a district by assuming our fair share of the financing of the

Little Company of Mary Hospital."

The new 125-bed Catholic institution would be located on Torrance blvd. near the intersection of Hawthorn blvd., and is seeking \$776,000 from industry, local business, professional firms and individuals and the public.

The federal and state governments have allocated a total of \$1,552,000 for the project, local doctors have pledged \$150,000, and the Little Company of Mary has given \$135,000 toward

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LET'S SAVE A LIFE... BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Police and lifeguards spent over an hour recently checking the murky waters of the Dominguez channel at 174th st. and Western for signs of a child thought to have been seen struggling in the channel. The report appeared unfounded. The unfenced channel is a constant temptation to youngsters living in the vicinity. The waters become deep and swift during the rainy season. It will only be a matter of time before the winding channel claims its first victim—unless action is taken to protect the lives of children. The responsibility for preventive action lies with the Torrance City Council and the County Flood Control district.—Press Photo.

New Plant To Locate In Torrance

Construction of another plant along Lomita blvd. east of Hawthorne ave. is due to start next month, the City Council was informed this week.

Coleman Engineering co. plans to put its new facility into operation here, according to a letter from T. C. Coleman, president.

About 300 individuals will be employed at the plant which will be used for electronics research and development.

Coleman asked the city to widen the two-lane section of Lomita blvd. between Hawthorne and Crenshaw because of the anticipated traffic.

The council took steps to comply with the request.

TIME IS RELATIVE

Time was when Raul Joseph Martinez, 29, of Los Angeles had a suitcase containing 59 wristwatches.

Times changed when he was clocked in Torrance for speeding. Officer Charles Oates stopped the car and found the suitcase.

Time and time again, Martinez told Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton that he obtained the watches from a man whom he met in a Hollywood bar last month.

Martinez, who was booked on suspicion of burglary and turned over to Los Angeles authorities, may end up doing some time.

EDITORIAL

Hospital District Threatens Private Hospitals

One of the great needs of any community is adequate hospital facilities.

A move is presently under way which will hinder rather than help the development of such facilities.

Attempts are being made to set up a Torrance hospital district for the purpose of constructing a tax-supported hospital.

The Torrance Industries Tax committee has gone on record opposing such a district which action we wholeheartedly support. We urge residents not to sign petitions calling for such a district.

Reasons for this are several. A number of moves are presently under way for the construction or expansion of local hospitals. Harbor General hospital is scheduled for a major overhauling.

Torrance Memorial hospital is being expanded. A drive is under way to construct the Little Company of Mary hospital.

The Riviera hospital is under construction. We believe that every effort should be made to support these private and, in one case, public ventures.

Only when private enterprise fails to provide for public need should government step in.

In the present case, private enterprise shows itself willing and capable of meeting local needs. Industry, which will bear the major cost of these ventures, is also anxious to lend its support.

The attempt to set up a hospital district would actually serve to discourage present private hospital plans and cause much bickering and delay.

Let's give private enterprise a chance and go full speed ahead instead of working at cross-purposes.

Council Acts To Annex Lomita, RH

Torrance's City Council Tuesday night initiated steps for the annexation of Lomita and the Narbonne section of Rolling Hills.

The action followed a recommendation made by the Planning Commission.

The first of these steps receiving approval is the circulation of petitions for annexation of the two areas.

Mrs. Dessie Myers, representing the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters' assn., registered protest.

"I feel Torrance should leave us alone now," she declared.

Councilman Willys Blount voted against annexation.

Lomita is presently faced with three possibilities: 1) remaining the way it is (part of the county); 2) incorporating or 3) annexing to Torrance.

SPECIAL FEATURE

For the first in a series of articles dealing with the Torrance Police department, read "C Stands for Crime, Cops and Courage" by Ralph R. Gompertz on Page 9.



REID PARKIN

Parkin Will Again Head Tax Group

Reid Parkin, chairman of the Torrance Industries Tax committee, has been reelected to the post. Parkin has been secretary-treasurer and on the board of directors of Doak Aircraft since the firm was established in 1940.

He was president of the Chamber of Commerce (1945-48) and served on the board for 10 years. He is a member of Rotary, Tax Executives Institute, National Association of Cost accountants, and Jonathan club.

He attended the University of Utah and graduated from USC. The Parkins, who live in View Park, have two sons and a daughter.

HORSLEY CASE UP TO JURY

The Horsley murder trial was expected to go to the jury today.

Harold Rhoden, defense attorney for Fred Elijah Horsley, 35, accused of slaying his wife, Maudie, 34, was concluding his arguments yesterday.

Joe Busch, deputy district attorney, was also expected to present arguments for the prosecution.

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By Golly, She Sold Her Holly

"I wish I had had five more stoves to sell," Mrs. Robert Wilson of 1788 Calamar exclaimed, following her terrific results advertising in the Torrance Press.

Mrs. Wilson placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

WESTERN HOLLY gas range. Very good condition. \$35. 1788 Calamar. FA 8-0318

"I sold the stove to the first woman who called," she said, delighted. "I'm so happy about the way things turned out."

It's so easy and inexpensive to advertise in the Torrance Press. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30. If you pay at the time you place your ad, you'll receive a 30 cents discount. Call FA 8-2345 for fast results.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

RUBBISH DUMP: Following a hearing under oath, concerning a rubbish dump operated by Leroy Forsythe at 174th st. and Western, the council adjourned the issue for 30 days. Charges of illegal burning were brought by trailer court residents. Forsythe denied these charges. The next meeting is February 12, 8 p.m.

AIRPORT: Approval was given to Councilman Bob Jahn's recommendations which include installation of a control tower and personnel; runway lights and beacon; touch-and-go strip; alleviation of traffic on the taxi-

way. Councilman Willys Blount voted "no" for "one reason only"—he didn't think this was the time to put in lights. A resident, of the area, J. B. Mosley, opposed the lights because additional air-traffic would be a disturbance to local residents. He also asked the city to take immediate steps to buy out residents whose lands will be used for expansion.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS: Approval was granted for four corner traffic signals at Torrance blvd., 190th st., and 182nd st. on Crenshaw. Councilman (Turn to Page 12)

Know Your Gold Seal Merchants

Gold Seal Merchants who are outstanding leaders in their particular fields have been selected for their integrity and honesty and are especially pledged to uphold the highest code of business ethics.

Displayed in their window will be a Gold Seal which is the symbol of satisfaction when shopping.



M & W ELECTRIC MOTORS AND TOOLS, 1730 W. Carson st., under the able management of A. D. WIWEKE, specializes in motor and tool repairing, motor rewinding, and the sale of electrical motors and power tools. Wiweke, who moved to Torrance nine years ago from Glendale, established his motor and tool business at that time. He is also a member of the Exchange Club. He and his wife Grace and their three daughters, Judy, Patty and Pam, live at 505 Via la Selva, Hollywood Riviera.



CARL YEAMAN, who owns and operates the YEAMAN AUTO TOP AND SEAT COVER SHOP, 2518 Torrance blvd., specializes in a high grade, quality line of auto upholstery. The fact that he has been in the auto upholstery business for 49 years bears witness to his success and fine reputation. He and his wife, Antoinette, have lived in Torrance for 7 years and he bought his present shop 4 1/2 years ago. A native of Missouri, he moved to Los Angeles in 1916. The Yeamans live at 1525 W. 219th st. and have two married daughters.

LOMITA CIVIC LEAGUE ASKS STATE INQUIRY

At a meeting of the Lomita Civic League attended by 110 Lomita residents, unanimous approval was given a resolution calling for an investigation by the California State Assembly of present incorporation and annexation proceedings in Lomita.

The resolution, addressed to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, declared that "during recent years, interested promoters have made many attempts to incorporate against the will of the majority of residents and prop-

erty owners." "For the third time an attempt to incorporate Lomita was started last July and is still in progress," the resolution continues. "In this latest move, promoters have filed no less than four successive notices of intention to circulate a petition for incorporation, each carrying a protection period of 50 days, but have not as yet circulated such petition."

The matter has been complicated and confused by Torrance's proposal "to annex the

whole of Lomita, under circumstances that could give rise to a belief that there has been collusion between them (Torrance officials) and incorporation promoters to frighten Lomita people into incorporation by threats of annexation to Torrance."

The resolution urges a State investigation and, if possible, "the suspension of all proceedings pertaining to both incorporation and annexation until such investigation and report" have been made.