

Board Okays Use of Controversial Text

State to Discontinue Use of Book at End Of This School Year

Three new members of the Torrance board of education, elected to office recently on their promise to bring a much needed economy into school district spending, have shown a remarkable facility in other areas as well.

At Monday night's board session they refused to be panicked by attacks on textbooks used by the district, alleged to be ultra-liberal in viewpoint, and recommended that they be used in the classroom until the State discontinues the text next July 1.

The three new members of the board, only ones present Monday night, reviewed sections of the book which had not been quoted by its opponents.

"We read all of the book," one board member said after the meeting.

"That's probably more than some of its opponents did."

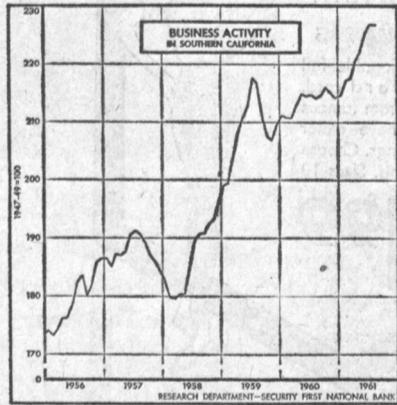
Refusal of the board to be stampeded into an orgy of book censorship and to leave such decisions to the professionals at the state education board shows a level-headedness that is reassuring.

Board also pointed out that this particular text was published in 1946 when world tensions had not reached the extreme tensions of today and tended toward factual, rather than argumentative or emotional, descriptions of the way of life in the totalitarian states.

In a report submitted by the school's administrative staff to the board, which quotes Sterling M. McMurrin, U.S. Commissioner of Education, appears the following statement.

"A new wave of suspicion and distrust of persons in academic life, reminiscent of the early 1950's, threatens the quality of American education.

"This tendency is damaging to intellectual freedom and to the intellectual quality of our education."



SoCal Business Activity Levels Noted by Banker

After seven consecutive months of record-breaking performances and despite new highs in employment for the month, Southern California's business activity leveled off in August, James J. Weigel, manager of Security First National Bank's Torrance branch, reported today.

Security's business index for the month stood at 226.9 (preliminary). This equaled July's figure and was 6% above last year's like period.

Employment in the Los Angeles Metropolitan area and San Diego County set new highs in August, Weigel said.

In some areas seasonal gains in employment were balanced by moderate seasonal losses in other sections. This resulted in an overall employment gain generally in line with seasonal expectations, he pointed out.

According to Weigel, the leveling off in business indicates that a consolidation of recent gains is occurring, rather than an actual change in the upward trend.

Six of the index's 14 components advanced during August, with Los Angeles City and residential city bank deposits and industrial power sales achieving record levels.

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ment and man-hours worked in manufacturing, recorded gains over July, but the increases were less than usual occur during August, Weigel said.

Department store sales in the Southland, which hit an all-time high in July (seasonally adjusted), declined sharply. The drop is partially explained by the fact that certain traditional sales dates were shifted back from August to July, with the result that normal seasonal adjustment and comparison to year-ago sales were thrown off balance.

In addition, consumer buying has continued to be tem-

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Freedom Fighter Szabo In South Bay Appearance

On Wednesday, Sept. 27 the Coast Cities Freedom Program will present former Hungarian freedom fighter Steve Szabo in a free anti-Communist information program at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in Culver City.

This is the second in a series of free local programs, sponsored by leading civic, service and fraternal organizations from the 27 coast cities. The first program filled the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, and an additional 1500 people were turned away.

Szabo, who spent almost seven years in a Communist prison in Hungary, will tell of the brutal tactics employed by the Communists to gain a hold on the lives of the free people of his country.

Augmenting his appearance will be two films, "Communist Encirclement," and "Hungary Aflame." The first reveals the violent spread of Communism from Bolshevik revolution of the present. The second is a documentary of the Hungarian revolt of 1956, using actual film sequences.

Mayor "Duke" Watson of Culver City will open the program with the Culver City Elks No. 1917 drill team at 8 p.m. The doors will open and music will start at 7 p.m.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, residential construction was down from the relatively high levels of the past three months. Of the 14 southern counties, indications are that Kings, Tulare and Ventura counties will experience a record homebuilding year in 1961.

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Shares in Torrance Plant Listed by N. Y. Exchange

A new symbol, HAR, appeared today for the first time on the New York stock exchange tape when trading began in the "A" common stock of Harvey Aluminum of Torrance. Harvey is one of the nation's six producers of primary aluminum.

Outgrowth of a business started in 1914, Harvey became a publicly held corporation in June, 1960, when 750,000 of "A" common shares were sold.

In July of this year an additional 1,000,000 shares of "A" common stock were sold to the public, the proceeds used by the company for expansion and working capital.

Lawrence A. Harvey, board chairman, said that the company is developing its own bauxite mining reserves in various countries and planning an aluminum plant to process ore to supply its reduction facilities. The company is modernizing a major wrought aluminum production facility at Adrian, Michigan. The company also intends to add its fabricating facilities in order to produce a broadened range of rolled

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Ten Percent Hike Noted On County Relief Rolls

The summer seasonal relief caseloads came to a downward trend in California months earlier than normal, according to a report by J. M. Wedemeyer, State Director of Social Welfare.

Despite the continuing rise of employment and some small decline in unemployment, State Department of Social Welfare figures showed a nearly 10 percent rise in county general relief cases last month as compared to July, and a slight increase

in the Aid to Needy Children caseload.

"This could indicate that our winter seasonal rise in general relief and Aid to Needy Children (ANC) rolls is starting two months ahead of the mid-autumn normal," Wedemeyer said.

"We may be in for another tough winter with respect to welfare needs."

The August upswing in county relief cases — 6,300 more than July — ends a four-month declining trend.

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