

# State Crews Start Work on Hawthorne

## Cooperation of Press and City Brings Moveup in Priority

Regular commuters who travel daily along Hawthorne Blvd. this week welcomed the sight of state highway crews hard at work on the roadway.

Hawthorne, for years, has had the reputation of being one of the bloodiest streets in the Torrance area. In a series of editorials in the Torrance Press it was pointed out that, at the corners of Del Amo, Torrance, Sepulveda and Lomita Blvds. alone, more than 50 accidents were recorded in one 30-day period. These accidents ranged from minor "fender-bangers" to major smashups.

The high toll in injuries and property damage was appalling.

Although Hawthorne Blvd. is a state highway and, in theory, the City of Torrance has nothing to say concerning its operation and maintenance, each member of the city family expressed indignation at this costly and painful levy.

Councilmen and city engineers approached state officials seeking to obtain moved up dates for beginning the improvement project and signal modernization program.

### BULLY, CAJOL

One councilman, in particular, who represents the city on the Intercity Highway Commission, threatened, bullied, cajoled and fed reams of accident statistics to state engineers until they finally agreed to a moveup in the project date.

Every motorist who formerly sought the safety of side roads rather than face the real dangers of Hawthorne traffic owes a vote of thanks to traffic and safety officials, city engineers and councilmen.

True, the dirt trucks still speed along the street on their way to the freeway site and the hazards of the intersections are still there but, thanks to the concentration of community effort, . . . the end is in sight.

## Sheriff's Office Slates 'Burn a Light' Program

Today, one of the most important crime prevention programs ever to pervade the field of law enforcement begins. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has launched a program designed to light every building in Los Angeles County, during all hours of darkness. For the 60-day period from November 1st, until the end of the year, newspapers, radio stations and television channels will be echoing the campaign slogan, "Burn a Light at Night." Billboard throughout the county will also carry the message. Support is flowing in from civic leaders and law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff Peter Pitchess, in announcing the program, stated that its sheer simplicity may be one of the biggest roadblocks: "Our records, and those of other law enforcement agencies throughout the nation indicate that the incidence of crime rises sharply during the hours of darkness. Unlighted residential or business areas are prime targets for burglars, rapists, and thieves. Trespassing and acts of malicious mischief are commonplace in darkened areas."

### LIGHTED HOME

"Our answer is this: a lighted home, coupled with adequate exterior lighting—streetlights and even porchlights if need be—is a far safer place to live.

"We well know there is no substitute for sufficient personnel to provide adequate protection. But, the average citizen can make himself far less "crime prone" by spending about a penny a day to protect his family, his home and himself.

"Light up your residence! Use your own good judgment in choosing a strategic location. Be alert to the relative lack of effectiveness which a lighted lamp may have, if anyone viewing your home from the outside is able to see inside. The light must be seen from the outside, but don't let a "Peeping Tom," or a potential burglar be able to see into your home."

The "Light" program the Sheriff's Department is sponsoring is not aimed solely at residential areas. Business establishments and industrial plants are also pr-

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CHECKING CAMPAIGN KITS—For Torrance Community Chest residential campaign are Mmes. David David, left, William Nary and Robert Chavez. All three attended a final briefing session and received kits for today's campaign at the Plush Horse Inn, Redondo Beach.

## Americanism Group to Host Former Kansas Governor at November 5 Meet

Fred Hall, former Governor of the State of Kansas, will be a guest speaker at the South Bay Crusade for Americanism program on Nov. 25 at the San Pedro Union High School.

A crowd of 2100 people is expected to attend the all-day program from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition to Governor Hall, William Ople, author of "Cry of The Kremlin," will speak and show a poster display on Russian propaganda.

Max Skousen, brother of Cleon Skousen, who wrote "The Naked Communist," will speak on "Communism in the United States," and Robert Peterson, a famed school administrator, will discuss Communist subversion.

A highlight of the meeting will be a panel discussion, featuring three men who have been behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains.

### FILM SHOWN

A film entitled "Red China Outlawed" will be shown. Ed Shaheen will conclude the event by telling those in attendance what they can do about the threat of Communism.

Autographed copies of J. Edgar Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit" will be given away, along with anti-Communism literature.

Some 35 people attended a meeting on October 21 at

the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro to discuss the planning for the November 25 program.

Ted Bruinsma, chairman of the group, stated that the purpose of the all-day seminar was to "create a sense of responsibility as free Americans and to educate and inform people of the menace of Communism."

Representatives of Kiwanis clubs, Chambers of Commerce, and veteran's organizations from Gardena, San Pedro, Lawndale, Torrance, Redondo Beach and Wilmington were in attendance at the meeting.

## Harvey Aluminum Tells Pension Plan OK'd for Employees in Oregon Plant

A pension program for employees of Harvey Aluminum at The Dalles, Oregon is now being formulated, it was announced today by Andrew Cronkrite, plant manager for Harvey Aluminum of Oregon. The proposed plan, a follow-up to a recent wage increase given Harvey employees at The Dalles, will be paid for entirely by the company. It will be retroactive to the employee's starting date and his back period also will be paid for by the firm.

The 10 cents across-the-board hourly increase announced September 11 was put into effect as soon as possible following the recent NLRB election, he said. At that election on August 24, union representation was rejected when a majority of employees voted against the United Steelworkers of America.

"The company is a strong believer in the free enterprise system that made America great," said Cronkrite. "The forthcoming pension program demonstrates that Harvey Aluminum employees can readily derive all benefits given for sincere and conscientious work performance without the interference of third party outsiders.

### FORTUNATE

"It is fortunate that our employees choose not to give away part of their earnings to organization dominators. It is such organizations that bring down the level of the ambitious to conform to the lazy level of mediocrity cre-

ated by third parties for their own selfish gain."

The pension program will also be instituted as soon as possible, when details of the benefit provisions have been worked out, Cronkrite said.

The plan provides for payment of pensions upon retirement to regular employees whose participation is progressively increased by reason of their age and service. Benefits under the plan will be based upon a percentage of an employee's earnings during his company career.

Phrasing and formula concerning the terms of the pension program are presently

under discussion with professional pension-plan consultants, and when the provisions have been agreed upon, a detailed announcement of the entire scope and specific terms of the program will be made.

"Since it will cost the employee absolutely nothing and will include the time it is taking to put it on paper, no one loses anything and we all stand to gain," said Cronkrite. "The across-the-board increase and the pension plan are the results of our employees' confidence in the company by rejecting union representation in the last election."

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