EMPLOYES HONORED . . . Thirteen employes at U.S. Steel's Torrance Works have received awards for their long service with the firm. Three out of every five employes at the works have been employed for at least 20 years. Among those honored are (front, from left) Eddie L. Pettyjohn, 35 years; James H. Hansen, 35 years; Io C. Bailey, 25 years; Wesley B. Lindsay, 25 years, and George W. Licht, 35 years. In the back row are Brice E. Geiser, Howard E. Frederick, Benny Flores, Fred V. Quintana, and Edward A. Majeske, all 25-year employes. Not pictured are Evelyn Lanz, 35 years, and Rudolph C. Andrade and Harold Z. Green, both for 25 years.

# Tax Hike Unlikely Next Year

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SACRAMENTO—Governor Ronald Reagan has no plans to seek any tax increases next year, in fact, is committed not to ask for any raises.

"I think the governor made that clear a number of times," Paul Beck, Reagan's secretary, said.

Beck was asked during a capitol press briefing to comment on a recent statement of Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, D. Inglewood.

"We will not let the administration panic us into another tax increase next year," Unruh said. "I for one certainly will not support an increase"

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**THERE HAVE** been grim reports on finances lately which indicate the legislature may have as many problems in balancing the budget as it had in 1967, when a tax increases of nearly $1 billion a year was put into effect.

A school finance bill authored by Unruh, which increased the state support of public schools by $145 million, included language that, if another $155 million was not set aside in 1968-69 for a program of tax relief for property owners, the state sales tax would drop back from 4 per cent to 3½ per cent.

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**SOME HAVE** estimated the revenue gap for 1968-69 at about $200 million. Others have forecast the state will have to go to another bond issue, probably in the amount of nearly $200 million, to finance state construction, primarily in higher education.

There will be resistance to any bond issue because the state already is highly bonded. However, the legislature, in 1968, likely may face the prospect of going either to a bond issue or a tax increase.

**RATE REDUCTION**

Telephone rate reductions of $500,000 a year for transatlantic private line services went into effect Oct. 1, Pacific Telephone said. Rates for voice grade private line service to the United Kingdom and Europe dropped from $8,000 to $6,500 a month.

# State Given $63,000 In Unclaimed Estates

More than $63,000 in estates has been turned over to the state of California because no legal heirs can be found, Baldo M. Kristovich, Los Angeles County public administrator, has announced.

During the past fiscal year, Kristovich has distributed a total of $351,968.55 of escheat estates to the state, it was reported.

Any person having claim to the estates should write to the Bureau of Unclaimed Property, P. O. Box 1019, Sacramento.

The six estates distributed to the state, Kristovich said, included the following:

John Campbell, who died Nov. 20, 1964. He was born in Scotland in 1906. He was retired, occupation unknown, and last lived at the Gates Hotel in Los Angeles. His estate is valued at $34,065.17.

Mae Grace Spencer, also known by May Grace Spencer, who died Aug. 1964. Her place of birth and occupation are unknown. She last lived at 936 S. Frazier St., Los Angeles, and left an estate valued at $14,860.96.

Watanabe Kanzo, also known as Kanzo Watanabe, who died Feb. 28, 1964. Born in Japan Dec. 24, 1894, he was a cook and last lived at 611 E. fifth St., Los Angeles. His estate is valued at $4,575.61.

Anna M. Shalley, who died May 5, 1964. Born in Ohio Sept. 26, 1882, she was a housewife and last lived in Glendale. Her estate is valued at $3,537.40.

Charles Lewis, also known as Louis Apgar and as Clarence L. Apger, who died April 21, 1966. Born March 9, 1897, in New Jersey, he was night workman and last lived at 307 S. Whitmer, Apt. 204, Los Angeles. He left an estate valued at $3,418.82.

Christina Ribaulo, born in Nebraska March 16, 1889. She died Dec. 27, 1965. A housewife, her last address was in Highland Park. She left an estate valued at $2,612.18.

Kristovich said legal heirs still may claim the estates from the state.

## Arts and Crafts Class Offered

The Lomita Recreation Center is offering a new craft class Saturday afternoons from 1:30 to 3 p.m. for children 7 to 13 years of age. There will be no charge.

This class will be held in addition to the regular 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday morning craft class.

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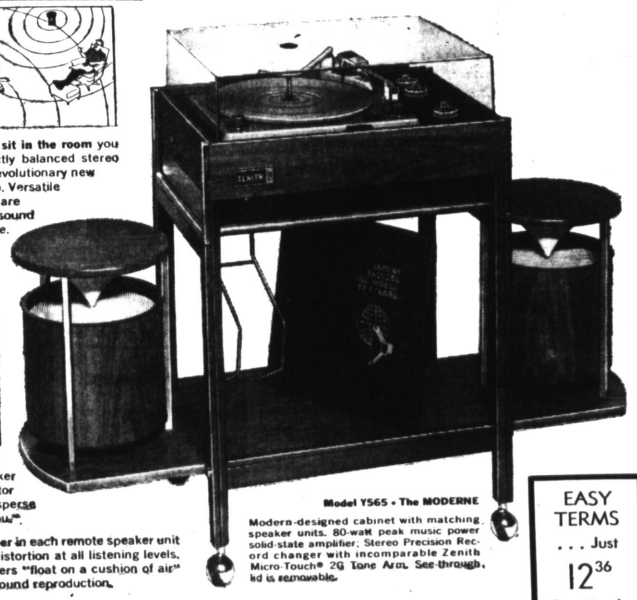

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