

**FIRE SERVICE DAY**

**County Fire Stations Plan Series of Events**

Three county fire stations in this area will be open to the public Saturday, May 6, as fire stations throughout the county hold open house as part of the statewide observance of Fire Service Day. Many of the stations will display specialized equipment which is used by fire fighters today.

Area stations which will participate in the observance are Fire Station No. 6, located at 25517 Narbonne Ave., Lomita; Fire Station No. 36, 127 W. 223rd St.; and Fire Station 127, at 2049 E. 223rd St., Long Beach.

DURING Fire Service Day open house, fire personnel on duty will explain how to report fires or call for emergency rescue assistance, and outline the steps taken by the department to insure that stations are quickly alerted and equipment promptly dispatched.

Open house will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Children must be accompanied by their parents.

**Council Names New President**

Paul E. Sullivan, newly named senior vice president of the Bank of America, has been elected president of the Southern California Industry-Education Council.

Frank G. Rizzardi, administrator of educational programs at North American Aviation, Inc., and a member of the South Bay-Harbor Industry-Education Council, was elected a director at large.

**Attends Meeting**

James Lockner, student activities director at Torrance High School, attended a meeting of the California Association of Directors of Activities in Vanden last week. He is treasurer of the southern section of the state organization.

**Exam Scheduled Barbecue Event Benefits Youth**

Entrance examinations for the California Maritime Academy at Vallejo will be given at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 6. Candidates must be at least 17, but not yet 22 years of age. No fees or appointments are required to take the examinations.

**Southland Job Picture Shows New Improvement**

Southern California's employment gain during the past year was the highest ever recorded in the history of the area, Conrad C. Jamison, vice president and economist of Security First National Bank, has reported.

Total civilian employment in the Southland during 1966 averaged 4,569,000, an increase of 232,000 over the 1965 average. This compared with a gain of 122,000 in 1965 and represented an average increase of 131,000 per year in the 16-year period since 1950.

Jamison said last year's employment upsurge followed four years of substantial growth, resulting in the largest increase ever recorded in Southern California for any five consecutive years as well. The five-year gain amounted to 754,000 jobs.

HE NOTED that "even during World War II, when Southern California's vast aircraft plants and shipyards were expanding on a crash basis and were drawing workers from all over the nation."

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**Assignment TV**

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

The name of the place was Auschwitz. Four million people were murdered there. Their personal tragedies, the cries in the night, the sweet-smelling smoke that hung over the countryside, still lingers in the memories of those who survived and choke them in their sleep. How can so enormous a crime be treated theatrically? In "The Investigation," Peter Weiss chose to present it as a dramatization of the Frankfurt atrocity trials of 1964 and 1965 where the beasts who ran Auschwitz were confronted by the testimony of those who survived their whips, knives, dogs, and gas chambers. During its Broadway run last year the play was taped for television with the original cast and the adaptation was seen by millions of viewers in two showings on the NBC network.

The result was a grim recitation that never touched the heart. The actors spoke their lines as if they were robots. There was no emotion in their speech. The words German, Nazi or Jew were never used. It ended as abruptly as it began — with no background sounds, no commercials, no beginning, and no conclusion.

With all these elements considered, playwright Weiss obviously intended to dehumanize his presentation, and he was remarkably successful. "The Investigation" emerged as a document as cold as the eyes of the defendants. Indeed, I had the uneasy feeling the play served to indict the survivors as well as the jailers.

that reached out and shook the memory. Can anyone on the West Coast forget how the innocent Japanese-Americans were suspected? The concentration camps we provided for them were for surveillance instead of destruction, and probably justified in terms of the times, but the seeds of fear and cruelty were there. Anyone who cares to look for them can spot, among Americans, people who would be suited to guard duty in concentration camps. But it was not toward the conscience that Weiss's recitations were directed, either.

THE DESCRIPTIONS of the war, the prisoners themselves reacted probably shocked most viewers. "Every last remnant of our personal life disappeared," testified one former inmate, a woman. "It was apparent immediately that only the cunning would survive. It was a matter of staying healthy and showing you were strong. It was normal to steal from each other. We could look at corpses with complete indifference. You took and held your bit of ground. Those who mourned or faltered, those who pitied, were, themselves, destroyed."

But the testimony that chilled was made by the man who was a former prisoner: "There were those among us who could equally have been camp guards."

**Report of Wages Due On Monday**

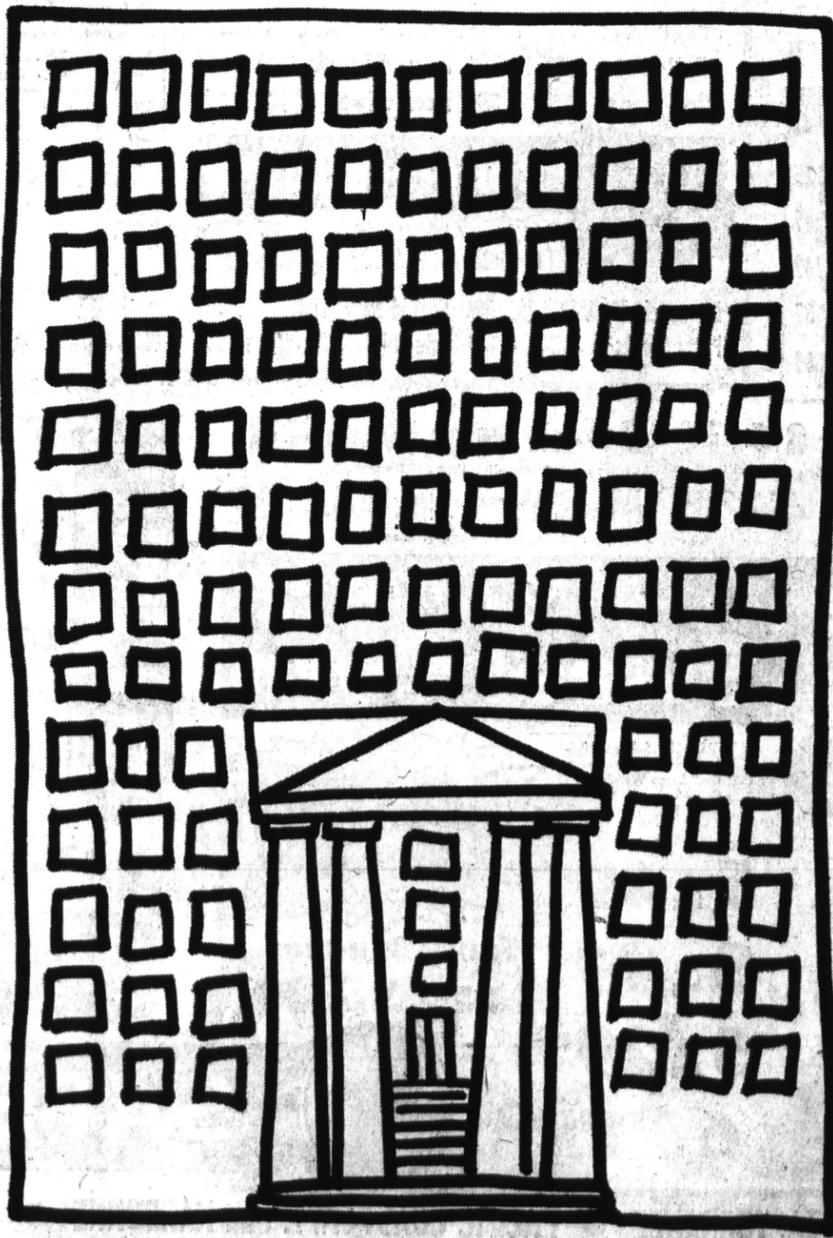
Monday, May 1, is the deadline for filing California unemployment insurance wage reports and contributions returns for the first quarter of 1967, it was announced today.

Penalty and interest will be charged if the report is filed after the deadline. W. P. Nebergall, auditor in charge for the State Department of Employment in Long Beach, said.

The audit office is located at 1315 Pine Ave., Long Beach.

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