



PRESENT RESOLUTION . . . Councilman John S. Gibson Jr. of Los Angeles presents a council resolution honoring Milton Offner, an employee in the Los Angeles Department of Public Works, on his retirement. Offner was employed by the city for 50 years, 9 months, and 10 days.

Strong Merchant Marine Necessary, Hayward Says

David K. Hayward, Democratic candidate in the 17th Congressional District, said today he views the rebuilding of the once dominant American flag fleet and the restoration of the United States as a world maritime power as "an urgent necessity."

Hayward, a former member of the Merchant Marine, expressed concern over the decline of the U.S. Maritime fleet since World War II.

During his two years of service with the Merchant Marine in World War II, Hayward gained a keen insight into the operation of the American flag fleet.

"We must take immediate steps to reverse this trend of continuing deterioration," he said. "We must not remain content with the present status of the fleet. We must once again make it the maritime power."

HAYWARD, a Redondo Beach City Councilman, said he attributes the decline of the nation's maritime status to the practice of ship owners resorting to foreign flag registration in order to escape the tax and wage structure of U.S. registered shipping.

"Appropriate steps must be taken immediately to plug this loophole," he stated. "These steps must be taken so the United States can regain the position of world maritime leadership and alleviate our balance of payment deficit."

"Our leaders must be made to understand the need and capabilities of a modern, domestic Merchant Marine fleet," he observed.

THE UNITED States, he pointed out, has dropped to 12th place in world ranking in merchant ship construction and presently is in sixth place among the active privately owned fleets.

Hayward noted the severe losses suffered by the United States maritime fleet early in World War II.

"During the first six months after the entry of the U.S. in World War II, enemy submarines sank 519 of our merchant ships," he said. "The number represented about half of the existing shipping fleet."

IN TIME of peace, Hayward continued, the Merchant Marine provides transportation for the shipment of goods to and from the markets of the world.

And in hostile time, he noted, the merchant fleet is the lifeline to U.S. servicemen in Vietnam as well as to U.S. military installations throughout the world.

More than 90 per cent of the U.S. military supplies to Vietnam have been transported by ship, he said. Hayward

DESPITE the development of modern technology and labor saving methods, Hayward noted there has been no effort to rebuild the American flag fleet since World War II.

In the meantime, he observed, Russia has recognized the value of sea power and possesses the world's fastest growing merchant fleet.



PRESENT PLAQUE . . . Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrance) accepts a plaque from H. Harold Lippard (right), president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, during a state Realtors' meeting in Sacramento. Lippard and other Realtors discussed problems confronting real estate brokers in this area during a legislative breakfast hosted by the California Real Estate Association.

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Transit District Sets Limit of \$5 on Change

Greater use of money-saving monthly passes and tokens by Southern California Rapid Transit District passengers will contribute to greater on-time performance by RTD buses, at the same time reducing the amount of money operators are required to carry, district officials said today in establishing a \$5 limit on change making.

RTD General Manager Dale W. Barratt announced that, effective Saturday, operators on RTD buses serving Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino County commuters will not be required to change any bill above \$5.

Los Angeles area traffic continues to mount.

THE DISTRICT also announced a white cane will be the identification required of blind persons to be eligible for the 5-cent fare.

Blind persons identified by a white cane will pay the 5-cent fare each time they board a bus. Transfers will not be required and zone fares will not be charged the blind, Barratt noted.

Monthly passes are available at \$12 for regular riders and \$9 for senior citizens, while tokens will sell for \$7, a two-cent per ride saving over the single-zone rate.

"The use of two-way radios and silent alarms — together with outstanding police and sheriff's on the scene protection — has resulted in a sharp decline in bus robberies and a marked increase in apprehension when they do occur," Barratt said, adding:

Reappoint Two Men To Board

"IN REDUCING the amount of cash any bus operator is apt to have at any given time can diminish ever further: any incentive for robbing a bus.

"We hope the transit riding public will cooperate by taking advantage of the savings afforded by buying monthly passes and tokens in quantity.

"Not only will our passengers be realizing out-of-pocket savings but prepaid transportation reduces the time required at each passenger stop, an important factor as the time required to move in

Two directors of the West Basin Municipal Water District have been reappointed, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The men, Robert E. Austin and August H. Reiss, faced no opposition in the June 4 primary, so they were not included on the ballot, as state law provides.

"The men have served well and it was a pleasure to reappoint them," said Supervisor Chace. He noted that the action saved the taxpayers the cost of including them on the ballot.

Austin is director of Division 3, which includes Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Clifton Heights, and the El Nido and Victor sections of Torrance.

Rafferty, Kennedy Share Area

A unique experiment in American politics has been going on at Bullock's Fashion Square, where Republicans and Democrats have been sharing the same quarters.

Donald Baker, general manager of the Fashion Square, said the experiment was an effort to stimulate voter registration and interest without committing the Fashion Square to partisanship.

Democratic Senator Robert Kennedy and Republican Max Rafferty have shared the same quarters at 6 Fashion Square throughout the campaign.

Baker said the parties agreed to the idea — after the initial shock — when they realized their primary responsibility was to have all citizens vote regardless of political belief.

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