

# Groups Ready for Defense Service

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of water in putting out incendiaries. These bombs must be smothered—a stream of water only spreads the fire. Spray is effective but sand is better.

**Law May Enforce Blackout Here**  
In addition to Air Raid Warden enlistment—at the city clerk's office NOT the police station—another civilian outlet for defense is the Auxiliary Civilian Police unit, soon to start training. More than 250 local men have signed up for this latter service since Japan launched its Pacific attacks last Sunday. More are being received here daily at the police station.

"We should adopt an emergency ordinance enforcing blackout restrictions here as they have done in Orange county and some Los Angeles county cities," the police chief told the council. "Eventually we must enforce the regulations to the letter for cars, homes and industries."

The council approved Stroth's suggestion that when an air raid warning—one siren blast of three minutes' duration—sounds, all city employees report to their leaders in all departments. No employee is to be beyond contact by phone at any time.

Full authority to use the Civic Auditorium as a central headquarters in case of emergency was granted the Torrance Red Cross unit by the council. Other projects meeting the council's endorsement were:

### Seven-Day Week Plans Being Made

That some auxiliary power facilities be set up immediately to operate the new police short-wave radio transmitter; that residents be asked to loan sidearms (.38 calibre revolvers and rifles preferred) to the police department for the duration—this equipment to be used by authorized guards; that City Judge John Shidler substitute as city attorney for John McCall while the latter is at Washington until Dec. 23, and that residents be urged to keep cool heads and willing hands and alert for the duration.

Taking their cue from President Roosevelt's address to the nation Tuesday night, local industrial firms are reported making plans to institute a seven-day week schedule of production as soon as possible. No definite announcement has been made as yet as to when the increased work schedule can be put into effect.

At Selective Service headquarters for this district, Clerk Carl Marsteller said no word had been received as to when the next draft call will be dated. The local board sent 30 young men to Los Angeles Monday morning for physical examination by Army medics. They were a solemn group—smiles few and far between—as they boarded a municipal bus. They returned later in the day to await further orders.

### Store Hours Governed by Blackout

Monday night's blackout, when enemy planes were reported reconnoitering over the central California coast, was only partially successful here. However, the blackout enveloped Torrance like a blanket Tuesday and last night. All local stores, with the exception of drug stores and cafes, will close according to whatever blackouts are ordered; otherwise it will be "business as usual" with Christmas gift stores remaining open until 9 o'clock every night. Service stations will also follow blackout procedure, closing at 8 o'clock whenever advance information is received from the Fourth Area Interceptor command.

It has been suggested that a movement be started to put the entire West Coast on daylight saving for the duration of the emergency. This will permit the normal number of shopping hours during daylight.

### First Message From Midway

Great was the concern felt here by relatives and friends of men and women on the Pacific Islands of Hawaii, Philippines, Midway, Guam and Wake. However, welcome cables began trickling through to the mainland reporting "all's well."

One of the first of these cheering messages arrived at 1:30 a.m. yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bishop, former Torrance residents now living in Los Angeles. It was sent by their son, Herbert J. Bishop from Midway Island Tuesday and reported: "All well. Do not worry." Bishop left May 8 for a year's work on a naval defense project on Midway in the engineering department. He is a civilian. His parents now reside at 4005 West 99th st.

Mrs. Frank H. Clark of 1731 Andree ave., received the following cable Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from her son, David, who is in Honolulu with his wife and infant son: "Island

being bombed. We are safe. Don't worry." David Clark is in the Quartermaster division under civil service at Pearl Harbor and his home is located in a suburb 20 miles out of the city.

A similar encouraging message was received by Mrs. Charles E. Woodcock of 1925 Gramercy ave., about her brother, Lester Inman who is on Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands engaged in naval construction work. The message was delivered by Tommy Gannon, who phoned the Woodcock residents and stated he had just arrived on the mainland via the Anzac clipper plane. He said Inman sent word he was "fine."

The war interrupted plans of the Torrance American Legion Auxiliary to gather gifts of greenery for landscaping a camp. The work will be indefinitely postponed.

### Japanese-Americans Stress Loyalty

Chief Air Raid Observer Jack Finn of Harbor City ordered his observers to their posts early Monday. The positions are secret. The station is under Army command.

No authentic information could be obtained by The Herald as to even the approximate number of alien Japanese picked up in this area by F. B. I. agents for questioning. Chief Stroth said local police had assisted but he would give no further information. Other sources indicated that perhaps a score were taken in custody in this district Sunday and Monday.

The Japanese truck farming community was quiet and it was pointed out by Robert Ueda, well-known Japanese-American leader and World War I veteran with the U. S. Army, that second-generation men, women and children were intensely loyal to America and were cooperating in every respect with the nation's war effort. Japanese-American markets here are owned and operated by American citizens.

At local schools there were no unusual absences of Japanese-American pupils as the boys and girls of Nipponese parentage attended classes regularly and cheered the President's war message and declaration by Congress.

### Police, Firemen On Extra Duty

"For the duration of this emergency, each shift of officers will report for duty at regular time and will work an additional four hours," so read a notice bulletin on the police department bulletin board Sunday by Police Chief John Stroth. The first "war order" continued:

"Each shift will then stand by their telephones until they report on their regular shift again. If any officer should leave his home he must stop at the police station and state where and how he can be located."

Similar orders were issued by Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, who announced all firemen will work 12-hour shifts and there will be no leaves without permission and no days off. McMaster met with Spence D. Turner, county fire warden, and other fire chiefs yesterday to consider civilian defense plans.

**SHOW COLORS . . .** President Bill Keeney of the Torrance Business Men's Association urges all merchants to display the national colors from sunup to sundown all the time. "Let's show our colors," he said.

### Navy Mothers Meet Monday At Bader Home

All members of the Little Hills Navy Mothers' club are urged to be present Monday at the meeting to be held at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Joe. Bader, 26022 Eschelman ave., January.

### Yuletide Events In Afternoons

What proved to be the last "Carol Pilgrimage" and probably the last display of Christmas lights in El Prado Park was last Friday night when the Junior choir from the high school marched and sang. The series has been cancelled on account of the blackouts.

Other changes were made this week in the remaining events on the community Christmas program. The Mexican pageant, written by Miss Ada M. P. Chase, high school art director, did not have an evening presentation last night, the performance being held yesterday afternoon. It is to be regretted that this fine dramatic offering was not witnessed by more residents.

The annual Christmas musical program will be presented next Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18, at 2 o'clock instead of in the evening.

The school choral and instrumental organizations have planned their offering as a real Christmas gift to the community. The Angel Song of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" never had more meaning for us than it has this Yuletide, the leaders state.

**OFFERS SERVICES** "I've only got a couple of fingers on my right hand but one of them is a trigger-finger and I can certainly use it," an older told Police Chief John Stroth Tuesday as he appeared to sign up as a volunteer in the Auxiliary Civilian Police unit.

United States' stocks of cork are believed adequate to meet all defense requirements for the next two years.

### Hill Tunnel Raid Shelter

Ready-made and lacking only living and rest facilities, a mile-long tunnel under the Palos Verdes Hills was reported available to the civilian defense in case of need by the Dicalite Company, which dug the tunnel as a mine years ago.

No estimate has been made as to how many hundreds of people could be accommodated in the tunnel which penetrates the hills from a point a few hundred feet south of the south end of Madison st., in WALTERIA.

Dicalite officials were quoted as stating the tunnel would bear a great deal of shock. It has two entrances and a lighted branch tunnel, that is used as a storeroom. In case persons in this area are allowed to use it, some provision would have to be made for lighting, ventilation and toilet facilities.

**EXTRA SERVICE . . .** You can buy Defense Bonds and Stamps from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Postmaster Earl Conner's office in case you want to invest in a hurry—and there is no better investment.

### Alondra May be Detention Camp

Location of at least one detention camp for Japanese nationals who are being interned for the duration of the war is expected to be disclosed this week, it was learned at the Hall of Records.

Reports were current that the feasibility of using former CCC camp sites was being considered, and another report was that Alondra Park near Torrance might be used for a similar purpose.

Buildings at Alondra Park are infested with lice, according to state guard officers who inspected them recently to see what use could be made of the buildings after the supervisors allowed the use of the park and its facilities for training civilian defense forces recently. The buildings had been occupied by single unattached men, and it appeared that lice became "unattached" from some of the men.

**SHELTER PLANS . . .** The County Council for Civilian Defense has prepared suggested specifications for small air raid shelters. A limited number of copies of these recommendations for the benefit of private citizens are available for those desiring to provide themselves with this type of protection. Inquiries should be directed to the Sheriff's office.

### Harbor City Boy is First War Recruit

Perhaps the first local boy to enlist after the President addressed Congress Monday morning was Russell Biegel, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Biegel, 1513 256th st., in Harbor City.

The regular hunting season is about over but there's no closed season on pedestrians. Look before you walk!

### H. S. Emergency Plan in Operation

Designed to operate as one well-organized unit, an emergency plan has been put into operation at Torrance high school with students and faculty members cooperating in every detail of air raid alarm, evacuation, safety, couriers and a radio listening post.

As outlined by Principal Thomas H. Elson, who sent a copy of the plan to local police, the set-up is regarded as highly efficient and workable. A system of alarms has been arranged, couriers named to carry not only local messages but information to the superintendent's office in Los Angeles and the listening post "logs" all data of vital interest to this area coming over the air.

**NO TRAIN LIGHTS** . . . Even freights running thru Torrance along Midway ave., were blacked out this week, only their signal numbers being illuminated.

### Warden Service Open to Women

Many local women have expressed a desire to give war service. A number are enrolled with the Red Cross but another branch of emergency aid was available to women today. This is the local Air Raid Warden service.

Enrollments are being taken by Jack Hallanger, deputy city clerk, at the city clerk's office in the city hall. Seven or eight men or women are wanted for three or four hours' duty day and night in districts embracing about 500 persons each.

Air Raid Wardens' duties will include aircraft warning, traffic control, directing pedestrians to their homes in case of attack and rendering other aid to police and firemen. Blackout supervision is also an important duty of an Air Raid Warden.

**NO YULE LIGHTS** . . . without a qualm Torrance Business Men, sponsor of the community Christmas "Carol Pilgrimages" in El Prado Park called off the singing marches and ordered the Yule lights there out off for the duration.

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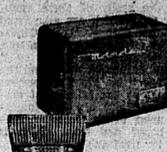
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