

EXPANSION OF BOHN WORKING FORCE IN TORRANCE ASKED BY WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

Immediate expansion of Southern California's aluminum industry was announced today by Chairman Louis M. Dreyfus of the Los Angeles area production agency committee. The move involves a \$475,000 enlargement of the Aluminum Company of America's Vernon plant, and immediate action by the War Manpower Commission to step up recruitment for an expanded working force there and at the Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corporation's plant at Torrance.

The current "blitz" in war industry has pyramided high-priority orders for aluminum extrusions, formed by pressing hot aluminum through molds under high pressure, the WPB chief revealed. To help meet schedules for B-29 bombers and other items on the "must" list, a giant extrusion press weighing 2500 tons is being rushed here from the East for immediate installation at Alcoa. The working forces at Bohn and at Alcoa will be expanded as rapidly as competent men can be recruited and trained for aluminum extrusion work.

Thomas Campbell, area director of the War Manpower Commission, issued an urgent appeal to men not now employed in essential industry to take jobs in local aluminum industry plants. He said that about 700 men would be needed between now and April 1, and about 1000 between now and June 1.

"Work in the aluminum industry is high-priority employment under the 'must' program of the War Manpower Commission," Campbell declared. "No previous experience is necessary.

"Beginners, however, are assured of interesting work of great value to the war program, in jobs offering steady employment with excellent opportunity for advancement."

Full particulars may be obtained at the nearest office of the United States Employment Service, the WMC director said.

Sex Education In Schools Hit By L.A. Mother

The pros and cons of a measure for public school sex instruction about to be presented to the state legislature are being considered by the Los Angeles Board of Education. At a hearing Thursday, Mrs. Marie Jones, 4110 Bernice ave., told the board such a measure might increase, not retard, juvenile delinquency. She believes parents, not the children, should be educated and let them assume their responsibilities. She added she is supported in this idea by church groups and other parents.

Mrs. Jones had objected particularly to a sex program given by a woman lecturer at six Parent Teacher meetings, which Mrs. Edward W. Raith, president of the Tenth District Congress of Parents and Teachers, said must have referred to a talk by Mrs. Frances Strain to hygiene teachers, and several mothers, which apparently had been approved.

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Missionary Union Meeting Observes Prayer Week

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Lomita Boulevard Baptist church met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Brewington, 24803 Oak st., Thursday morning, in observance of Prayer Week.

Following an educational and prayerful program 17 guests were served a delicious luncheon.

The group meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the church at 10 a.m. All Baptists and their friends are invited to attend.

Patience Asked as Barber Shop Males Try Out for Singing Contest

If you hear strange sounds coming from this quarter or that, just be patient. A few weeks of practice and they will smooth out into the harmonious strains of the songs of the Gay Nineties.

Torrance preliminaries for the first annual Harbor District Barber Shop Quartet competition will be held at the Torrance high school April 13. The harbor district contest for male quartets is being sponsored by Torrance recreation commission, Los Angeles recreational commission and the San Pedro Optimist club.

"Entries are restricted to non-professional male quartets, Dale Riley, Torrance recreation superintendent, said:

"They may represent such groups as family, school, neighborhood, church, club, industrial plant, union, housing project, or armed forces."

Preliminaries will be held next month in Torrance, Wilmington, and San Pedro, with inter-city finals at Dana junior high school San Pedro, at 8 p.m. April 20.

Entry blanks may be obtained at Los Angeles playgrounds, Wilmington Hall and Torrance city hall. Entry fee is two dollars per quartet.

Contestants must sing two songs unaccompanied, the first to be chosen from three old standbys—"Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "Sweet Genevieve" and "Down by the Old Mill

Stream." Choice of a second song is up to the singers. "Quartet members must live or work in the city or surrounding areas in which the contest is held," Riley declared. "Costumes may be worn."

Awards will be given first place winners in preliminaries and first and second places in finals.

Preliminary contests will be held April 10 at Wilmington Hall, 435 Neptune; April 11 at Anderson Memorial, 828 S. Mesa, San Pedro, and April 13 at Torrance high school. Vaudeville numbers will be included on the program and admission will be free.

Admission to the finals will be 35c for adults and 15c for children, with proceeds to be used for boys' work in the harbor area.

Serving with Riley, C. A. Curtis, Torrance city clerk's department; and City Attorney John McCall, representing Torrance Kiwanis Club.

NEW PICNIC DATE

Wyoming picnic rained out on March 4, will take place all day, Sunday, April 15 at Seaymore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

LEVEL UP

Recent heavy storms raised the level of Clear Lake to within three feet of high water mark.

ALL STATES
Supervisor Roger W. Jessup, candidate for mayor of Los Angeles, will speak on "Business in Government" at a noon luncheon of the federation of state societies of Southern California, Monday, March 19, at 648 South Broadway, Los Angeles.

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