

Mayor Acts In Unreasonable Rent Rise Here

Rents in some quarters of Torrance have jumped from \$20 per month to \$100 per month and from \$37.50 to \$65 per month, according to reports received here. Many similar increases were reported throughout the day Tuesday.

These signs of the times have prompted Mayor J. Hugh Sherey to ask an opinion of the city attorney on enactment of legislation to control the unreasonable rise in local rents, it was reported. Elsewhere it has been reported that 15 percent would be the very maximum landlords would ask in rent increases. Word received from Los Angeles and other cities indicated the 15 percent rise will not be exceeded.

For this reason, and to halt abortive high rentals which will tend to retard settlement here, Mayor Sherey has acted to bring about a possible rent freeze.

National Supply Co. Swung Entire Production Facilities To War Work

With the advent of war the National Supply Company, Torrance plant, swung its entire facilities for production from the manufacture of oil well drilling machinery to the manufacture of war material. Due to the tremendous expansion required, it was necessary to institute a training program for women, to build two new buildings, and in general, increase the facilities of the factory.

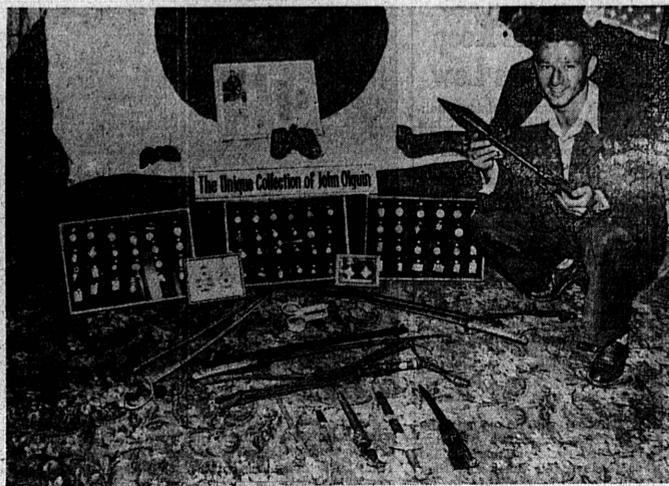
Employment rose from less than 1,200 to a peak of 2,800. More than 1,400 women were brought into the factory and trained in a special school to operate many varieties of complex machinery such as precision grinders, horizontal boring mills, radial drill presses, engine lathes, turret lathes, etc. Women whose only previous skills had consisted of sewing, cooking and the performing of many household tasks were taught blue print reading, shop mathematics, the use of micrometer and caliper, and the many other precision measuring devices required in the production of implements of war. Use was made of every available source of labor to expand the working force. Farmers, gardeners, truck

drivers, clerks—all were brought into the plant and trained to operate the complex machinery of the factory. The union and the company worked closely together to the end that nothing should stand in the way of the conversion.

During the first three years of the war, the company made all of the landing gears used on the famous B-24 Bomber. Later, the Ford Motor Company at Willow Run got into production on this famous bomber and also made landing gears, using the National Supply Company's production methods, drawings and processes. This exchange of information between industrial plants in war-time was typical of the close cooperation existing throughout the nation.

Among the many other war-time jobs done at the National Supply Company's Torrance plant in order to assist in the successful prosecution of the war, were the forging and machining of more than 30,000 gun barrels of various sizes, ranging from 20 MM up to 4.7 inch for use on tanks, ships and artillery field pieces; the manufacture of 515 sets of landing gears for the B-17 Bomber, and fabrication of over 4,000 pieces of ship-shafting for ships of the Navy and Merchant Marine. Four times the employees of the company were awarded the Army-Navy "E" for excellence in production.

Reconversion from war-time production to regular peacetime production of civilian goods has now been completed at the Torrance plant, and the company is producing oil well drilling machinery at a rate exceeding all previous production records in the world can reconstruct the oil fields destroyed by war as well as develop new sources of oil to meet the needs of civilian life.



TO DISPLAY WAR TROPHIES HERE... Shown above with a most unique and complete collection of Jap war trophies is John Olguin of San Pedro, who served many months on Pacific battle fronts. Included in his collection, to be shown in Torrance during the Fourth of July celebration, are 208 Nip military medals, Jap binoculars, Samurai swords and hara-kiri knives. The more wealthy Japs are known to have ornate sets of hara-kiri knives with a large one for the husband and a smaller one for the wife. Olguin served with the Army and now is line guard captain in San Pedro.

Big Veterans Welcome Home Party Starts

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nevers described elsewhere in this edition which will thrill audiences at the airport. An open air vaudeville show in downtown Torrance on July 5, at 5:30 p.m., will be an additional attraction, and it will be provided at Madison st. The air show will be repeated on Saturday, July 6, at the same hour, and will feature Marine corps, Army and civilian pilots in western orchestra playing.

Sunday has been reserved for church services in keeping with the celebration, according to William H. Tolson, general chairman. Many mayors of neighboring cities have been invited to the celebration, including Mayor Herbert Lewis of Long Beach, and letters have been sent out to all others of this vicinity.

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