



ACCEPTANCE . . . Commander Tom Babbitt (right) of the Bert S. Crossland Post the American Legion accepts congratulations from Emerson Miller, commander of the 19th District, following the dedication of the Legion's new clubhouse last Saturday night.—Herald Photo.

Crowd Packs Legion Clubhouse For Dedication Celebration

The new American Legion Clubhouse opened to a packed house Saturday night.

It was "Standing Room Only" for many of the guests who attended the official dedication of the Bert S. Crossland Post Clubhouse at 1741 Border avenue. It was estimated that nearly 800 persons passed through the hall.

On the official program were Emerson Miller, commander of the 19th District, The American Legion, who dedicated the \$27,000 structure; Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. who indicated the need of such a building in the city; members of the city council were introduced; Mrs. F. B. Boyle, president of the Legion Auxiliary spoke briefly; Father Edward Sullivan gave the Benediction while the invocation was read by Rev. Torben Olsen.

Tom Watson, a member of the building committee, presented the building to Wallace Post, the local post's first commander, on behalf of Lyle O'Hara and Lyle Madsen, the other two members of the building committee.

Tom Babbitt, the post's commander, called upon the people of the audience and Americans

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ham on an issue of authority contained in the Taft-Hartley Act.

Adhering to a precedent that small businesses do not materially affect interstate commerce, the NLRB's sweeping policy-making decision declared that the Board has discretion to decide whether or not to take jurisdiction in unfair labor practice cases. Congress did not direct the agency to pass on the merits of every matter presented by the general counsel, the five board members held.

The Board, without making any findings whether the complaint was justified, reversed Trial Examiner Isadore Greenberg, who recommended a formal order be issued directing the Retail Clerks Local 905 to bargain in good faith with H. W. Smith, owner of the A-1 Photo Service.

Excerpts from the formal proceedings which are being studied closely by harbor area retailers and their attorneys, show the Board held:

"In the absence of special circumstances, it is a proper exercise of such discretion to dismiss cases in which, as here, the business involved is so small and so local in nature that the intervention of operations by a labor dispute could have only a remote and insubstantial effect on commerce."

Denham had argued before the board that it had no power to take such action, claiming that: "The concept of discretion to assert or reject jurisdiction on policy grounds is incompatible with the general counsel's 'final authority,'" as provided in the Taft-Hartley labor act.

Charges against local 905 of the AFL's retail clerks international union were filed by A-1 Photo Service, a retail store, alleging that the union had refused to bargain in good faith and had restrained and coerced employees.

The company sells photographic equipment, greeting cards and stationery, employing three clerks in its San Pedro store.

During the year ending March, 1948, the employer purchased merchandise valued at \$100,146.69, approximately 44 per cent of which was purchased outside of California, according to the NLRB.

Sales during the same period amounted to about \$138,000 and all sales were made to retail customers within the state.

In answering Denham, the board said further:

"We find nothing in the labor act to support the general counsel's contention that the separation of judicial and prosecuting functions of the agency precludes the board members from exercising discretion to decline to assert jurisdiction if commerce is in fact affected . . . separation of functions evidently was intended to bar judges from being 'prosecutors'; surely congress was not seeking by the same provision, to convert prosecutors into judges."



WILLIAM H. TOLSON . . . former Mayor of Torrance elected as chairman of the board of the local YMCA.

Former Mayor Named Chairman of YMCA Board

William H. Tolson, long active in YMCA activities and former Mayor of the City of Torrance, was elected as chairman of the board of directors of the local chapter at a meeting of the board held last Wednesday in the YMCA office at 1339 Post avenue, according to L. Milton Isbell, executive secretary.

Other officers include: A. C. Turner, vice-chairman; Lloyd Waller, secretary; and R. I. Plomert Jr., treasurer.

The new officers will be installed during the annual membership meeting on June 17, Isbell said.

Importance of Social Security Numbers Told

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles explaining briefly the Federal Government's system of old-age and survivors' insurance.)

Why does every worker have a Social Security account number card? The Social Security Administration sets up an account for each worker and credits to it the wages reported by employers.

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Keep your card in a safe place. If you lose your card, go to the nearest social security field office at once and ask for a duplicate. Your new card will show the same number as your original card. If your name is changed (by marriage or divorce, for example) ask for a new card with your name but your old number.

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