

FOUR MAJOR STREET JOBS SLATED IN PROGRAM OFFERED BY ADMINISTRATOR STEVENS

Resurfacing of Sartori avenue from Cabrillo to Dominguez street, thus eliminating one of the worst street problems in Torrance, is scheduled as the first job under an improvement program submitted by City Administrator George W. Stevens and approved by the City Council.

The improvement will eliminate the "bumps" along Sartori between Torrance boulevard and Dominguez street it was said, involving grading and leveling and resurfacing with a two inch rock and oil mixture.

Another equally important link in the program will be the opening of Cabrillo avenue from Sepulveda boulevard to 233rd street, to connect to Eshelman avenue which traverses Lomita. This will provide a new through street from Torrance to 101 highway, improving connections with the harbor area.

A third major part of the program is Crenshaw boulevard north from 203rd street to Dominguez street. Widening will be necessary as soon as the new American-Radiator plant is opened. It was said, but the two-lane highway will be regarded and resurfaced for the present.

Another important job to be completed is Border avenue for its length from Plaza del Amo to Dominguez street.

The Council has asked the supervisors for \$30,000 of county gas tax funds for improvement of the streets, and additional city gas tax funds will increase the money available for street work to some \$50,000, it was said.

Other street work proposed includes: Beech avenue, Torrance boulevard to Maricopa street. Acacia avenue, Torrance boulevard to Maricopa street. Newton street, Madison street to Ocean avenue.

Ocean avenue, Newton street to 242nd street.

Los Codona avenue, Newton street to 242nd street.

Neeze avenue, Highway 101 to 240th street.

166th street, Arlington avenue to Crenshaw boulevard.

New County Offices Opened To Serve Harbor Area

Branches of the County Public Defender's and County Coroner's offices have been opened in Long Beach. Raymond V. Darby, County Supervisor, announced.

William H. Sansom, deputy public defender, will have charge of the Defender's office, while Deputy Coroner Phillip A. Adkins will be in charge of the new Coroner's branch office.

The new offices are located on the seventh floor of the Jergins Trust building.

California's Natives Will Have Their Day

Under the provisions of a resolution presented to the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting by Chairman Raymond V. Darby, Native Californian Day will be commemorated on Oct. 18 of this year, and also in 1949 and 1950, in the County of Los Angeles.

Supervisor Darby called the attention of the Board to the fact that while Oct. 18, 1850 was the date on which the news finally reached California that it had been admitted into the Union as the 31st state, some six weeks had elapsed since its actual admission.

However, it was on Oct. 18 that the impromptu fiestas, celebrations and other demonstrations by the residents of the new state actually took place, and in commemoration of that date the resolution requests that all native Californians wear some appropriate article or apparel, or other outward insignia to set them apart as native-born Californians; that all school children observe the day in a befitting manner; and that the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West be requested to help publicize the day through its membership.

President Of Airlines Chapter At Employment Meet

Fred Boren, Unemployment Insurance Manager for the Torrance area, last weekend attended the General Council of California State Employment Association, held in Santa Barbara.

With Boren's election to the presidency of Airlines Chapter, Torrance has been the headquarters of the organization since December 1947.

CITIZENS OF THE HARBOR AREA!!! HASKELL TIDWELL PUTS ON THE PRESSURE

CLERKS' LEADER SELECTS THREE EX-GIS AS VICTIM No. 1 RULE OR RUIN POLICY GOES INTO ACTION.

Haskell Tidwell, secretary of Retail Clerks Union, Local 905, is making good his threat to apply "disastrous" economic pressure on Harbor business men.

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE

Yesterday, February 17, 1948, Tidwell placed pickets in front of the Union War Surplus Store at 220 West Sixth Street, San Pedro. Putting all the pressure he could muster on the three ex-servicemen proprietors of the business, Tidwell also obtained sanction of the Central Labor Council to put the ex-GIs and their store on the Council's "unfair" list.

NO DISPUTE WITH EMPLOYEES

There is no dispute between the three veteran employers and employees. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF WAGES AND HOURS INVOLVED. The only issues are whether or not these three veteran employers shall be (1) forced to operate a "closed shop" in a "closed union" and (2) allowed a fair arbitration clause for settling any disputes that may arise over the proposed new contract.

Haskell Tidwell insists upon an arbitration clause which will allow him to set the rules for settling each dispute. The three veteran employers being picketed want these arbitration rules agreed upon in advance. They want an impartial arbiter.

This is the American way.

Mr. Tidwell also insists that he have a "closed shop" in a "closed union" with the right to determine who employers shall hire. A "closed shop" in a

"closed union" has been interpreted by the courts of California to be an illegal union objective and contrary to public policy.

Mr. Tidwell is insisting that these veterans sign a contract supporting illegal practices.

HERE'S HOW TIDWELL PUTS ON THE PRESSURE

Dick Kaye, Ira Kaye and Robby Robinson, three Army veterans with over 15 years' combined service with the Armed Forces, upon discharge from World War II, decided to enter business for themselves. They selected San Pedro as the best city in which to launch their new venture. They opened their war surplus store on November 21, 1946. They accepted union wages and all other union working conditions without question. They have proved themselves worthy of community support. They have been good citizens, friendly to labor and conscientious in their service to San Pedro.

Believing in true collective bargaining, the two Kaye brothers and Robinson, as a business, joined the San Pedro Businessmen's Association, Inc., and turned over to their association the responsibility for negotiating a new contract with Retail Clerks Union, Local 905. As far as they are concerned, they believe that their association and the union should continue discussion and negotiations towards reaching a fair agreement on a workable contract. They remain believers in true collective bargaining.

BUT HERE IS WHAT HAPPENED

Haskell Tidwell, as chief negotiator for the clerks' union, met only two times with the employers' negotiating committee. This was prior to January 21, 1948. On January 28, three days before the existing contract expired, Tidwell announced that he would not grant the employers' request for further negotiations—that he would not bargain collectively.

Tidwell had previously threatened the employers with "an economic struggle which will be disastrous to the community" if they do not take HIS contract without the change of a comma or a period.

But Tidwell DID meet with the employers again. He was brought into negotiation with the employers by the federal and state conciliators. This meeting was held on February 3, 1948.

The Kaye brothers and Robinson, as well as all other employers involved in the discussion for a new contract, believed that this meeting with both state and federal conciliators was proof that negotiations were continuing and were following normal collective bargaining processes.

But these three veterans were due for a surprise. On Thursday, February 12, Tidwell called Dick Kaye and notified him that he and his partners would have to sign the contract as dictated by Tidwell or be picketed immediately. Following this threat, the pressure started. Other labor leaders called on the veterans and told them they would have to go along with Tidwell's ultimatum if a picket line is established.

Three veterans of the Armed Forces were getting an experience of pressure tactics reminiscent of those used to start World War II.

On Friday morning, February 13, Dick Kaye appeared immediately before the Central Labor Council and explained why

he should not be put on the Council's "unfair list." Shortly after he appeared before the Council—a matter of minutes—the Council ruled that these three San Pedro businessmen, veterans of the country's Armed Forces, were to be subject to the "disastrous" sanctions promoted by Haskell Tidwell.

By such dictatorial procedure, three American veterans are having their livelihood threatened and face ruin of the business which they have built up. This is their reward for 15 years of service to their country; for 6 years of overseas combat service.

These ex-servicemen continue to believe that they should have the right to bargain on equal terms with Mr. Tidwell. They feel that this right will be guaranteed if an honest arbitration procedure is set up in the union contract. They have no disagreement as to the wages and hours asked by the union but they do want fair and reasonable rules to govern this contract. And they object to being forced to sign a contract containing illegal objectives.

Mr. Tidwell refuses to limit his demands in any way. He refuses to give up his right to declare economic warfare on individual businessmen if his slightest whim or caprice is not met by an employer. The pickets in front of the Union War Surplus Store are Tidwell's answer. It is his proof that he can declare ruinous economic warfare upon a business.

Is the loss of their business because of Mr. Tidwell's domination of the community to be the reward earned by these three American veterans?

We repeat, Mr. Tidwell and his executive committee face a test. Are they leaders who have that strength of character, mind and will which will cause them to accept the heavy obligations and responsibility to the community which the great power of the union has imposed upon them?

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