



**ON CAMINO REAL**—This is the 1948 commemoration of the historic 1793 trek in which California was opened by Spain. Left to right, Don Quinlan as Portola, Dick Kleck as a leather-jacket and Ben Fish as a Catalonian, on the trail of El Camino Real which extends through Torrance under the newer name of Sepulveda boulevard.

### SIMPLE RULES GIVEN IN CONNECTION WITH POLIO

To meet the problem of increased incidence in poliomyelitis which has produced an emergency situation at the Los Angeles County General Hospital, the Poliomyelitis Coordinating Council which has been organized for the past two years has been re-activated.

Additional bed space has been made available by readjustment of the patient load in the County hospital and several private hospitals, although more personnel and bed space still are being sought. The American Red Cross is recruiting nurses and preparing Kenny packs used in treatment.

The following statement concerning poliomyelitis has been approved by the health and medical authorities of the group: "The cause of poliomyelitis is a virus, a form of germ too small to be seen under the microscope. It may be found in the nose and throat secretions and in the bowel discharges of persons with the disease and of apparently healthy carriers. Exactly how the virus travels from one person to another is not known.

The following simple rules are recommended:

Avoid overtiring and extreme exercise.

Avoid crowds but do not take children out of school. There is more likelihood of exposure to new carriers when children are taken out of school.

Do not swim in contaminated water. Swimming pools are not closed, but contacts to new people may be carriers of poliomyelitis may be made at swimming pools, as at other places where people assemble.

Avoid sudden chilling such as plunging into cold water on a hot day. Do not remain long in cold water.

Wash hands thoroughly before eating and always after using the toilet. Wash your hands after having been in any public place.

Keep flies away from food. Screen windows and doors against flies. Keep garbage cans closed tightly. Have garbage picked up before maggots appear.

Sleep well—eat well. Be sure to get plenty of sleep. Poliomyelitis hits the tired person. Do not overexpose yourself to the sun or mental, physical or nervous strain.

If you are in doubt concerning your illness, call your private physician.

### Plan Boost in Gas Supply by 33 Per Cent

To serve the increasing population of California, the Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company have made application to the Federal Power Commission for authorization to increase the delivery capacity of the California segment of the Texas-California pipeline by 100 million cubic feet of gas a day.

The line's present capacity is 305 million cubic feet a day and the companies plan to increase this to 405 million cubic feet to meet the expected demands of California consumers in the near future.

### Loyola Village Gets Addition

Subcontract bids for work on 76 dwellings to be erected adjacent to Loyola Village were being taken this week by Cletus H. J. Jollie and Associates of Los Angeles.

### New Industry Finds Demand For Its Brick

Los Angeles county has a relatively new industry in the form of a basic refractory brick plant in Los Angeles, whose product goes chiefly to the open hearth steel industry, according to the State Division of Mines.

The plant is one of 23 operated by the General Refractories Company throughout the United States, and uses the standard Ritex process, producing both unburned chrome-magnesite and magnesite-chrome bricks in standard and specialty sizes.

Foreign chrome is imported and magnesium oxide is obtained from domestic plants and sea water. Magnesite is a raw material shipped in from the state of Washington.

While the chrome-magnesite goes to the open-hearth steel industry, magnesite-chrome brick goes to the glass industry as checker brick and other forms. The plant also produces silica bricks, fire clays and bonding mortars, and a line of standard sillimanite brick products.

### Disability Fund In State Now At \$74,765,000

The California State Disability Insurance fund now has a \$74,765,000 "nest egg" for California wage earners, enough to pay at least three million man-weeks of compensation for wage losses due to illness or injury, according to V. L. Hetzel, manager of the Long Beach office.

During the month of June, workers in the Torrance area received from this fund compensation for 464 weeks of unemployment caused by disability, a total of \$10,428.

The first deposits in the State's disability fund were made shortly after May 21, 1948. Since benefit payments were started on December 1, 1946, approximately \$26,600,000 has been distributed to eligible Disability Insurance claimants throughout the state.

### 'Antifouling' Test of Paint Is Developed

A simple laboratory test for determining the antifouling efficiency of paints for boat bottoms has been developed by Dr. Milton A. Miller, assistant professor of zoology in the University of California's College of Agriculture.

In the new test, painted panels can be placed in jars of sea water containing a known number of larvae of marine organisms which attach themselves to boats and ships.

The percentage of larvae that attach to the surface and the amount of subsequent growth and differentiation are reliable indicators of its effectiveness in preventing fouling.

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