Employment Manhunt On; Need 300 Men Immediately; 300 Next Week

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COLUMBIA SHUT DOWN DUE TO STEEL DISPUTE

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SHOP TALK . . . Discussing the business of being president of the Lions Club are Paul Diamond, (left) outgoing president of the club, and Milt Isbell, newly-elected president of the civic group.

Next Move Up To Industry, Union Claims

Columbia Steel's four big furnaces were cooling off and the company's 1250 workers were sitting it out today during a nation-wide steel strike called late Tuesday afternoon.

Vic Teer, president of the United Steelworkers of America, Local 1414 and his executive committee, filed into a company executive's office at 4 p.m. Tuesday to inform the company that the union had been ordered out on strike.

Within an hour the steelworkers began an orderly, peaceful shutdown of the local steel mill.

The shutdown was the second since the beginning of the year. On January 7 the furnaces were "banked" during a 28-day layoff which followed a disagreement between company officials and union leaders over the firing of two workers.

A union meeting was called at 8 p.m. Tuesday to inform the membership of the action taken earlier in the day.

The union members here were called out by President Phil Murray after the nation's mills were returned to management control by a federal judge. District Judge David A. Pine, a heretofore little known jurist, suddenly skyrocketed into the headlines when he ruled that President Truman had no authority to seize the nation's steel mills.

Murray said the men had "no alternative but to cease work immediately."

He indicated that the men would remain out until a contract is signed which is cut out by the pattern suggested by the Wage Stabilization Board.

The high union officials stated it was up to the steel companies to make the next move.

Meanwhile, the eyes of big steel turned toward Washington. Federal attorneys said they would take the matter to the Supreme Court in an attempt to uphold Truman's ac-

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OPENS MANHUNT . . . Mrs. Winona Ellis, left, manager of the California State Employment Service office here, and Melvin Sparks, veterans employment representative and employment interviewer, put up the help wanted sign after reporting that they had immediate jobs for 300 men in this area.

Employment Office Opens Huge Manhunt

The local state employment office this week launched its biggest manhunt since the war.

Waiting, without any sign of takers, are at least 300 jobs—both skilled and unskilled.

Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the California State Employment Service in Torrance, said yesterday:

"We can place immediately today 300 men in permanent jobs with any one of several industries within a 10-mile radius of Torrance.'

"By next week we'll need another 300 men," she said. "Not since the war has there been such a demand and such a scarcity of men," she stated.

She indicated that the current demand for workers was only the first of several anticipated requests for workers.

"Although I am not at liberty to discuss details at the moment, we expect that within the next few months this office will be engaged in the greatest 'manhunt' in its history," said Mrs. Ellis.

According to Melvin Sparks, placement interviewer and veteran representative, this is the first time since the end of the armament race during World War II that the demand for unskilled workers has exceeded the supply.

"So great is the demand that some plants are offering on-the job training."

"In a few other plants women, under 45 with post-war experience in the aircraft industries, are being re-employed.

"The greatest need, however, is for men," she stated.

All applicants must be able to provide their own transportation, the employment officials stated.

Applications will be accepted any week day during normal working hours at the employment office at 1628 Cravens Ave. Veterans should bring their discharges.

"We see many men gathered about the gates of local industries apparently looking for work. If they are unsuccessful it is only because they are knocking on the wrong door. If these men will apply at our office we can place most of them within a few hours," Mrs. Ellis claimed.

"The demands for men continue to pour in," said Sparks. "On Tuesday a Torrance industry called asking for men to fill these jobs: nine arc welders, first or second grade for day or swing shift; machine operators, heavy and light engine lathes, turret lathe operators, milling machine operators, layout men, stock movers for men 30 to 50 years of age, electric bridge crane operators and tool crib attendants. That's just from one industry," Sparks pointed out.

Available today are jobs for men with experience in the following categories:

Junior chemist, mechanical engineer, draftsmen, sales trainee bookkeeper, accounting clerk cost clerk, production clerk mail boy and computer's helper. Assistant shipping clerk stenographer and typist clerk.

Assistant shipping clerk, salesmen, fry cooks, elevator man, machine trainee, wood millman, machinist, lathe operator, inspector, sheet metal worker, coremaker, steel fitters, combination welder, aircraft workers, form builders, auto mechanic, auto body and overhaul and flame cutter.

Strikes Could Affect Demands

"Should the current steel strike continue for some time, and if the oil strike reaches California, there may be some change in the present employment picture," Mrs. Winona Ellis said late yesterday afternoon.

"Some layoffs can be anticipated if the strikes are lengthy ones. If not, we will still need the men," she said.

Costly Date

Gal Friend Scrams With Pal, Wallet

Isaac Munoz took a gal friend out to have a good time this week, but it wound up that the gal friend took him.

Munoz, who works at a service station on Carson and Cabrillo Aves., reported to police yesterday that he met a swell gal just as he was getting off work at 3 p.m. Tuesday. They did the town, hitting most of the taverns in Torrance and surrounding area.

About 10 o'clock they returned to the service station, picked up the gal friend's car and both went to a Lomita drive-in. The gal excused herself for a moment, then returned and said that she would have to leave because another boy friend had just arrived on the scene.

Munoz finished his snack, reached for his wallet to pay the check, and saw that the gal friend had left with more than her other boy friend.

Police made out a grand theft report on the clipping.

W. A. Felker New Red Cross Chairman

W. A. Felker, 1527 Post Ave., has been named chairman of the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross to succeed Mrs. Don Hyde, it was announced this week. Elections were held at the annual meeting of the group last Friday.

A widely-known chemical engineer, Felker is no newcomer to Torrance. He is presently a member of the Planning Commission, and with his son Max founded the Felker Manufacturing Co. here which is known throughout the world for the manufacture of special diamond cutting tools.

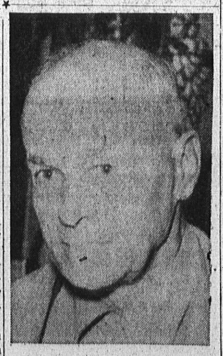
Elected to serve with Felker for the coming year were Mrs. W. G. Jerrems III, first vice president; Mrs. Gordon Jones, second vice president; Mrs. Gene Beavers, secretary; and Robert Deininger, treasurer.

Mrs. Don Hyde and Mrs. Mel Howard were recommended for the executive committee.

Chairmen of each of the committees gave their annual reports at the meeting and Mayor Mervin M. Schwab spoke on aspects of the Red Cross.

Also speaking was Mrs. Ruth McGovern, public information chairman for the Los Angeles Chapter of the Red Cross.

First meeting of the new officers was held last night.



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W. A. FELKER . . . Heads Red Cross

City to Fight Proposed Bus Expansion Move

Torrance will oppose the proposed move to allow Gardena City Bus service to be extended into Harbor City, City Manager George Stevens reported yesterday.

Any such move on the part of the Gardena lines would prove costly to the Torrance city system, Stevens said, as portions of the routes would be similar. Both bus concerns would operate on Western Ave., which would hurt the Torrance system, Stevens reported.

Studies are now being conducted to ascertain if it is again feasible for Torrance to extend its lines into the Harbor City area. Once served by Torrance Municipal buses, the line was discontinued when too few passengers were riding.

Isbell Elected New President Of Lions Club

L. Milton Isbell, former executive secretary of the Torrance YMCA, was elected president of the Torrance Lions Club for the ensuing year at an election meeting held Tuesday noon at the Ding How Cafe.

Elected to serve with Isbell, now co-owner of the Liberty Home Economy Co., were:

Roy Peterson, first vice-president; C. B. Walls, second vice-president; Fred Boren, secretary; Pete Redisich, treasurer; Mott Farrell, tail-twister, and Frank Carpenter, Lion Tamer.

Elected to the board of directors were Dr. Rollin R. Smith and Albert Posner.

Isbell succeeds Paul Diamond, owner of the Gay Shop, as head of the local service organization.

BUSY THIEF BORROWS NON-BUZZING BEES

This thief was as busy as a bee.

In fact, busier than a bee—cause this guy made off with three two-story bee hives filled with bees, while the winged creatures apparently were snoozing.

Beekeeper Raymond Duerloo, 24424 Park Ave., Walteria, reported the loss to Torrance police officers this week. He valued the bees and the hives at $75.

HOW TO PATCH A HOT WATER BOTTLE

To patch a torn or punctured hot water bottle, do this: Apply a thin coat of colorless nail polish around the area and press a cotton patch over it. When thoroughly dry, apply several more coats of polish over the patch. Before testing with water, let dry over night.

Also, there is a way to patch mutilated bank accounts: Place a Classified Ad in the Torrance Herald—sell un-needed belongings—fill vacant rental units—find a good job. For someone to help you write an Ad, call Torrance 444.

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ON THE LINE . . . Vic Teer (dark jacket center), president of United Steelworkers Local 1414, sets up his picket line in front of Columbia Steel as the workers started filing out Tuesday evening. The local union went out with steelworkers across the nation when the government seizure of the steel industry was ruled illegal Tuesday.

Parking Report To Be Repeated For Merchants

A second meeting to outline the findings of the Parking Authority to Torrance merchants has been scheduled for Thursday evening, May 8, it was announced yesterday by C. T. Rippy, chairman of the group.

The meeting will be held in the City Hall beginning at 8 p.m.

Chairman Rippy said special notices would be sent to all merchants before next week's meeting reminding them of the meeting and asking for their presence.

The first meeting held last week was attended by only half a dozen merchants.

Members of the Parking Authority who have completed a survey of the parking situation in Torrance are Charles V. Jones, Mrs. Emma Roberts, Dean Sears and J. H. Paget.

Burglar Swipes Coins While Victim Sleeps

While he was asleep in another room, a thief broke into his house and made off with $117 in "new" half-dollar pieces, James D. Fitzgerald, 2103 W. 235th St., told Torrance police Monday afternoon.

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PIRATE PERFORMERS . . . Pretty Rochelle Scott, playing the part of Mabel, makes with the music, trying to win Pirate friends Dan Rohrdanz ,the King, second from left, and Buddy Powers, Frederick, away from Patty Dunmyer, the gun-totin' nursemaid, Ruth. All this action takes place in the Torrance High School production of "Pirates of Penzance," offered tomorrow and Saturday nights in the school auditorium. Admission is 50 cents.