



PAMPHLETS PREVIEWED . . . Pamphlets depicting the work of agencies included in the annual Community Chest appeal are reviewed by volunteer workers during a recent kickoff meeting in Torrance. Left to right are Wallace Haas, unit chairman for Torrance; Committeeman Keith Pischel, and Michalda Connors.

Legislator Says:

Intrastate Airlines Under State Study

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District

Today's planes are supposed to move people faster than the fairytale seven-league boots. This theory seems to work pretty well for those of us who live in, or near, large centers of population. It seems, however, to have sprung a few leaks so far as residents of outlying communities are concerned. The airline age seems to be having its difficulties in supplying reliable, safe, economical, passenger transportation to the public in such places.

Largely as a result of a series of complaints about reliability of schedules, unannounced dropping of stops, and ticket selling practices, The Assembly Committee on Public Utilities and Corporations started a series of hearings two years ago about the matter. It was quickly established that most complaints arose from operations carried on entirely within the state, the so-called intrastate operations. Such service is not subject to the jurisdiction either of the federal civil aeronautics board, or of any state agency.

IT WAS proposed that all intrastate airline service, including air taxis, be placed under state regulation and supervision. It was recommended that the function be assigned to the public util-

ities commission, which supervises all other forms of intrastate passenger carrying.

Recently the committee held what was announced as its final hearing on the problem. It was stated that after the hearing, the group would consider in executive session whether to recommend legislation for state regulation of in-state air passenger traffic.

Drafts of two possible bills were submitted for discussion at the hearing. The first related to regulation of in-state airline operation, the second to proposed mandatory insurance coverage to be required for intrastate operations.

THE REGULATORY bill would assign the responsibility to the public utilities commission. Every type of intrastate transportation of passengers would be covered, and there would be a specific exemption for interstate carriers. The commission would be authorized to grant exclusive franchises to specific licensed airlines to carry traffic between various cities, and would be given broad powers with respect to such franchises. Charter and taxi service would also be subject to license and regulation.

The insurance bill would require all licensed carriers to have adequate insurance covering all passengers against death or injury, all liability

for property or other damage from collision, and all liability for damages to persons or property on the ground because of crashes.

REPRESENTATIVES of intrastate airlines, helicopter operators, taxi services, airports, as well as of interstate carriers, testified concerning the proposed bills. Generally, the need for the regulatory bill was seriously questioned, then next the provisions for exclusive franchises which, it was contended, would seriously curtail competition. Other proposed restrictions were also attacked. Some amendments were suggested.

Whether or not legislation will be introduced at the 1963

Gymnastics Class Set For Youth

The Torrance Recreation Department announced yesterday that gymnastics will be offered for teenagers and elementary age boys and girls, beginning this week.

High school boys and girls are invited to attend classes at North High School gymnasium, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Claude Ragsdale, instructor for this program, will group the participants according to age at the first class meeting.

High school age gymnastics under the direction of Walter Hetz, is being conducted at North High School gymnasium on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Armed Forces

Army Pvt. Michael F. Tumble, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Tumble, 22517 Biak Court, completed the eight-week communications center specialist course at The Southeastern Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga., Sept. 14.

Tumble entered the Army last April and completed basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif.

He is a 1961 graduate of South Torrance High School.



HUDDLE . . . Jerry Leonard, 2727 W. 175th St., huddles with Ted Bruinsma (right) as they outline "Bruinsma" campaign which Leonard will head. Leonard has been named as special advisor for the Bruinsma campaign.

Nixon Boosters Plan Meeting Here Monday

Torrance Nixon for Governor Headquarters, 1307 Post Ave., will be buzzing with activity tomorrow night when a "We're for Richard" meeting gets under way at 7:30 p.m.

"Purpose of the meeting will be to appoint chairmen and committee members for headquarters projects that have been recently added to

our list of campaign activities," according to Mrs. Rene Turpel, who supervises the headquarters office. "Attend our meeting Monday night and we'll find a job you'll like as well as one you can do," she continued. "You'll never have more fun than working with our headquarters crew."

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