

Japanese Fighter Plane Joins Other Aircraft in Air Museum

A Nipponese World War II fighter plane which is expected to eventually be on display in Torrance has been painstakingly revived and made its first flight after nearly two decades of inactivity. It is the only aircraft of its kind in the world in flying

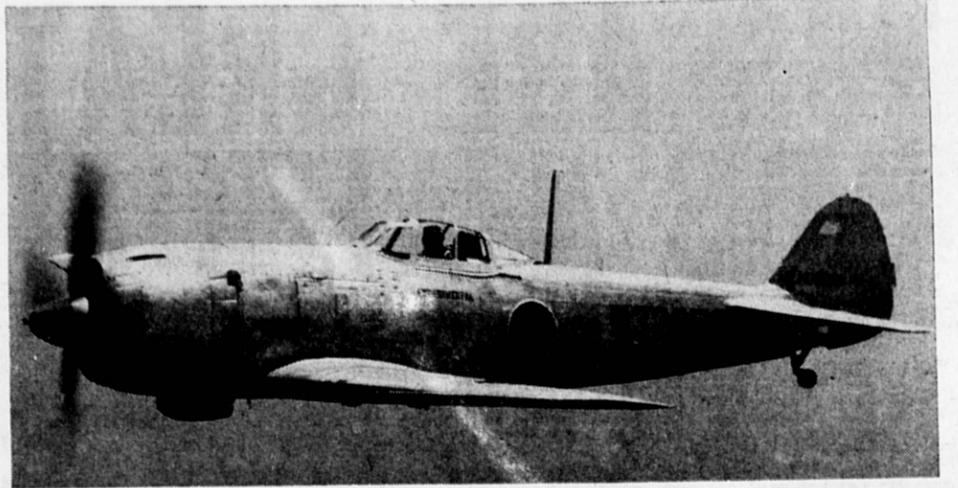
trim. It was made airworthy for the Torrance Air Museum, which is currently in the planning stage and which acquired the aircraft from the Compton Air Museum. The revived plane is expected to be used in air shows and other special events.

PILOT OF the aircraft on its return to flying status was one of the nation's leading wartime fighter aces, currently a colonel in the Air Force Reserve, Walker M. (Bud) Mahurin, who is board chairman for the Torrance Air Museum.

Resurgence of the Pacific combat veteran was accomplished by Garrett AiResearch Aviation Service Division at its Los Angeles International Airport facility. AiResearch mechanics and technicians dismantled the plane literally into "bits and pieces" before putting it in operational shape.

TECHNICALLY, the fighter is a Ki. 84, designated "Frank" for U.S. recognition purposes. Developed in the latter stages of the global conflict, it was captured in the Philippines and brought stateside for flight evaluation.

The "Frank's" recent years of inactivity have been spent in the Compton Air Museum.



OUT OF THE PAST . . . Cruising along the Southern California coast during its first flight in 18 years, Nipponese combat veteran shows Rising Sun insignia. The aircraft

took off from Los Angeles International Airport and returned to the same field. The plane will be on display in Torrance.

Dr. Boyce Heads GOP Volunteers

Dr. Merle H. Boyce has been named chairman of the Council of Republican Volunteers by Ed Leethan, chairman of the

County Central Committee. Dr. Boyce served as chairman of the speakers bureau for the Republican Central Committee prior to his new appointment.

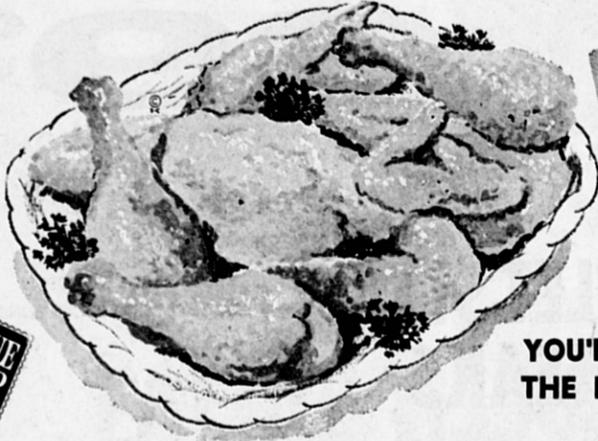
Boyce replaces T. W. Simons, who resigned because of additional duties with his company. In accepting the appointment, Boyce said he planned

to work closely with all Republican groups to develop and coordinate a program of action for the coming election year. He described his primary aim as bringing "all member clubs of the Council of Republican Volunteers into full participation in the coming year's activities."

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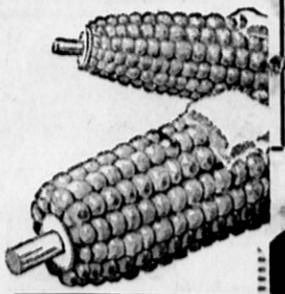
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