

# Governor Signs Bill For Local Court, Judge

A bill authorizing the appointment of a third judge in the South Bay Judicial District was signed into law Thursday by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, climaxing a long-term battle for the establishment of a municipal court in Torrance.



**GOVERNOR SIGNS COURT BILL**

Governor Goodwin Knight signs the bill which provides an additional judge for the South Bay Judicial District. Standing (l-r) are Assemblymen Bonelli, Thomas and Porter.

Instrumental in passing the bill through the Assembly was Assemblyman Vincent Thomas who initiated the measure January 10.

It is now up to the Governor to appoint the third judge. The Torrance Press has campaigned actively for the establishment of a local court and in 1955 Mayor Albert Isen appointed a steering committee, headed by Atty. Boris S. Woolley, to pursue the matter.

The committee won County approval of the local court and the city formally offered a site for the construction of the courthouse on the new civic center in November 1955.

In January 1956 the Board of Supervisors backed Supervisor Burton W. Chace's request for approval of a branch court here unanimously.

Since then, the county has budgeted about \$200,000 for construction of the courthouse between the police station and the municipal swimming pool. Architect Kenneth S. Wing of Long Beach has been employed to design the structure.

Construction should be started this summer.

The new court will have facilities for a courtroom, marshal's office, deputy district attorney and other court departments.

The Governor has not indicated when he expects to appoint the third judge.

## Record Payroll Slated By Douglas For May 17

An all-time record of approximately \$19,000,000 in vacation and sick leave pay checks will be distributed to hourly-paid employees of the Douglas Aircraft company on Friday, May 17, company officials announced today.

Of this total, the largest chunk — some \$5,840,000 — will be split among 22,792 employees of the El Segundo division, which includes plants at El Segundo and Torrance and a warehouse facility at Wilmington.

T. E. Springer, vice president-general manager of the El Segundo division, reported that when coupled with the company's regular weekly payroll, the

division's total payments to hourly workers will reach a record peak of \$8,200,000.

This means, he said, that the average wage earner will take home about \$360 in a single day, less normal payroll deductions.

The El Segundo division, largest of five Douglas divisions scattered across the nation, currently represents 14,066 hourly employees at the El Segundo plant and 8,726 at Torrance. These figures do not include salaried personnel.

In announcing the forthcoming payments, Springer pointed out that the company's vacation and sick leave plans are among the most liberal in industry and normally provide employees the equivalent of one to four weeks of additional pay, depending upon length of service with the company.

Springer urged that each employee take advantage of the time off which the vacation pay checks make possible. Vacations at Douglas are scheduled at the request of the individual employee, as production requirements permit, even though all checks are distributed at one time each year.

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the Santa Monica division and \$4,815,000 to 15,750 workers at the Long Beach division.

The Douglas vice president stated that the company's total combined hourly and salary payrolls on May 17 will exceed any in the company's 37-year history, including World War 11 years of considerably higher numerical employment.



**VOLKSWAGEN BLUES**

This Volkswagen was described as a total loss by the California Highway Patrol following a collision with a '49 Chevy at Figueroa and Sepulveda last week Thursday. Both drivers and a passenger escaped with minor injuries, according to the report. John Sone, 19, of Los Angeles drove the foreign car, while Roberto Navarrete, 25, of Wilmington was the driver of the other car. Michael Letter, 17, of Los Angeles was a passenger in Sone's car. —Press Photo.

## ALUMNI PAPER

Spearheading an effort to establish a regular publication of an El Camino college alumni periodical is Richard (Sleep) Huffman, '54, an education major, now attending the University of Southern California. Those interested in receiving

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