



**FIRST SHIPMENT . . .** The first set of 108 wing rib assemblies for the Boeing 747 Superjet were shipped this week by Aeronca's Aeronca Division here. Inspecting on the wing rib assemblies at left is Mal T. Stanburg, vice president of Boeing, and A. G. Handschumacher, president and chairman of the board of Aeronca. At right, Don McGrath, vice president and general manager of the Aeronca Division, and Mayor Albert Isen take a look at one of the first airplanes ever made by Aeronca—a 1928 model. Aeronca is moving corporate office from Ohio to the Torrance plant at 24751 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

## Wing Rib Assemblies for Boeing Superjet Shipped

Aeronca, Inc., this week shipped the first set of 108 wing rib assemblies for the Boeing 747 Superjet to The Boeing Co. Officials of both companies observed the event, the first major 747 subcontract delivery, at Aeronca's Aeronca Division plant in Torrance.

The giant aluminum sections, up to 20 feet in length and 68 inches deep, are as long as the entire fuselage of the 1928 Aeronca C-3 monoplane, the country's first light aircraft for personal use. One of the original two-place aircraft was flown to Los Angeles for the Boeing wing rib shipment ceremony.

The occasion also was marked by dedication of a new addition to Aeronca's 220,000-square-foot manufacturing complex at 24751 S. Crenshaw Blvd., which will be utilized primarily for 747 wing rib production.

**EARLIER** this week Aeronca announced it will move its corporate headquarters to Torrance from Middletown, Ohio, next Jan. 1.

Leading the dedication and shipment ceremonies today were A. G. Handschumacher, president and board chairman of Aeronca; Roy J. Benecchi, president of the company's Aerospace group; Donald M. McGrath, vice president and general manager of the Aeronca Division; and Robert J. Barrett Jr., Aeronca treasurer.

Representing The Boeing Co. was M. T. Stamper, vice president and general manager, Everett branch.

The huge Boeing 747 Superjet will have 54 rib assemblies in each wing.

Boeing has ordered a total of 53 sets at a cost of more than \$8 million and has options for 150 additional sets bringing the total program

value to more than \$22 million. First contracts for the project were awarded in Torrance from Middletown, Ohio, next Jan. 1.

Aeronca at present holds contractual orders representing more than \$50 million from Boeing in connection with its commercial jetliner program. Recently its Middletown and Torrance divisions were realigned into the Aeronca Aerospace Group to permit the company to handle much larger contracts.

## Lomita, Peninsula Area Leads County Building

With the Lomita-Palos Verdes Peninsula area leading the way, construction activity in Los Angeles County continued its upward trend in November, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

"Countywide building activity was \$25 million for November and, for the eighth month this year, the Lomita-Palos Verdes area led in construction," Chace said.

The Lomita office recorded 322 building permits valued at \$5,378,849—roughly one fifth of the county's total. The office serves the unincorporated sections around Lomita and the Peninsula, as well as the cities of Rolling Hills, Lomita, and Rolling Hills Estates.

The countywide figure of \$25 million was \$3 million higher than the November, 1966, total and \$4 million higher than the previous month.

"The November figures continue to bear out the upward climb of construction activity throughout the county," Chace said.

Of the 322 permits filed at the Lomita office of the County Engineer, 275 were for construction in the unincorporated sections served by that office. These were valued at \$4.1 million.

Rolling Hills Estates posted the most hectic activity, with permits for 24 construction jobs being filed. These were valued at \$1.1 million and included seven apartment buildings (53 units) which will cost \$985,350.

Rolling Hills recorded seven permits valued at \$36,472, while Lomita reported 16 permits valued at \$28,112.

## Water Line Completed

A \$27,820 water main project in Lomita has been completed and is in operation, Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced.

The Board of Supervisors accepted the work and authorized payment to the Montclair Sewer Construction Co., of Ontario, last Tuesday.

The project included installation of 1,370 feet of 12-inch water mains and connections. Work was in 255th Street, from Cypress Street to Narbonne Avenue, and in a 500-foot section of Allene Avenue, south of 255th Street.

## Five Telephone Booths Robbed In November

Five Torrance phone booths were robbed during the month of November. A total loss of \$240 was reported to Torrance police by Pacific Telephone Co. officials who discovered the theft during a routine collection.

Police said the burglar apparently picked the locks, removed the receptacles and money, and relocked the coin boxes.

## City Employees Can Participate In Politics, Attorney Reports

A section of the Torrance city charter which prohibits city employees from participating in local political campaigns apparently is unconstitutional, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said Tuesday night.

Remelmeier, in an opinion handed to councilmen, said recent court cases have held sections of the city charter, and the Torrance Municipal Code, and the State Government Code which prohibit city employees from participating in political campaigns to be unconstitutional.

He said any city employee, under the court rulings, could engage in active political activity "so long as his activities are conducted on his own time, away from city facilities, in civilian clothes, and absent of any representation of city government."

Remelmeier said sections of local and state codes which prohibit city employees from soliciting or receiving political contributions from other city employees are valid.

A section which prohibits city employees from engaging in political activities while in uniform also is valid.

Remelmeier recommended that the sections of the city charter which prohibit political activity on the part of city employees be submitted to the voters with a recommendation for repeal.

## Problems of Adolescent Topic for Spring Course

The emerging adolescent and his problems as explored in outstanding British and American novels will be the topic of a new literature course offered by University of California Extension. The 11 weekly sessions will start Thursday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at North High School.

Lectures will review the problems of various principal characters that reflect a specific time and situation in the perennial maturing process. In addition, discussions will be directed toward the social criticism involved in each illustration. Instructing will be Dr. Ann Benson, associate professor of English, Western College, Oxford, Ohio.

Advance enrollment is now open to the general public. Three units of credit may be earned.

Information on "The Emerging Adolescent in Literature" and other related courses is available by writing Department K, University of California Extension, P.O. Box 24901, Los Angeles 90024.

## Stockholders Approve Merger Of Two Banks

Plans to merge the Pacific National Bank of San Francisco with Security First National Bank have been approved by stockholders of the two banks.

The merger is subject to the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency.

The new bank will be known as Security Pacific National Bank.

## Retail Receipts Reach New Highs

While most Southern California cities experienced a drop-off in retail sales during the first six months of 1967, Torrance forged ahead. According to a report prepared by the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, Torrance increased its sales by a whopping \$13.8 million.

Among major cities running behind are Los Angeles (\$38½ million), Long Beach (\$3½ million), and Santa Monica, (4.6 million).

Eight other cities in this area also experienced an upward trend in receipts netted during the first six months of 1967.

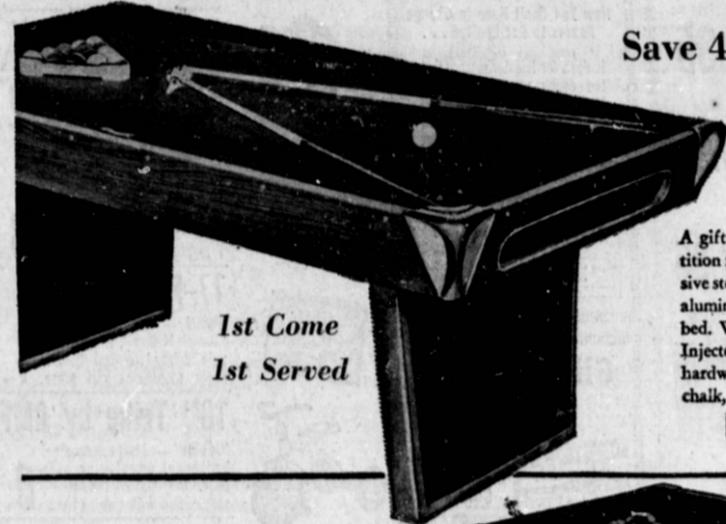
Listed below are the 12 Cities with figures for both the first and second quarters of 1967 and 1966—plus the gain or loss (in thousands):

	2nd 1967	2nd 1966	1st 1967	1st 1966	(Increase or decrease)
Torrance	63,091	61,431	59,294	53,124	13,800
Redondo Beach	23,939	22,721	21,819	21,542	498
Hawthorne	22,765	21,890	22,721	21,949	2,646
Gardena	20,613	20,350	19,127	19,913	(484)
El Segundo	15,569	15,320	16,102	19,899	(7,557)
Manhattan B.	11,795	9,644	10,656	10,918	1,586
Hermosa B.	8,092	5,558	6,062	5,147	1,259
Lawndale	5,631	5,454	5,409	5,181	416
R. H. Est.	3,658	3,835	3,355	3,500	(402)
Lomita	2,363	2,946	2,723	2,680	53
P.V. Est.	681	655	637	600	63



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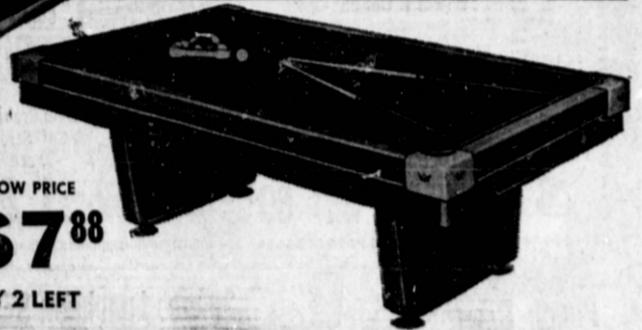
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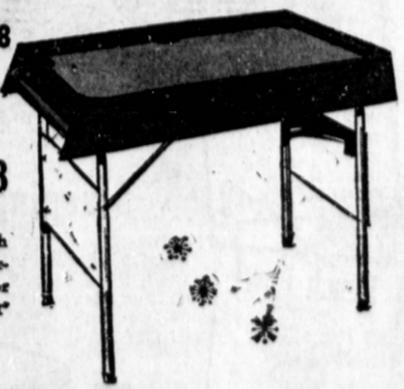
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