



These are Argentine Fascists being whisked off to jail by Buenos Aires police for questioning in roundup of alleged fifth columnists. Movie "Selfrid Line" created demonstration when shown in city.

Planes Circling Over Plants Bring Police Investigation

Two low-flying planes circling over the Columbia Steel plant, Pacific Electric shops and General Petroleum refinery here caused Police Chief John Stroth to detail an officer for "aerial observation duty" last Saturday. The officer, Sergeant Percy Bennett, returned with the numbers of the craft which were reported to the Civil Aeronautics authority in Los Angeles for investigation.

The planes made repeated circles over the industrial plants, indicating to ground observers that the occupants were taking pictures. Both craft were said to have flown considerably lower than the 500-foot legal limit.

Chief Stroth said he plans to attend a meeting called for Friday by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to coordinate efforts of Los Angeles area communities to combat sabotage in their industrial districts. The meeting will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow in the chamber building.

Meanwhile, the city council's legislative committee, headed by Councilman Vern Babcock, is awaiting receipt of a suggested trespassing and anti-sabotage ordinance which is being drafted by counsel for the League of California Municipalities.

The proposed measure would assist industrial plants in providing greater protection to their holdings and would enable the city to prosecute offenders under the state trespass law.

Pair Said Drunk Overturn Auto

Said by police to have been under the influence of liquor, Freeman Shaffer of Los Angeles suffered a broken foot when the car in which he was riding with John Cheatham, also of Los Angeles, overturned at 182nd street while traveling north on Redondo boulevard early yesterday morning. Cheatham was not injured. After receiving first aid at Torrance Memorial hospital, Shaffer was removed to a Los Angeles hospital.

No citation was issued but City Engineer Leonard Young and Wampler's father conferred this week in regard to payment for the damage done to the light standard. The father said his son was employed on a chicken ranch for \$1 a day. An effort may be made to have the young motorist work out the cost of the damage done to city property.

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MARCH OF RIMES

CATER TO THY PATER—By H. F. NOAKE

Like every other growing lad I too, was smarter than my dad. His sage advice went whizzing by, for who was he, when I was 1? He criticised my boyhood pals and didn't like my choice of girls, a tender hide pop often tanned for disobeying some command. My staying out 'til ten at night made father mad enough to fight; and did he sting me with a curse the time I emptied mother's purse. His heart was set on sending me through some good university; but I ignored this helpful plan and ended up a traveling man. In later years I came to learn that father's feverish concern was for his little son's success, and everlasting happiness. So, it's my hope that every lad will honor and obey his dad; and doubt not, 'til journey's end, a father is a boy's best friend.

MWD and City Prepare to Send Colo. Water Here

Bids for the extension of Metropolitan Water District mains from 190th street and Western avenue to 203rd street and Crenshaw have been called by the water district, it was reported this week.

Approved last month by the district's directors, the extension will involve laying of 9,500 lineal feet of pipe, according to C. T. Rippey, Torrance member of the directorate.

District engineers are now preparing plans and specifications for the work, which will be completed in ample time for the scheduled delivery of Metropolitan aqueduct water in Southern California in February, 1941, Rippey said.

Plan Local Mains
The Metropolitan line will be a 24-inch main from 190th and Western to Crenshaw at 190th and a 16-inch line from that point to the Torrance municipal water district's boundary about 100 feet north of 203rd street.

In preparation to receive aqueduct water, the Torrance municipal water district will lay a 16-inch line from the end of the M. W. D. main to 203rd street and then branch off to a 12-inch main on Crenshaw and a 10-inch main on 203rd street, William H. Stanger, superintendent of the municipal system, said this week.

Stanger said he expected the M. W. D. to call for bids on its portion of the work Friday, Aug. 2, and he is now drafting the specifications for the local extension to call for bids shortly after that date.

Red Cross Fund Up to \$1,355

Donations to the Torrance Red Cross War Relief Fund during the past week amounted to \$347.07 of which \$321.07 was contributed by National Supply Company employees. The total to date is now \$1,355.08—still a long way from the \$4,000 quota given this city by the American Red Cross. However, the campaign is continuing and contributions will be gratefully accepted at either bank or the Chamber of Commerce.

Those in charge of the drive for Red Cross funds at the Columbia Steel plant reported yesterday the contribution total now stands at \$495—an increase of \$165 since last Thursday. The campaign among employees is continuing and the subscription will not be turned over to the local Red Cross branch until every worker has been given an opportunity to contribute.

The official donation record this week is:

Previously acknowledged \$1,008.01	
National Supply Co.	321.07
Women of the Moose	5.00
Columbia Arcadia Club	10.00
A. Silver	1.00
Torrance National Bank	10.00
TOTAL	\$1,355.08

Mrs. Flora Wright, local Red Cross chairman, reports that the sewing unit opened Tuesday morning at the McDonald hall, 1951 Carson street. This activity, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, is open to all women of the city. The Red Cross is furnishing materials and the unit is open five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Sewing machines and old pieces of clean, used linen are wanted, according to Mrs. Gertrude Ralston, secretary of the unit and chairman of the Auxiliary's Community Service committee.

Knitters are urgently needed to fashion garments for the Red Cross, Mrs. Wright said today.

Mrs. Stickney Enters Not Guilty Plea to Grand Theft Charge

Mrs. Katherine L. Stickney, 45, entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of grand theft of \$500 from her former employer, the late Ed M. Thompson, last Friday morning in Superior court.

Her trial was set for Sept. 3 in Department 42. Mrs. Stickney, who was employed as bookkeeper and cashier at the Thompson Chevrolet agency here, was returned to the county jail in default of bail.

They Confer on Farm Problems



From strategic farm states of Iowa, none of President Roosevelt's running mate, Henry A. Wallace, came its Republican governor, George A. Wilson, for conference on agricultural problems with GOP Nominee Wendell L. Wilkie. Here they are, at Colorado Springs, Colo.

You May Pay Less in County Taxes But Rate's Due to Rise

Your tax bill next October will ask you for less money for general county purposes than it did last year, it was assured this week following analysis of the new budget and taking into consideration the factors as yet unknown.

This assurance came from County Auditor Joseph Lowery, and is attributed to the fact that the requirements—the amount of money that must be raised by tax levy for operation of the general county government—call for \$301,000 less this year than last. The exact figure is \$35,516,066, as against \$35,817,695 last year.

The general county rate may have to be increased, in fact it's a lead pipe cinch, to quote one official, that it will, but the amount of general county taxes will be less than last year. This is because the total assessed valuation subject to this general levy, as known so far, is "narrower" than last year by \$65,000,000 as announced last week by County Assessor John R. Quinn.

Yet to be added to the total valuation announced last week—\$2,243,277,000—is the valuation of public utilities. So while the general county tax rate will undoubtedly be increased, along with many school district and other levies, the taxpayers will pay less for operation of county government than last year.

Three Building Jobs Started

Building permits issued this week from the city engineer's office totaled \$4,350.

Ruth I. Walter of West Los Angeles, is building a two-family frame and stucco house and two-car garage at 2208-10 Torrance boulevard for \$3,700. P. Burton Rhodes started construction of a two-car frame garage at 1408 Crenshaw for \$250 and the Perry school district is erecting a 16 by 18-foot frame one-room addition to the school auditorium at 17815 Prairie avenue for \$400.

MEATY TALK

Tony Whan of the Wilson Packing Company will address members and guests of the Rotary club tonight on "Debunking the Meat Industry."

School Tax Due for Increase; Hearing Aug. 1

Local taxpayers who desire firsthand information as to the effect of the reduced assessed valuation for the city of Los Angeles on the tax levy in the school district, which takes in Torrance, Long Beach and several cities adjacent to the city, may receive some enlightenment at the forthcoming public hearing to be held next August 1 at Polytechnic high school, 400 West Washington, Los Angeles.

With the district's preliminary budget already adopted, the reduction of \$61,000,000 in the city's assessed valuation has come as an unexpected blow not only to the city administration's budget makers, but to the school district budget-makers.

In other words, their requirements had already been written down and settled, they thought, but the cut in assessed valuation narrows the tax base and means that there must be a higher levy than indicated in preliminary figuring. Hopes were that the levy for schools this year could be reduced to \$1.76 from \$1.80, but the county assessor's announcement makes it appear that the levy may have to go up to \$1.84.

Horse Victim of Hit-Run Driver; Injuries Fatal

A horse was the only automobile casualty of the week here. The animal was struck by a hit-and-run motorist Saturday afternoon when it wandered out into Narbonne avenue near 231st street.

The horse, which was owned by Officer Bogert of the San Pedro police detail, suffered a broken left rear leg and had to be destroyed.

HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED?

To be properly enrolled by Federal Census Bureau is the patriotic and civic duty of every resident. If you have been overlooked by the census taker, please fill out this form and send it to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, either bank, or the city hall. Or you may telephone the information to Torrance 881.

PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE!

Name

Address

Number in family or household

Council to Set New Tax Rate Next Tuesday

With Councilman John V. Murray serving as mayor pro-tem in the absence of vacationing Mayor Tom McGuire, the city council Tuesday night acted on a number of minor matters of city business and then adjourned until next Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 6, at 4:30 o'clock. At that time the council will introduce the 1940-41 municipal tax rate ordinance which is expected to retain the same levies which have been in effect here for the past three years. These are \$1.10 per \$100 assessed valuation in the original city limits and \$1.07 in annexed territory.

Without a dissenting vote, the council approved the proposed refunding of the Alondra Park Mattoon Act indebtedness in which the county will pay half of the outstanding Acquisition and Improvement debt. The consent of the city was necessary to carry out the refunding plan. Other cities which have area in the Alondra Park district—Gardena, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne and Inglewood—have likewise approved the plan.

In response to a question by Councilman George V. Powell as to the status of the condemnation proceedings launched by the city to obtain clear title to the Cabrillo avenue right-of-way which the Pacific Electric has consented to sell to the city for \$8,055, City Attorney John E. McCall reported:

Plan Mid-Week Dances
"I called the Title Insurance company, who received the contract for making an abstract for the condemnation proceedings, today and was informed they are having a hard time completing their work. The firm is making the abstract for \$22.50 to furnish us with a list of all property owners who may have

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Firemen's Status Under City Civil Service Debated

Contending that the city civil service ordinance was "inadequate in many particulars" and could be legally interpreted in several different ways, Attorney John Shidner asked City Attorney John E. McCall to offer opinions on several phases of the law at a conference with two members of the civil service board, city councilmen, Fire Chief J. E. McMaster and three of the volunteer firemen Tuesday night.

Another member of the parley was A. Belden Gilbert, representing the California Civil Service Peace Officers' Association, who urged the city to follow the lead of Beverly Hills in instituting a retirement plan for city employees. Shidner indicated he would like to have a new civil service ordinance adopted here, one that would be modeled after such tested and approved statutes as are in effect in Beverly Hills and several other cities.

Chairman J. O. Bishop of the civil service commission presided at the informal hearing which was attended by Bernard Bunje, Councilmen James Hitchcock, John V. Murray and George V. Powell, Laurence Sommers, Ben Hannebrink, Jr., and Jack D. Leggett, "call men" on the fire department.

Age Limit Chief Issue

Chief point at issue was the age limits imposed by the civil service commission for firemen taking promotional examinations. Shidner said that the age limit of 21 to 45 as fixed in the ordinance is at variance with the commission's use of U. S. Army age brackets for advancement. City Attorney McCall was asked but not formally instructed to bring in opinions on the legal interpretation of the points brought out by Shidner.

It was brought out that the commission may waive age requirements and give special consideration to "call" men during the duration of the present critical national period. Gilbert made a number of suggestions concerning the method of holding the civil service examinations. Chairman Bishop declared that a fire department "cannot operate efficiently with men in the upper age brackets," citing the ages

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CENSUS CHECK SENDS COUNT PAST 10,000

Only two-thirds of those residents of Torrance who have not been included in the 1940 Federal census need to qualify to send this municipality into the 10,000 population class.

This was assured today when the five canvassers employed by the Chamber of Commerce to locate any residents who may have been missed by census enumerators reported they had found 233 who said they were not counted here so far.

The canvassers, including one Japanese and a Mexican, have now finished their re-check throughout the city. They will devote next week to following up the families who have been sent preliminary population schedules thru the courtesy of E. B. Lewis, area manager for the Federal Census Bureau in Los Angeles.

According to the last report from census officials, Torrance had a population of 9,860—just 141 short of entering the 10,000 classification, so important in all the various listings of population centers.

Early Returns are Vital
Also more than the necessary number to bring this city's total up to that classification has been found here as not having been counted, both Area Manager Lewis and Cornelius Kelly, census supervisor for this district, will be glad to send preliminary population schedules to any others who believe they have not been included in the Torrance census.

However, they point out that it is essential that those receiving such schedules fill them out and return them immediately in order to put the additional count on the city's population schedule before it is sent to Washington for a final check and establishment of the official population figures for the Decennial Federal Census.

The local canvassers visited every hotel, apartment house, court and residence where transients may be housed in order to find out if everyone legally a resident of Torrance had been visited by the census enumerators during the past few months.

Growth of City Reviewed
Every new resident who moved here since the Federal census-taking began was also contacted by the workers under direction of a special Chamber of Commerce committee, composed of Directors Harvel Guttenfelder, A. H. Silligo, Secretary L. J. Gilmeister and Grover C. Whyte, publisher of The Herald.

The last preliminary population count of 9,860, which now appears certain of additions to more than 10,000, indicated an increase of 2,589 since 1930 or a 35 per cent gain. The 1930 Federal population count was 7,271, while the 1920 population estimate—no Federal census figure was announced for Torrance that year—was 1,000.

The first attempt to count residents in the city, made in 1915, resulted in an estimate of 350.

Fine Arts Building at Expo Holds Many Subjects of Keen Interest

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"Art in Action" is the intriguing title of the principal attraction this season in the Fine Arts building of the San Francisco Exposition. And many are the interested spectators who hang over railings of the "pens" (as the artists call them) to watch, talk over and criticize work of artists toiling within. Plenty of questions are asked—yes and answered, too, about ways and means in the arts.

At the front of the lofty room the famous Mexican artist, Diego Rivera, looking like a midge against his stupendous mural (but with a very well-nourished midge) moves back and forth on his scaffold, usually with an assistant or two helping with the involved drawing; while below, assistants grind and prepare colors he is to use presently.

At the opposite end of the room one sees the great mosaic which is being created by Herman Volz for installation in the San Francisco Junior College. Next to catch one's attention (because of its great size and noise which accompanies stone-cutting) is the large head of Leonardo da Vinci being cut

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