

# Honor Rolls and How Not to Solve Japanese Problem

## AN EDITORIAL

With the tacit consent of the Gardena city council, the honor roll of Gardenians serving the armed forces and maintained by the Gardena V.F.W. Post does not and will not contain the names of Japanese-Americans who are serving their country—the United States of America.

The Torrance Honor Roll maintained by The Torrance Herald does contain the names of 17 Japanese-Americans and likewise the community service flag in front of the Civic Auditorium numerically includes them.

Whatever one may think of the Japanese, the fact remains that if men of Japanese descent are found worthy by our government to wear service uniforms they deserve equal honor with all other citizens in the ranks.

### AFFRONT TO SERVICEMEN

The Gardena method of dealing with the "Japanese question" is, perhaps, the most ineffectual attack on that grave problem yet disclosed. How it can serve any good purpose other than satisfying the ego of a relatively few Gardenians is beyond comprehension.

"We have 81 men from our V.F.W. Post who are now serving on the fighting lines and we feel that those fellows would not be very proud if we put those names (of Japanese-Americans) on the board," Commander William Cass of the Gardena V.F.W. is quoted as saying to the Gardena city council. "We feel like the other million organizations who are not adding these names to their honor rolls. We feel that we would like to keep the Japs out of the city of Gardena forever!"

The Herald knows of no "other million organizations" who are giving this affront to servicemen of Japanese descent and it does not know, and seriously doubts, if Commander Cass knows, the reaction of Aryan Gardenians to the inclusion of Japanese names beside theirs.

### HOW NOT TO APPROACH PROBLEM

If the commander carried his reasoning to a logical conclusion, he should have erased the names of all German-Americans and Italo-Americans from the Gardena honor roll.

As to the commander's hopes to keep the Japs out of his city, The Herald respects his opinion.

But the fact remains that "honor roll" distinction or no "honor roll" inclusion—this is an example of how not to approach the problem of "What to do with the Japanese, foreign-born and citizens by right of birth?"

The Herald offers no panacea but welcomes any fair, considered study based on community and national welfare with proper evaluation of the rights of all citizens.

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe that the DeWitt order permitting Japanese-American servicemen to return to the Pacific Coast on furloughs was ill-advised.

We believe we have not suffered by the evacuation of Japanese and that our defenses have been materially strengthened because all Japanese—servicemen and civilians—have been removed from our vulnerable coast.

We believe we could get along very well throughout the remainder of the duration if we did not have the Japanese in our midst.

We believe the Japanese are being fairly treated at their relocation centers and that, since the government has borne the cost of getting them there, they should remain there or be assigned to jobs essential to the war effort yet far enough removed from any strategic area to avoid any danger of sabotage.

We believe Japanese who are proven loyal would welcome a return to producing food and, since food is a form of ammunition, they should be given this opportunity to demonstrate their allegiance to our great country.

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## Award Program at N. S. Plant Will be Broadcast

Arrangements were completed today for the presentation of the Army-Navy "E" production awards to employees of the National Supply Co., next Wednesday, May 19, from 4 to 4:30 p. m. The entire program is to be broadcast over the NBC Blue network through KECA.

Lieut. Col. M. J. Joyce of the Army Air Force Material Command, Western procurement division, will make the actual presentation of the "E" awards during the ceremonies which will be held in the new "Pianco" building on 213th st. Admission will be by invitation only because of the limited seating capacity.

Music will be furnished by the 11th Naval District Coast Guard band under direction of Rudy Valle, noted bandmaster and screen actor. He will open the program with the playing of "America."

Employees to Get Pliers  
Lieut. Col. G. M. Bates, A.A.F., public relations officer for the Western procurement division, will serve as master of ceremonies and the principal address will be given by Rear Admiral J. R. DeFrees, U.S.N. (ret.) of the Naval materials division.

The Army-Navy "E" burgee is to be posted by the Torrance plant guards following the presentation of the banner by Lieut. Col. Joyce. The award will be accepted on behalf of the employees by A. E. Walker, president of the company, who is coming here from Toledo, Ohio.

After military selections by Rudy Valle's Coast Guard band, Lieut. Comdr. W. J. Willis, U.S.N.R., of the Naval materials division, will present the "E" lapel emblems to the National Supply workers. Those receiving token emblems will be Reese James, who has been with the company for 43 years, and Miss Calista Washburn, one year of service, for the plant employees and Miss Georgia Farley, who has been with the company for 23 years, for the office workers.

Streets to Be Decorated  
A. J. Hettzel, chairman of the National Supply Co. Employees' Union, will accept the awards for the employees and unveil a bronze commemorative plaque in honor of the occasion.

Torrance business streets are to be festooned with banners, installed by the Torrance Merchants Association, to salute the National Supply workers and a number of company officials are expected to accompany President Walker here for the presentation.

**Fortress Gunner, Lost 66 Days, Visits in Lomita**

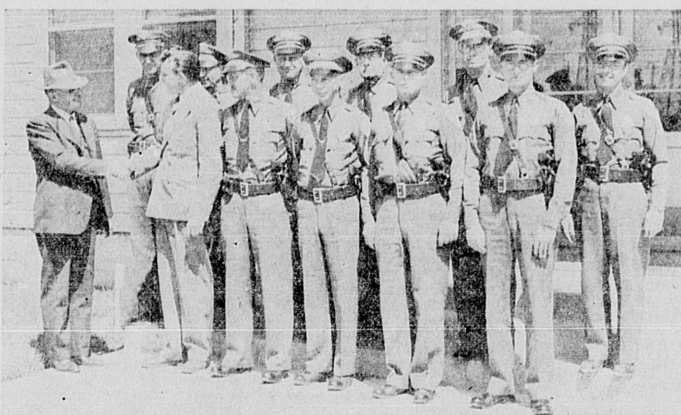
Mark Twain once made a remark that has come down through the years as a classic. The report had been circulated that the famous humorist was dead. When reporters called to get the details Mark himself advised them to say that "reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

Well, Master Sgt. Robert J. Turnbull, tail gunner on a Flying Fortress reported lost in the South Pacific early in February, was a living example of that famed phrase last week when he arrived in Lomita to visit his sister, Mrs. Howard Bass of 2475 250th st., before leaving for his home in San Antonio, Texas.

In addition to have been listed on an honor roll of the men of his squadron as having died in action, having his personal effects sent home and being given two or three posthumous awards for gallantry in action, Turnbull had much more ground for complaint than Mark Twain. He finally showed up at a South Pacific air base alive and well. He had a heavy growth of whiskers and had been 11 days afloat in a rubber life raft and spent 55 days on an island.

Seasoned Veteran at 26  
In addition to that Turnbull had been wounded twice, both being more or less superficial shrapnel gashes. He said he really didn't worry much about the wounds until the salt water started to annoy the boys as they floated around in the Pacific with the wind heading them eventually to safety.

This personable young fellow appears to be a seasoned veteran at 26. There is no squawking about rationing, no complaint about Army fare. He



**GUARDS GET MEDALS**—These men of the Torrance Alcoa plant protection department recently received silver medals for expert marksmanship. H. E. Keller, works manager, left, is shown congratulating Chief Richard A. Moon.

Others, left to right in the front row are: Sergt. N. J. Michels, Lieut. E. Lensch, W. F. Fitzgerald and J. E. Page; second row, A. J. Zwaing, Sergt. J. L. Houghtlin, O. H. Spence, O. E. Lane, Sergt. D. D. Dean and E. V. Shulter.

Trespassers and others who have no legitimate cause to enter the Aluminum Co. property off 190th st. take a big chance of running up against one or more of some of the best pistol shots outside of the armed forces.

## War Workers Losing Chance at Homes Here

Unless Torrance war plants get busy and inform their workers who live out of this community that they should apply at once for reservations to occupy the new homes to be erected here under the 1025 priority plan, they will be filled with workers at the shipyards and aircraft plants far removed from Torrance.

This was evident today from a survey of the registration file kept at the Torrance War Housing Center, corner of Post and Sartori aves. Seven out of 10 of the applicants for the new residential quarters are workers in war plants outside of the Torrance area.

If the local employees living elsewhere and desirous of moving closer to their work do not act promptly, the intent of the building program here will be entirely lost. The War Housing Center, naturally, cannot give any preference to war workers but the local industries can urge their workers to file applications immediately for the proposed new multiple-family dwellings.

**POLICE MEETING SET**  
The next meeting of the Torrance Auxiliary Police has been set for Monday night, 7 o'clock, May 17, at the city council chambers.

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
An adjourned meeting of the city council is scheduled for 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 18.

## Student Travel Ban Lifted for League Meet

Restrictions on student travel to sports events will be entirely lifted for the Marine League track meet tomorrow (Friday) at Narbonne high school's field. Principal C. L. Lyon of Narbonne said today that the Office of Defense Transportation and school authorities had agreed to waive the travel ban for this final athletic event of the school year.

The league meet will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end about 4 p.m. General admission will be 25 cents. The Los Angeles city preliminaries are scheduled for May 22 at the U. S. Coliseum where the finals will be held May 29.

## Three Police Officers to Work as Usual During Vacations

Three Torrance police officers, Sergt. Willard Haslam, Gene Garner and Swayne A. Johnson, will work—and receive the extra pay—during their regular vacation period this summer. This was approved, together with the police vacation schedule, by the Civil Service Board, the city council was informed Tuesday night.

Officer Garner has been made acting sergeant and his pay boosted and Miss Lucille M. Stroh, having served the six months probationary period as desk clerk has received an automatic raise of \$10 per month.

## Hog Ban Voted by Council to Enforce Law

Hog owners who have started in business or installed porkers for home consumption since adoption of the municipal zoning ordinance June 6, 1940 must get rid of their swine within the next 30 days or face prosecution and possible penalty of a \$300 fine, three months in jail or both.

This was decided by the city council Tuesday night at the insistence of Councilman George V. Powell. Hog ranches established before adoption of the zoning law will not be interrupted.

Powell moved that the city attorney be instructed to proceed with the police chief to carry out the "full intent of the zoning ordinance to make the city as healthful as possible." In response to a query by Councilman Vern Babecek as to what he "had in mind in regard to this motion," Powell said:

"I have in mind any and all hog ranches and I want them cleaned out. There are probably 12 or 15 feeding hogs here who were not doing so before the zoning law was adopted."

Although he voted for the hog ban, Babecek said that "I still think an individual should be allowed to raise his own pork. New conditions exist today which didn't exist when we adopted the zoning ordinance. I don't think we're justified in prohibiting any person from trying to raise food for his own family."

## Torrance-Lomita Child Care Center Located in Park

Immediate conversion of the buildings at Torrance city park formerly occupied by Company H of the California State Guard into facilities for the combined new Torrance-Lomita Child Care Center is scheduled, preparatory to establishment of a nursery school to care for the children of local mothers employed in war plants.

## Civilian Defense Test Set for Friday Night

All members of the Torrance Civilian Defense Corps who are not working are expected to be at their posts from 7 to 8 p.m., tomorrow (Friday) night when the second official Army-O.C.D. incident test will be conducted. At 8:15 p.m. the defense forces and the public are invited to attend a special free program to be given in the Civic Auditorium.

This will begin with the showing of the sound motion picture "News Parade of 1942." Afterwards, members of the examining Army-O.C.D. panel will report their findings in regard to the efficiency and response of the Torrance defense set-up.

There will be three "major" test incidents to be handled by the Civilian Defense forces, one of which will simulate a war gas alarm. Twenty other incidents will be set up by the Torrance Civilian Defense Council.

## Guard Company Evacuates Park and Duty Posts

A sudden reversal of plans pulled Company H of the California State Guard out of Torrance city park and off guard posts at strategic points in this district at noon Tuesday. The Torrance city council had notified April 27 that the Guard would discontinue its patrol of the municipal water tower at Torrance and Crenshaw blvds., May 24.

Officers and men of the company, known as Torrance-Lomita's own, evacuated the city park quarters Tuesday morning, leaving only a squad in charge of a corporal to guard what remained of the Guard's property. The evacuation, to quarters in Long Beach, was completed today and the entire company will be demobilized May 27.

Many of the men will be inducted into the First Quartermaster Corps Regiment while the remainder are taking jobs at war plants. The commanding officers of the company, Lieuts. Chalmers M. Dulmage and Robert Lewellen, Sr., asked this newspaper to convey their sincere thanks and appreciation to the "many men and women of Torrance and Lomita and local organizations who have been so kind to the company during the last two years."

**Loaned Articles Returned**  
"We are grateful especially to Police Chief John Stroh, Dale (Continued on Page 6-A)

## OCD Workers Hurt on Duty Will be Paid

Arrangements to pay qualified Civilian Defense Corps volunteers benefits ranging from \$30 to \$55 a month for injuries suffered in the line of duty were announced this week following a conference of county and Federal agencies in Los Angeles.

In the case of injury, defense workers are required to file their claims on forms secured from the field offices of the social security board. Claims for injuries received prior to April 1, 1943, are outlawed unless filed by June 30, 1943, officials stated.

Agencies represented at the conference when plans for the compensation setup were explained by Caryl Warner, Los Angeles attorney who is now a regional personnel officer of the O.C.D. at San Francisco, were the Los Angeles county welfare department, the bureau of public health and the social security board.

The program also provides full medical and hospital care for injuries on duty, permitting the injured O.C.D. worker to select the physician and hospital.

This decision was reached Monday morning following a meeting of the Torrance Child Care Committee with Dr. Elizabeth Wood, who is in charge of the Child Care Centers operated by the Los Angeles Board of Education, and Arol Burns, land agent for the Board. The group, which also included representatives of the National Supply, Columbia Steel and Doak Aircrafts plants, inspected the State Guard quarters and found them easily adaptable for their new role.

Chairman Hillman Lee, who has been working for the establishment of a Child Care Center in Torrance for the convenience of mothers employed in local war plants since last October, said that the combined Torrance-Lomita Center should be in operation by June 1. Mayor Tom McGuire pledged the city's full cooperation and the instructed City Engineer Glenn Jain and Dale Riley, recreation director, to assist with the arrangements.

**Jointly Financed**  
The present Lomita Center's facilities are to be moved to the Torrance quarters and the service discontinued. Mrs. Paul M. Wheeler, who has been in charge of the Lomita Center, informed the Torrance committee that it now has only 16 children enrolled and this was not enough to meet expenses. At her suggestion, the Torrance committee approved the unification move and she will name one member of the Lomita advisory committee to participate as a member of the Torrance group.

According to the plans discussed at the Torrance park, the State Guard barracks building in the ball park will be moved to form an extension with the kitchen and mess hall. The barracks will be equipped with small cots, a wash room and toilet facilities for the youngsters of war-working mothers. The mess hall and kitchen will continue to serve as such because the children may be served three meals a day.

Dr. Wood outlined to the group how the Child Care Centers function under direction of the Board of Education and financed jointly by the Federal and State government and by fees collected from the parents. These charges are now \$6 per week per child with 50 cents per day for each additional child in the family.

**May Reduce Cost**  
Only children from two to five years old are accepted and they may stay at the Child Care Centers, with complete supervision, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., six days a week. At present there are arrangements to provide a 24-hour day service but it was indicated at the Monday meeting that this may have to be up. Many women are working the "graveyard shift" and cannot be transferred to other shifts.

"We hope that the \$6 per week fee can be reduced and it may be," Dr. Wood stated. "Your buildings in the park are admirably suited to the child care program and I feel that the Torrance-Lomita Center will be well patronized by mothers who are now working or who will take jobs in war plants when they are assured that their youngsters can be well cared for."

A lease arrangement is to be worked out between the Torrance city council and the Board of Education to cover use of the buildings and service facilities.

## Large Contingent Leaves for Induction

Nearly 90 men reported at the Torrance Civic Auditorium early Monday morning for transportation to Los Angeles where they underwent final physical examinations prior to induction in the armed forces. Names of those who were accepted will be published next week.

A second induction call has been set up for May 26 at 6:30 a.m., at the Torrance Auditorium for the 36-A contingent.

Members of the Red Cross canteen service served the men who left Monday with coffee and doughnuts.

## Wife of Walteria Sub Crewman, Missing Since Jan. 15, Carries on

The men who go down to the sea in ships, particularly those gallant sailors who wear the uniform of the United States Navy and go under the sea in submarines, always will be entitled to our thanks and praise. This story is about a member of a submarine crew, missing in action since Jan. 15. It is also about his wife, a true example of the adage that "Navy women can take it."

Thomas Walter Beecham, 38, chief electrician's mate, for more than 13 years had a home at 2421 Madison st. in Waleria. There his wife, Isabelle, is carrying on. Beecham was a member of the crew of the submarine flagship Argonaut, reported as lost with all hands, 94 officers and men, in January off New Guinea in an action against the Japanese.

However, there is a regulation that men in this service missing in action are not reported killed for some time after the ship is reported lost. Beecham had served the Navy

for 18 years. He had laid by some money and with Mrs. Beecham, had bought some property here in due time they hoped to retire on his pension.

In April, 1941, Mrs. Beecham went to Honolulu where Beecham, a cousin of the noted musician and orchestra conductor,



**THOMAS W. BEECHAM**  
Sir Thomas Beecham of London, was stationed. Shortly after he arrived, Tom was transferred to a submarine. War clouds were gathering. In Honolulu and at Pearl Harbor there was tremendous activity. The subs were on constant patrol. Mrs. Beecham worried about her husband but she kept busy.

When the Jap fleet war planes thundered over Pearl Harbor on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, she looked out of her upstairs window. As she took her first glance, she says she saw a Jap paratrooper floating down not far away. As he straightened out his chute, she heard a burst of machine gun fire. The Japa-

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## This Week At the Model Victory Garden

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City Park Superintendent

... who is available for consultation at the community plot, El Prado and Cravens aves., 10 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon daily, Monday thru Friday.

Summer maintenance of a vegetable garden consists of irrigating, cultivating, spraying or dusting, thinning the rows and tying up of the vining varieties.

Special emphasis was made this week on thinning the vegetables which are ready for table use. The largest of the beets and turnips were pulled, small but ready for the table, thus leaving more soil area for the balance of roots to expand.

Leaf lettuce was thinned in a like manner because the more of the larger plants that are removed for table use, the larger will the remaining plants grow.

Next week: more about summer maintenance.



**FIRST PHOTOGRAPH**—This is the first picture taken of the Flying Fortress crew that was lost for 66 days in the South Pacific. Sergt. Robert J. Turnbull, brother of Mrs. Margaret Bass of 2475 250th st., Lomita, who was interviewed by The Lomita News this week, is second from the right in the bottom row. The others are, top row, left to right: Sergt. Donald O. Martin,

engineer; Lieut. Ernest C. Ruiz, co-pilot; Maj. Thomas J. Classen, skipper and pilot; Lieut. Robert J. Downart, navigator, and Lieut. B. C. Gibson, bombardier; bottom row, Sergt. Theodore H. Edwards, assistant radio operator; Sergt. Jim H. Hunt, radio operator; Sergt. Turnbull, tail gunner, and Sergt. William H. Nichols, assistant engineer and gunner.