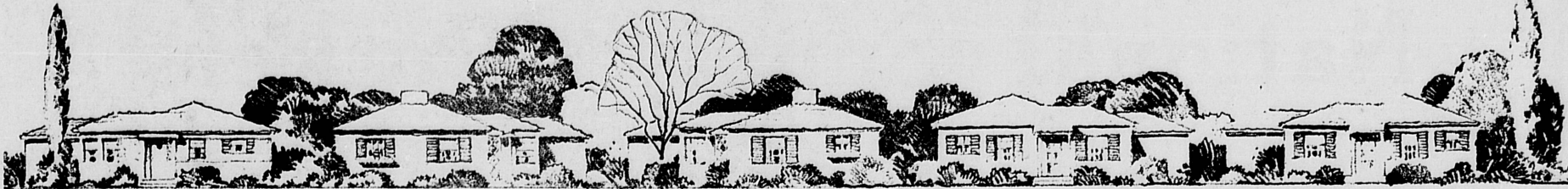


# Priority Releases Assure War Workers of 1,181 New Homes



RELIEVING HOUSE SHORTAGE—This is the architect's conception of the attractive apartments to be erected on the south side of 204th st. by Robert R. Sprague.

## Housing Locations and Rental Fees Announced by MacDonnell

By "capturing" 156 priorities from other less critical areas, Federal agencies have assured the construction of 1181 new rental living quarters for qualified workers in this area, it was learned this week. The Torrance district gets 878 of the proposed new units while Gardena is allotted 303, according to an announcement by Pat MacDonnell, district manager of War Housing Centers.

This welcome news, with a detailed report on the individual projects approved by the Federal Housing Administration for 12 builders, comes as the culmination of many months of negotiations, conferences and compilation of housing data by MacDonnell in his former capacity as Torrance housing coordinator, the Torrance War Industries Committee and The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News.

More than a year ago, The Herald and News editorially and in news reports, urged officials and civic leaders to prepare for the influx of war workers. Since then the newspapers have supported every move for more housing in Torrance and Lomita.

**Single Units Eliminated**  
MacDonnell reported that in arriving at the approval of 1181 living units for this area, the Federal agencies "screened out" all single-family dwellings in accordance with the "grid system" of eliminating any project which used an excess of critical materials over the F.H.A. formula. All of the approved projects are of the multiple-family type—duplexes, triplexes or apartments of larger size.

In every case, the Federal

agencies have fixed the maximum rental prices for the proposed new housing. The builders, number and location of their units and rental ceilings included in the priority announcement follow:

**West Torrance Project**  
Southwest Homes, 223 units along 203rd, 204th and 205th sts., between Western and Denker aves.; 76 to rent for \$42 and 147 for \$40.

B. W. Tye, 148 units at 158th and Brighton ave., in Gardena, 74 in the \$30 to \$40 rental bracket, 74 in the \$42.50 classification.

Thrifty Builders, 68 units at Greenwood, Eldorado, Sonoma and Hickory sts.; rental ceiling, \$42.50.

Baseline Housing, 25 units at Western and Denker, 222d and Plaza del Amo; in the \$30-\$40 bracket.

United Properties and Construction Co., 48 units on Hobart, 160th, LaSalle and Market sts., in Gardena; \$42.50 rentals.

**Katz-Pine Get 59**  
Jones Brothers, 198 units on West 208th st. and Normandie ave., in county territory adjoining Torrance; \$42.50 rentals.

Katz and Pine, 59 units, on Cabrillo, Berder, Andrew and Pla-

## Federal Use Tax Stamp Due July 1, Motorists Warned

The rose-tinted stamp in your windshield, denoting payment of the current fiscal year's Federal use tax stamp, expires June 30, and from all indications Uncle Sam on or about June 15 will be asking for \$5 to cover the 1943-44 span which starts July 1.

Southland motorists were warned this week of this deadline date by the Office of Internal Revenue. Postal authorities have no data on the new stamp's color or size. Motorists are advised to make allowances now in their budget to handle the purchase of the stamp when it comes due.

z del Amo; \$42.50 rentals.

Jewell Homes, Inc., 151 units on Vermont ave., North Walnut Road, James st., and East Road in county territory adjoining Torrance; 54 units in the \$30-\$40 bracket and 97 in the \$42.50 classification.

California National Builders, 68 units on Torrance blvd. and Hickory st.; \$42.50 rentals.

**Lomita Gets Homes**  
Jefferson Finance Co., 102 units on 166th st. between Denker and Hobart in Gardena; \$30-\$40 bracket.

Rolling Knolls, G. M. Holstein, Jr., 85 units on Palos Verdes blvd. and Arahaim blvd., in Lomita; 44 in the \$30-\$40 bracket and 41 in the \$42.50 classification.

William M. Nye, one unit at

## Designed for War Workers' Comfort



TYPICAL LIVING ROOM—Floor plans of the 223 apartments to be constructed here by Robert R. Sprague for war workers provide for well-balanced living quarters such as shown above.

Elm and Eldorado; \$42.50 rental. Shinn Brothers, five units on Harvard and Gardena blvds., in Gardena; \$42.50 classification.

## Developer Experienced in Building Homes for Southland's Workers

In announcing the largest war housing project yet to be built in the Torrance area, the 223 living units to be erected along 203rd, 204th sts., Western ave., and Harvard blvd., Robert Raymond Sprague is continuing a building career that has sent his firm, the Southwest Homes, to the front among the Southland's major developers.

Since April, 1941, he has completed more than \$1,000,000 in emergency war housing for war workers at the North American



ROBERT RAYMOND SPRAGUE

and Douglas aircraft factories in the Inglewood area. At the present time he is finishing a project of 96 units there.

He was formerly general manager of the War Housing Inspection department of the Western Federal Savings & Loan Asso-

ciation. Sprague supervised the construction and engineering of defense housing in the Long Beach, South Gate and Inglewood defense plant areas before the war. These improvements entailed an expenditure of more than \$11,000,000.

"This Torrance project, financed by insured government loans, is sanctioned and approved by the Federal Housing Administration, National Housing Agency and War Production Board," he said.

The local development, the product of five months continuous planning, was approved by the Federal agencies because of the high rating and previous experience in this type of construction and engineering done by Sprague, it was reported.

### Religious Education Measure Adopted

Governor Earl Warren has signed the McMillan religious education bill, permitting pupils with the written consent of their parents to be excused from school for religious instruction at the churches of their choice.

In signing the bill Warren said, "before long every California family will have a father, a son, and possibly a daughter in the armed forces. It seems to me that if the parents would like to have their children devote an extra hour a week to praying for their safety and the safety of our country and receiving religious inspiration, it should be made permissive."

## Largest War Housing Project to Include 223 Living Units

Immediate ground-breaking is set for the construction of the largest war housing project allotted to the Torrance area at this time by Federal agencies—erection of 223 duplex and triplex rental living units by Robert Raymond Sprague, operating under the firm name of Southwest Homes.

This development will be located along 203rd and 204th sts., and Harvard blvd., between Western and Denker aves., immediately adjoining the easterly boundary of Western ave. The homesites adjoin the Aluminum companies' property and are within easy walking distance of the new synthetic rubber plants.

**Landscaping Included**  
Construction of the 102 frame and stucco buildings of the latest design will cost approximately \$825,000. Sprague disclosed yesterday that he is planning an addition to the project along 205th st., which will bring the total investment to \$1,200,000.

The first living units will be erected at once. Engineering work is being completed now and grading has started. The entire project will be attractively landscaped and the streets paved. Cement sidewalks, curbs and gutters are to be installed.

**Employ Union Builders**  
Detailed plans for the development show that 76 two-bedroom triplexes, 21 single bedroom duplexes and five double duplexes with two bedrooms in each will be erected, making a total of 102 buildings.

Union building craftsmen will be employed on the project exclusively. Sprague estimates that

## How Reduced Sales Tax May be Charged

Here's a table showing present sales tax rates in California compared with the probable new scale that will go into effect July 1 as a result of tax reduction legislation signed by Gov. Earl Warren.

PRESENT SCALE		Tax	
Cost of Article			
15 to 49 cents	1 cent	15 to 49 cents	1 cent
50 to 83 cents	2 cents	50 to 83 cents	2 cents
84 to \$1.16	3 cents	84 to \$1.16	3 cents
\$1.17 to \$1.49	4 cents	\$1.17 to \$1.49	4 cents
POSSIBLE NEW SCALE			
15 to 59 cents	1 cent	60 to 99 cents	2 cents
100 to 139	3 cents	140 to 179	4 cents

**EXPENSE MOUNTS**  
Per capita expenditures for Federal, state and local government in California increased from \$107.25 in 1933 to \$342.63 in 1942, it was revealed by the May Tax Digest.

approximately 250 workmen will be used on the job, most of whom have been associated with him in his previous large development projects and who are over military age.



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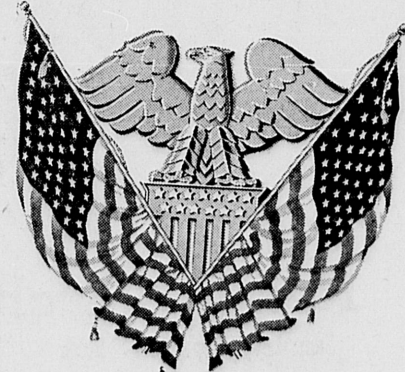
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