

## Plans Under Way for United National Clothing Collection Torrance Drive

Plans are well under way for the "United National Clothing Collection" drive in Torrance. All organizations are completing their plans for the drive that starts April 1 and continues until April 30, according to Hillman Lee, chairman.

Lee declared: "Appeals from the Allied nations for clothing are great." He released the following quotations from letters from relief workers in wartorn Europe.

From France: "In every class there are children who own but one shirt or dress. The child has to stay home while the mother washes and dries this single garment."

From Holland: "It is reported that absenteeism in schools has reached alarming proportions."

From Italy: "One coat of one of the boys had at least fifty patches on it."

From Poland: "Thousands of children both in town and country, are unable to leave their homes. They do not even have their beds as they have no clothes to put on their cold bodies, nor even a blanket to cover themselves."

From Greece: "A pair of children's shoes made of synthetic

substance costs \$220."

"There may be several questions that we may want answered," Lee said and they may be as follows:

"Why the United National Clothing Collection? President Roosevelt said: Millions of people do not have enough clothes to keep them warm... in occupied Europe almost as many people have died from exposure due to lack of adequate clothing as have died from starvation."

"Who is behind the United National Clothing Collection? United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) and various voluntary agencies for war relief overseas. Henry J. Kaiser, shipbuilder and engineer... national chairman."

"Which kind of clothing is wanted? Wearable clothing — yours and everybody's for men, women and children. Clothing which no longer fits. It will fit someone who needs it badly. Clothing which is out of style. Style doesn't matter when you're cold. Clothing you don't need. Someone else can use it. Clothing you're tired of. When one has nothing, anything will do. Knitted caps, woolen wraps, shawls and scarves, heavy socks, low heeled shoes, if you have spares, have them mated, tied in pairs; dresses, work clothes, coveralls, underwear and overalls, robes, pajamas, sweaters, skirts, top coats, jackets, suits and shirts, infants' garments, bedding, piece goods; all of these are your lend-lease goods."

"To whom will the clothing be sent? To needy and destitute in war-devastated countries. "Where will the United National Clothing Collection take place? In every local community, big and small, in the United States. "The need for clothing for victims of war is so great that in a leading newspaper of Yugo-slavia's capital, the following advertisement appeared: 'Lost — Woman's left shoe, size 5 1/2 black oxford; round patch on left side. Ample reward for its return to 112 Alexander st., Belgrade.'"

"In and between its lines lies a grim and poignant story—a story which applies not only to the Belgrade woman who offers 'ample reward' for the return of an old and patched shoe, but to millions upon millions of men, women and children in the war-ravaged lands of the world. "To them the loss of an old shoe, a tattered shirt or a frayed shawl is a major catastrophe. "Five years ago, when Nazis or Japs invaded their homes, these millions were robbed of everything except the clothes they happened to be wearing—some even were stripped of such apparel if it was in good condition and could serve the invaders for their own comfort or in the manufacture of materials or munitions through which they might extend their cruel sway. Any chance of obtaining new supplies was cut off when the invaders commandeered the production of their looms and textile mills. "In the five harsh, horror-filled years which have passed since then, the garments of the oppressed millions were thinner and thinner. They were patched and repatched, turned and turned again, and often reinforced with old paper, straw or other waste for want of other material. And, so scarce and scanty did these garments become, that during the winter months, deaths from exposure equalled and, in some sectors, surpassed those due to starvation and malnutrition."

"With the appeals from our Allied nations, Torrance can have a great part in relieving the suffering by taking our clothing that we no longer need to one of the five receiving stations in Torrance, Chamber of Commerce, Carsonmart, Harvel's Service Station, OPA Offices and Ideal Ranch Market."

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## Holy Week Program Is Announced

Dr. James W. Fifield Jr., minister of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, has accepted the honor of keynote speaker at the opening of a series of daily Holy Week services to be sponsored in the Philharmonic auditorium next week, Monday through Good Friday, by the Church Federation.

Dennis Morgan, popular film star and radio singer who is also a leading layman of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, is scheduled to sing at the service in which Dr. Fifield participates.

All of the daily Holy Week services will feature outstanding clergymen and soloists, according to John W. Yates, church federation president. Yates stated that residents of this community, working in the downtown area are particularly invited to attend the series, which is open to the public, and he added that persons attending are welcome to remain only for that portion of a service which their limited time may permit.

The services will be held in the Philharmonic auditorium from 12:10 to 12:35 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from noon to 1 o'clock on Good Friday. The church federation is also sponsoring a traditional three hour Good Friday service at the First Methodist church, Eighth and Hope streets, from noon to 3 o'clock.

Following is the complete list of ministers slated to address the brief services:

Monday, Dr. Fifield; Tuesday, Dr. Eugene C. Blake, Pasadena Presbyterian church; Wednesday, Dr. Willis Martin, Wilshire Methodist church; Thursday, Dr. Cleveland Kleihauer, Hollywood-Beverly Christian church; Good Friday, Dr. Paul C. Johnston, Immanuel Presbyterian church, and Dr. Frank B. Fagerburg, First Baptist church.

Ministers preaching at the Good Friday service at the First Methodist church include: Dr.

Glenn R. Phillips, First Methodist church, Hollywood; Dr. E. G. Williams, Highland Park Presbyterian church; Dr. M. Owen Kellison, Wilshire Christian church; Dr. Frederick D. Jordan, African Methodist church; Dr. Allan A. Hunter, Mt. Hollywood Congregational church; Dr. J. Whitcomb Broughter, First Baptist church, Glendale; and Dr. Donald H. Tippet, First Methodist church.

Arrangements for the Holy Week series are under the supervision of the Rev. Harold E. Ditzler, First Evangelical and Reformed church.

## 3 Torrance Men Commissioned as U.S.M.C. Officers

Three Torrance men were commissioned as ensigns, USMS, in graduation exercises last week at the United States Maritime Service Officers School, Alameda, Calif. After successfully completing a four months course and passing examinations for licenses, the new officers were presented with their commissions by Capt. Malcolm E. Crossman, USMS, superintendent.

It was necessary for the men to have at least 14 months sea experience in order to qualify for entrance. They will ship out as third assistant engineers or third mates on merchant vessels within a few weeks of graduation.

Included in the graduating class of almost 200 were: Ensign Victor H. Chatten, 1111 Sartori ave., who was a section leader for a group of 30 men while attending school; Ensign Allan K. Muir, 808 1/2 Amapola ave., and Ensign Walter J. Walker, 24240 Los Codona ave.

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