

## CONSTRUCTION OF DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL WIDENING PROJECT DUE TO START WITHIN 60 DAYS

Construction of the first unit of the three million dollar Dominguez channel widening project has been authorized and work will start as soon as metal culverts can be secured, Col. H. E. Hedger, chief engineer of the county flood control district, said. The work is in the area of Gramercy ave., 174th st. and Western ave., where the channel will be relined and straightened.

Completion of the Dominguez channel improvement is the forerunner to the opening and widening of Western ave. south from Gardena through Torrance and to the harbor. The Dominguez channel has been more familiarly known in Gardena for many years as "Nigger Slough."

The city of Gardena and the City Planning committee is cooperating with the county flood control district on the project by proceeding with necessary steps to secure 50-foot set-backs on Western ave. from the north city boundary near Rosecrans ave. through the business district. The southerly portion of Western ave. within the city limits has already been set back for the 100-foot right of way.

The job of putting in culverts and improving the channel will be rushed to permit an early start on the \$60,000 project of improving the highway. It was stated that when the work is to begin hinges upon the scarcity of materials, but Gardena Chamber of Commerce Secretary Pat MacDonnell reported that Engineer Hedger has told him the work would be under way within 90 days. No priorities are needed to get the metal culverts, but the delay is encountered because of the scarcity of the products.

The postwar project on the channel, involving the expenditure of more than \$3,000,000, contemplates the widening and concreting of the drainage canal where necessary from its head at Rosecrans and Crenshaw, through the area to the harbor.

As soon as the channel work is completed, the county road department will have secured \$90,000 worth of rights of way for the elimination of the Torrance bottleneck on Western ave. and for widening it as a 100-foot boulevard from Los Angeles to the sea.

## Weather Bureau Cooperation on Station Promised

The United States Weather Bureau will give Torrance its full cooperation in locating rain and temperature gauges in the community which will result in placing the community on the "Weather Map" of the southwest.

H. W. Douglas, of the Los Angeles office, said that he had located maximum and minimum thermometers of the type used in official weather bureau observation posts such as is proposed for Torrance, and also eight-inch rain gages.

Douglas told Blaine Walker, executive secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, that he would give full cooperation in locating the weather gauges that they might be of fullest value to the community and to the government.

## Calship Seeks Workers For New Program

In an interview today, Jim Warfield, Calship general manager, said, "We're bucking the line with a triple-threat play: 26 new cargo ships to go, crippled ships in for immediate repair, and now a huge contract for 'Special Dogwood' strategic Navy barges."

"For every 240 miles our boys advance, two new ships are required," he said, "and that means getting ships out there fast. The Navy, recognizing the efficient way Calship has launched over 450 tankers, transports, Victory and Liberty ships especially selected this yard for these two additional urgent jobs."

"We are appealing to workers in over 27 dependable trades," Warfield pointed out, "not only because this work is patriotic, but because every worker, be he engineer or otherwise, will have to be brought up to full journeyman's skill and wage in a trade that will give him sure earning power anywhere in the big post-war reconstruction program to come. We must have, or train, 2500 new skilled mechanics to do these jobs and we're ready to pay them tops as fast as we can employ them."

Thirty ships are needed to land a division of 15,000 men with all of its equipment, over seven tons of supplies per man. Tremendous numbers of vessels are needed to return them home after V-J Day. Our Navy has grown from 7895 vessels in 1941 to over 100,000 today, and there is still a strong demand.

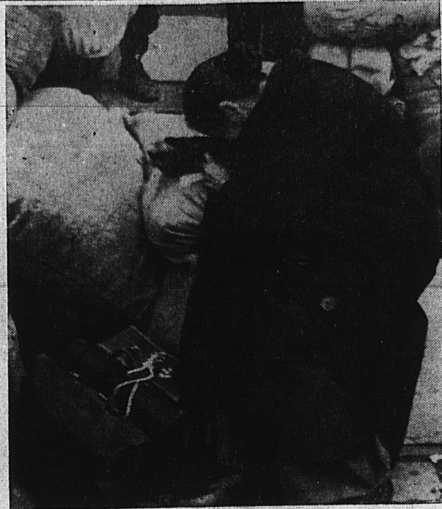
The metal working mechanics trained as welders, etc., will play a big part in the 20 billion dollar plant and industrial reconstruction program now planned for the post-war era.

## Increase in Egg Price Looms, Says Government

Possibility that Los Angeles retail egg prices may be increased by about 2 cents in the near future loomed today, when OPA announced that regional administrators may grant wholesalers increases up to 1½ cents per dozen in cities of a million or more population where labor and other costs are abnormally high.

Any increase in wholesale prices must receive the approval of OPA's Washington office and the Secretary of Agriculture, it was announced.

Should such approval be granted, prices would range from 48 cents a dozen for the small loose eggs to about 70 cents for the large double A size, it was pointed out.



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## Police Capture Three Escaped Hospital Inmates

Harry Thompson and T. Beal, Torrance policemen retrieved three escaped Camarillo State Hospital incorrigible ward inmates August 13. The three youths, Earl Hickman, 15, El Segundo, an alleged sex offender; Wayne Pringle, 16, El Segundo, charged as a runaway, and Charles Isenberg, 13, Hollywood, charged with bicycle theft, were picked up at 3:30 a.m. walking along Highway 101. This was five hours after the trio had made good an escape from the hospital detention ward by means of a saw blade, according to police reports.

Police Chief John Stroh stated that their escape was unknown at the time Officers Beal and Thompson made the pickup. The three alleged delinquents were held by Torrance police and Camarillo authorities notified.

## New Rules on Repairs Given By Government

In answering many inquiries from Southland landlords and tenants as to how they can get lumber for making emergency repairs, local War Production Board officials today explained a new rule now in effect.

Homeowners, they said, can get repair lumber — if they can find a lumber man who has it — by signing a simple statement certifying that the house is their home, that they own and occupy it, and that the repairs are necessary to make it safe for habitation. Signing this statement gives them a priority.

Many landlords and tenants have been seeking this help but are stymied by the certification, which they cannot truthfully sign, according to Stanley Mark, WPB priorities chief. What they should do is to apply at WPB headquarters, 1031 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, for priority aid, using Form WPB 541.

Farmers should apply through their local county farm committee.

Mark pointed out that priorities are given only for repairs of damage caused by fire, flood, or other serious damage that would make a dwelling actually unsafe or unfit for occupancy. "Not," he added, "just to beautify the place."

**GARDENIAS**  
And now its gardenias for the boys. Mrs. Irene Stevens, a gray lady of the Red Cross, says the boys in the Pasadena Regional Hospital are wild about them. When she took corsages to the hospital last week, 583 inmates almost rioted.

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## Carl Egnew Was Aboard U.S.S. Drexler

Carl R. Egnew, chief quartermaster, U. S. Navy, Lomita, and Philadelphia, Pa., was wounded when the destroyer U.S.S. Drexler was sunk in a vicious 90-second attack by three Japanese suicide bombers off Okinawa on May 28.

Already damaged by the first of the Kamikaze trio, the Drexler rolled over on her starboard side and sank within 49 seconds after the last suicide found his mark. Casualties totaled 210, including 158 dead and 52 wounded. Wartime complement of the Drexler was approximately 350 officers and men.

Comdr. Ronald Lee Wilson, U. S. Navy, 524 E. Thorne pl., Marion, Ill., skipper of the destroyer, himself wounded in the attack, described as "fantastic" the action of the last suicide pilot, who was forced to make two passes at the crippled, dead-in-the-water Drexler before she was sent to the bottom.

Attacking at 7:02 a.m. the first suicide bomber struck the destroyer amidships, cutting off her power and starting large gasoline fires. Thirty seconds later the second plane approached, but was splashed with a direct hit from a 5-inch gun.

Seconds later the third plane came in. The Drexler's guns scored many hits on the Jap, who was further rattled by pursuing Marine Corsair pilots. Undaunted, the Jap came on but missed his mark, barely clearing the stacks and apparently destined to crash.

"It was so apparent the plane would crash that the Marine pilot veered off," said Comdr. Wilson. "But the Jap didn't crash at all. He flew a tight circle to attack a second time. Again the ship's guns took up the fight as did the alert Marine pilot who observed what had happened." Nevertheless, the Jap completed his circle and struck the destroyer at the base of No. 2 stack, rocking the ship with an explosion that blew parts hundreds of feet and started immense oil fires.

**CALDWELL HOME**  
John H. Caldwell, Sp. 2/c, U. S. Coast Guard, is home on a 19-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Caldwell. He is stationed in San Diego.

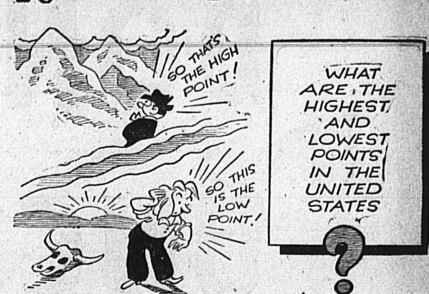
### 1000 UNITS

There are nearly 1000 war service units operated by the Salvation Army in the Pacific area. They are strategically situated where the going is toughest, sometimes in jungle clearings, sometimes on the coral reefs, wherever they can serve most men.

### FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the Salvation Army with Russian troops was on the Baltic Coast, where Capt. J. Villeneuve was operating a mobile canteen. His night and day service was rewarded when he saw the joy of the Russians at the sight of his canteen.

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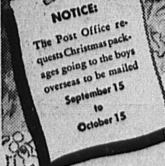
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