

## Torrance Chamber Should Seek New Textile Mills, I. Washer Declares

Torrance should lose no time in making known its low tax structure, desirable location and availability of industrial land to proponents of the \$250,000,000 textile industry proposed for Southern California, I. Washer, proprietor of The Gay Shop and a director of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday.

Long an exponent of Southern California as a center of the textile industry and fashions, Washer proposed that a committee of Torrance merchants, represented by the Chamber of Commerce, acquaint itself with the program already undertaken by Los Angeles mercantile establishments and cotton raising interests to ultimately establish 100 textile mills in Los Angeles county.

Washer's stand often has been voiced at City Council and Chamber of Commerce meetings.

A. L. Trowbridge, chairman of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce industrial committee, reported that several Los Angeles concerns are footing bills for a survey which is preliminary to the erection of the first textile mill on the Coast. The agreement provides that those financing the project in the "blueprint" stage will be given credit for the funds in interest in the mill.

**Enough Cotton**  
The first concrete step, already approved by Chambers of Commerce in all parts of the State, would be the erection of a \$2,500,000 mill. However, according to Trowbridge, there is now, or soon will be, enough cotton to keep 100 such mills turning out fabrics for the western clothing industry.

"Our cotton," he asserted, "will make it possible to produce fabrics so superior to those now produced that we won't be in competition with eastern and southern mills. We have engaged the finest engineers in America to guide us and Los Angeles department stores are greatly interested. If operating expenses are taken into account it may take \$4,000,000 to finance the first mill; all the financing will be done in California."

"Despite high labor costs, cotton growing is more profitable here than in the South and of better quality despite the effort of the South and East to foster prejudice against irrigated cotton."

"There is every reason to predict that we shall be making cotton when the South is out of business. Users of fabrics in California have had to pay \$18,000,000 a year extra to ship cotton and goods back and forth across the country as many as four times in the course of processing."

## Housing Aid To State Seen In Federal Action

The government may turn over surplus buildings to the States without cost to meet the housing emergency.

W. Stuart Symington, Surplus Property Administrator, was reported by an official of his agency to be considering issuing such an authorization to be effective at once.

The official, who asked that he not be named, said the terms as contemplated call for: the States to maintain the property, houses to be rented first to veterans and after that to the general public, demountable (knocked down) houses in storage areas of various disposal agencies to be erected by the States on favorable Federal sites, leases to be for a maximum of five years, and rents in excess of maintenance costs to revert to the government.

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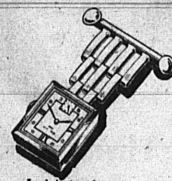


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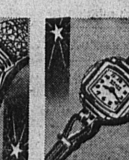
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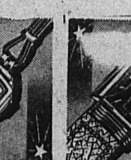
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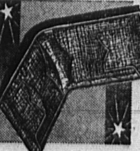
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