

SLEEPY GAUCHO — Boyd Buffett, general chairman for the "Gaucho Days" celebration, gets into the spirit of the thing in his Lomita office. "Gaucho Days" is being staged in Lomita September 10, 11, and 12. —Arthur Willey photo.

Band Prepares for Exchange Concert Trip

Next Thursday evening, Aug. 12, the Torrance Area Youth Senior Band will play a band concert at Bixby Park in Long Beach, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. The band students will leave the Torrance Civic Auditorium at 5:45 p.m. for Long Beach. They will go by chartered bus.

This is an exchange concert, as the City of Long Beach sent its All-Girl Pastel Band to Torrance for a parade and concert last May during the Torrance Area Youth Band uniform and instrument drive. It is hoped that more of these concerts can be exchanged with bands of other communities in the future.

Sunday afternoon, Aug. 15, the Torrance Area Youth Senior Band will play a concert in the City Park in Torrance. The program will be held in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a basket lunch. This is one of a number of programs the bands expects to give for the people of Torrance in appreciation for the support the people and city have given them.

Three More Dominguez Dumps Open

Permits for operation of three small dumps in the Dominguez-Laguna area were granted Tuesday by the board of supervisors.

The permits were granted to Martin Adams for the dump between Moneta and Broadway, approximately 800 feet south of Griffith street; M. H. Brown, for the dump at the southwest corner of 190th and Figueroa streets, and to Ora H. Kale, applicant for the dump approximately 250 feet north of the intersection of Broadway and Main streets.

Chairman Raymond V. Darby explained that the permits were granted with the condition that a maximum of \$1.25 per ton be charged for dumping privileges, and that an operator must be on duty at all times while the dump is open for business.

'GOD IS SPIRIT' THEME
"God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." This declaration of Jesus from John is the Golden Text of the Sunday Lesson-Sermon on "Spirit" in all branches of The First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Rare Items to Feature Hobby Show Thursday

Collector's items—rare, unusual, and in quantities will be displayed in the Civic Auditorium today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., as part of the city-wide hobby show for adults and children.

Judging of the entries will take place at 2 p.m., according to Eddie Cole, summer recreation director. The display is sponsored jointly by the Recreation Department and the Torrance Rotary Club.

A trophy for the grand sweepstakes winner will be presented as well as awards for the most unusual, the best homemade, the largest collection, the smallest collection, the youngest owner, the best displayed and the best display by a boy and a girl.

Marine Plane Reserves Will Fly Saturday

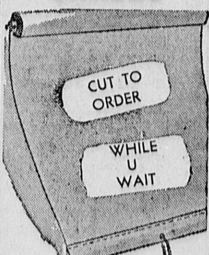
Hundreds of fighter and transport aircraft which make up the Marine Aircraft Reserve in the West will take part in maneuvers scheduled for Saturday, August 7, at the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro.

This aerial mobilization of 300 officers and men will be the second since the end of World War II and will involve the transfer by Marine Brig. Gen. C. F. Schilt of his command from Glenview, Ill., to El Toro field.

Seeks Crash Witnesses

Witnesses to the traffic accident at 190th and Figueroa streets last September 6 are sought by Steve Perotish, 20414 North Florence drive, Torrance. Perotish was crippled in the crash, which involved a Los Angeles city automobile. The accident happened at 8:30 p.m.

WINDOW SHADES



Why we are on STRIKE at Pacific Smelting Co.

For many, many months we workers of Pacific Smelting Co. in Torrance have been dissatisfied with our wages and working conditions. We have seen our living costs skyrocket, while our paychecks remained stagnant. We have had no paid holidays and we have had only 40 HOURS vacation a year as reward for building huge profits for our employer with a year of hard work. We have had to deal with the boss and "settle" grievances individually, not as a group of workers who could talk man-to-man to our employer through our elected representative. We have seen most of our fellow workers in Torrance—union members—receive higher wages and work under far better conditions.

In the last year we've been thinking a lot about forming a union at Pacific Smelting. We started looking around to see what big unions we could affiliate with—unions of workers in our own industry—so we would have more bargaining strength and union security.

The choice was easy. We found that the 55-year-old International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers is the only union that has consistently improved the wages and working conditions of workers in the nonferrous metals industry throughout the years.

A few weeks ago some of us visited the local office of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers and obtained membership cards. We passed them around the plant and it wasn't long before everyone had signed the cards except a small minority.

Representatives of our union then notified M. D. Schwartz, vice president and general manager of Pacific Smelting Co., that a majority of his employees were members of the union, and asked for a meeting to sit down and negotiate on a union contract.

Mr. Schwartz said he didn't believe it. He then called all of us together, on company time, gave a speech against the union, said many things that were not true concerning the union, and refused to let a union representative present facts favorable to the union.

THEN—at the meeting—Mr. Schwartz held an election. The ballots were already prepared. They were on a simple "Yes" or "No" basis. Representatives from the company and the workers observed the voting and the counting of ballots.

BUT—Even after the anti-labor speech of Mr. Schwartz, with no presentation of the union's side, the vote count was 31 for the union, 13 against. Three nightshift workers, solid union members, were not present to vote. Everyone else voted.

We felt that it was us, not the employer, who should decide if we should belong to a union. We made our decision, decisively.

Mr. Schwartz was not present after the vote. When the union committee asked to meet with him the next day he said he wasn't feeling well. He said he would meet with them the following day.

THEN, MR. SCHWARTZ REFUSED TO MEET WITH OUR COMMITTEE!

When representatives of our union called Mr. Schwartz, he told them he "didn't know for sure if my men want to belong to the union or not . . . I want to be sure before I commit myself." (How sure does a man have to be?)

THEN—Three of our strongest union members, of proven ability on the job, were threatened with firing. The boss told one of them that if he didn't start wearing hard-toed shoes he would be discharged. This man has worn soft-toed shoes during all the six years he has worked at the plant. The other two firing threats were equally ridiculous.

We thought it was about time to act. Either we were to stick together solid, in the union of our choice, or many of us would soon lose our jobs. We held a meeting that night—July 30—and decided to strike for recognition. The next morning, last Saturday, all workers, except seven, refused to return to the plant. We set up pickets.

Now, here are some more very important facts, exposing false reports being spread by the company, that we want all citizens of Torrance to know—

•Those seven scabs who went into the plant after the strike was called in a democratic manner are the ONLY scabs who have entered the plant. They are the ONLY production workers in that plant today.

•This is a democratic, LEGAL strike, approved by the overwhelming majority of the employees, and approved by the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

•The Taft-Hartley National Labor Relations Board has nothing to do with this strike. A government Conciliator this week offered to meet with company and union representatives to settle our differences. THE COMPANY REFUSED.

•The ONLY other workers who have crossed our picket line were two scab truck drivers, belonging to no union, who were escorted through the line by police from an OUTSIDE community—Inglewood. Those police had NO BUSINESS being there. Inglewood is the home of the owner of the plant. Nearly all the workers on strike are long-time residents of Torrance.

•There has been NO VIOLENCE on the picket line—EXCEPT when one of the scabs smashed his big auto into the moving car of one of our strikers.

•The company went to a judge in Los Angeles, paid \$10, and got a temporary restraining order limiting our pickets to two. The judge issued the restraining order WITHOUT A HEARING to hear both sides.

•We are on strike for these reasons: We demand adequate wages to match today's high living costs and the huge profits of big business. We demand two weeks paid vacations, after one year, and paid holidays, which we figure we earn and deserve. We want other benefits enjoyed by other union members. We want, and we insist that we have, the union of our choice as our bargaining agent.

•We intend TO STICK SOLIDLY TOGETHER until we win this just strike—which we feel is, in the long run, for the best interests of ourselves and our community. A plant paying low, open-shop wages is a threat to the entire community, hurting merchants, professional people and workers alike.

•We earnestly ask the support of every fair-minded citizen, merchant, and organization in Torrance, union and non-union.

•Our paychecks have stopped, but our food bills, rent, and other living costs go on. We are responsible members of this community. Most of us have families and children.

HERE'S WHAT WE ASK YOU TO DO—

- 1—Write and telephone Mr. M. D. Schwartz, Pacific Smelting Co., Torrance, and ask him to meet with representatives of our union, bargain in good faith, and end this strike.
- 2—If you are a union member, come see us on our picket line and give us your support. (We picket 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.)
- 3—Whether or not you are a union member, give us your MORAL and FINANCIAL support. We need food and gladly will accept it. Money is more valuable to us, however, because we can buy large quantities of food at a saving.
- 4—Send your checks, and have your union or organization send its check, to: Pacific Smelting Strike Fund, 22014 So. Western Ave., Torrance, Calif.

Thank you,
Pacific Smelting Strike Committee

- Clovers Fowler, Chairman
- O. B. Chambers
- Casper Crawford
- Arthur Payne
- Thomas Wells
- A. O. Whitwell

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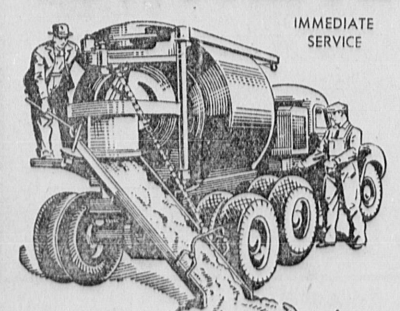
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