



PARTY-GOERS . . . Brownies and Girl Scouts throughout the Torrance area gathered at the YWCA Saturday to board buses which took them to the Los Angeles Pan-Pacific Auditorium for the 41st annual birthday party of Girl Scouts of America. Nearly 125 local girls participated in the fete. (Herald Photo)

125 Local Girl Scouts Attend Birthday Fete

Nearly 125 Brownies and Girl Scouts from the Torrance area traveled by bus to the Pan-Pacific Auditorium in Los Angeles Saturday to participate in the 41st annual Girl Scout Birthday party sponsored by the May Co.

Brownies enjoyed a 9:30 a.m. show which featured Jimmy Weldon and his duck pal, Webster.

Webfoot; Nancy Wible of Candy's Playhouse from KECA television; Monte Montana, western star and his famous trick horse; Candy Costello, television and radio personality; a square dance team from Western Varieties; and the Sons of the Pioneers.

The Sons of the Pioneers also entertained the Girl Scouts at a 1:30 p.m. show broadcast from coast to coast over NBC hook-up.

Other guest stars on the program were Lucille Norman, The Modernaires, Dick Haymes, Jimmy Wallington, and Robert Armstrong and the NBC orchestra.

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'Fireladies' Say Yes To Mobile Canteen

A mobile canteen which will supply firemen with food and dry clothing when they fight all-night blazes will soon be set up in Torrance under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department.

The "Fireladies" voted unanimously to sponsor the project, suggested in January by Assistant Director of Civil Defense George Powell, at last week's meeting. They will meet again in special session next week to make organization plans and appoint committees, according to Mrs. Walter West, publicity chairman.

The mobile unit also will be used in the event of civil disasters, Mrs. West said.

Through the courtesy of Fire Chief J. J. Benner, each member received an Auxiliary identification card, complete with fingerprint and picture, at the regular meeting. The group also has affiliated with the Ladies' Auxiliary of the California State Firemen's Association, and membership cards are now being distributed, reported Mrs. Louise Davis, treasurer.

Refreshments in a St. Patrick's Day theme and games of bingo followed the business hour. Hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Eugene Walker, Bill Stonecker, and Joe Langun.

Course Open For Camp Fire Leaders

First session of a special training course for harbor district Bluebird, Camp Fire and Horizon leaders was held yesterday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at McCas-ter Park.

The course will be conducted at the same time for four consecutive weeks by Mrs. C. J. Hahn of San Pedro, chairman of the training committee, and Miss Cynthia Keyes, executive secretary of Campfire Girls in the harbor area.

Upon completion of 12 hours of this training, each participant will be awarded a certificate entitling her to direct Bluebird, Camp Fire or Horizon groups.

Leaders are needed in the harbor area, and volunteers are welcome to attend the training session, according to Mrs. Thomas G. Smith, publicity chairman. Those interested may contact Mrs. Hahn or Miss Keyes at the Camp Fire office in San Pedro.

Ugandese Woman Tells Tale Of Christianity To Harbor Y

Christianity in Uganda, British East Africa, had its beginning 78 years ago, Mrs. Rebecca Mulira, Harbor YWCA delegate from Uganda told board and staff members Sunday when they welcomed her at a tea in the lounge of the San Pedro Association.

Mrs. Mulira, who will be on the staff of the Harbor District Y for the next three months, is in this country studying social work practices and American methods of YWCA work as a part of the World Fellowship program of the Y. She is one of 20 foreign women selected by the Foreign Division to participate in the Leadership Training Project of the National Board of the Y.

"In 1875 H. M. Stanley reached Kampala and informed the king of Christianity," she told the Harbor group, which included Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lukes and Mesdames Walter Silence, Minnie Solomon, Phelan Foley, and Nell Colburn of Torrance.

"The king compared Mohammedanism and Christianity and came to the conclusion that Tuesday were released this week by Mrs. Paul Vonderahe, publicity chairman.

aries, and after two years, the Roman Catholic father came.

"Some of my countrymen became Catholics, others remained Protestants, and others remained Mohammedans."

Mrs. Mulira also gave the harbor folk a glimpse into the governmental life of Uganda.

"In 1900," she said, "Uganda became a British protectorate and is now an African state. The government is in the hands of Africans, with a British governor and his staff, who act as advisers."

'Who's Who' For Tuesday Fashion Show Revealed By Senior Woman's Club

Names of local models who will display "Around the Clock" fashions from Levy's Department Store at the annual Torrance Woman's Club style show at the Civic Auditorium next Tuesday were released this week by Mrs. Paul Vonderahe, publicity chairman.

Club members who will be in the fashion parade are Mmes. Earl A. Miles, J. G. Derouin, and A. F. R. Ewalt. Others who will model women's styles will be Mrs. C. A. Smith of the Junior Woman's Club and Mesdames Natalie Armstrong, Joanne Mitchell, Dave Hurford, J. K. Klink Jr., Walter Hillier, and Delmar Gilkeson.

Miss Karen Dean, student at El Camino College, and Miss Alice Phillips will show the latest modes in junior styles, while Janice and Marilyn Dabbs will show children's clothes. Professional models will display bathing suits and lingerie.

Mistress of ceremonies will be Mrs. Lee A. McCoy. Mrs. Benjamin Miller of Los Angeles, who appears over the television show "Storybook Hour" as Maude Miller, will be the commentator.

Tickets may still be obtained at \$1.20 each from any member of the club. Mrs. Vonderahe said. Those desiring to make reservations for parties of five or 10 may do so by calling Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt, reservations chairman, at 2482-J, or Mrs. Ruth Rogers, ticket chairman, at 2249-W.

'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Also born on Mar. 4 was the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Figueredo, 1721 Marina Ave. Named Albert George, the new infant, who joins Tony Robert, 28 months, weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. Father is a maintenance mechanic at Columbia-Geneva Steel.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Duthie, 5005 Ave. B, are announcing the arrival of their first child, 8 lb. 13 oz. Debra Ann, who arrived at 2:15 p. m. February 24. Father of the new baby girl is a marine engineer with American Pacific S. S. Co. Grandparents are Mrs. Harry E. Hlingworth of Philadelphia, Pa. and Joseph R. Panghorn of Cincinnati, Ohio.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

The Story Back of the Reckless and Irresponsible Attack Upon 3,000,000 Californians:

TO: THE PUBLIC SERVED BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY:

In the middle of the night of March 9-10, while a panel of the Federal Conciliation Service was still working on the dispute, a small number of the leaders of Local 47, IBEW-AFL called a strike for 6:00 A.M., March 10, against the 3,000,000 people served by the Southern California Edison Company.

This reckless, irresponsible, and potentially very dangerous action is the culmination of a determined campaign by this immature and reckless group, extending over the past several months, and it is now obvious that this campaign of vilification, abuse, and misrepresentation directed against their associates in the Company, had as its predetermined aim the strike which they have now called.

The outstanding fact which proves the foregoing beyond question is that throughout the so-called bargaining, this small group or committee of Local 47, IBEW-AFL, made utterly and absurdly impossible demands which neither the Management of Southern California Edison Company, nor anyone else, had the right, power and authority to meet. Without receding from those impossible demands, this group has now called this strike.

A "Save-Face" Strike Call

Back of the strike also is the fact that a new, inexperienced, immature and emotional young man was elected to the leadership of this Local 47, IBEW-AFL, less than a year ago. He immediately began to make inflammatory statements, and impossible promises as to what he was going to deliver. Thus he worked himself and his small group of associates into a position where they were promising the moon and threatening a strike to get it. They were finally so far out on the limb that their very position depended on their going to the unbelievable length to which they have now gone in order to "save face."

Reckless and Irresponsible Action

The strike is a weapon of such dangerous potentiality that it is inconceivable that it would be lightly resorted to under any circumstances; but that it should be resorted to at all when it threatens to stop the delivery of electric energy absolutely essential to the life of a modern community, is shocking beyond words. The interruption of production of some commodities and services can go on for some weeks before the general public is seriously hurt. But the interruption of the service of electricity to any consumer or group of consumers, whether in the home, hospital, on the farm, office building, store, factory, or for operation of traffic signals, water pumps, or refrigeration plants—can cause serious damage in a few hours. For example, most farms depend on electricity for irrigation, and for operating milking machines, chicken-incubators and brooders, and tens of thousands of homes have electric freezers. Many factories such as glass plants, steel plants, and cement plants, can be caused serious loss and damage by even a short interruption. Interruption of service to hospitals where surgery and therapeutic devices depend on electricity, may endanger life within a few minutes. Therefore, regardless of whether there is a law of man against using the strike to stop the public service of electricity, every dictate of morality, common

sense, and decency tells us that a strike is entirely inhumane and uncivilized as a weapon where its use might destroy life and property, and jeopardize the public defense, health, welfare and safety.

A Strike Against the Many for Pitifully Few Leaders

What these officials of Local 47, IBEW-AFL, are seeking to secure through the use of the strike is called union shop, or "union security," but primarily and in essence, they seek only more power for themselves, over the Company, its employees, and hence over the public service vital to 3,000,000 Californians. Having demonstrated their inability wisely to use the power they now have, they seek to add greatly to that power. These particular local union officials seek not to do something for the Edison Company employees but to do something to them by depriving them of more of their freedom.

So far as their monetary demands are concerned, they are so impossible as to raise seriously the question of whether they are presented in good faith. The CIO Union, which represents another group of Edison employees, some weeks ago accepted the offer of an increase of 5% or \$15.00 per month—whichever is greater—which the Company also has made to the officers of Local 47, IBEW-AFL, and which thus far has been rejected by them. With that increase the employees of this Company will be receiving the highest average pay of any comparable Company in the United States. Furthermore, the working conditions, and the medical and hospital and other benefits received by Edison employees are recognized as outstanding in their quantity and quality.

Potential Damage Greater than Earthquakes

If the officials of Local 47 of IBEW-AFL had the power to cause a major disaster such as an earthquake in this territory in which the plant and system of the Edison Company is located, and they exercised that power, such a condition could neither be tolerated or condoned. Yet here we are today confronted with a strike which could cause damage far in excess of any damage from all the earthquakes which we have experienced in our history in this area—damage not alone to the company's property, but damage of even greater proportions to the property and life of the community of three million population which we serve.

Service to be Maintained so far as Possible

The officials of the company are firm in their conviction that in the face of this strike it would be a very mistaken policy to give these men the additional power over the public welfare which they ask; but also, that within the limits of their duty and trust, the company officials do not have the power or the authority to meet such demands.

With the assistance of the supervisory forces and the aid of its many employees who are still loyal to their responsibility of public service, the company will use every resource at its command in an attempt to maintain vital electric service.

W. C. MULLENDORE, President
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