

## Engineer Edward O. Fleming Wins Top Douglas Award

nautical engineer was among three employes of the El Se-gundo division of Douglas Aircraft Co., given 1958 engineer-ing achievement awards for outstanding contributions to aeronautical science.

naneuver necessary to permit a safe escape from an explo-sion's pressure wave.

## Notre Dame Grad

A graduate of Notre Dame University in aeronautical enginneering, he was an instruc-tor there while working for his master's degree which he received in 1950. He came to

A 29-year-old Torrance aero- engineer of the El Segundo division, also were given to Charles J. Da Ros, 29, Palos

The local winner was Edward R. Fleming, 29, structures engineer who lives at 4717 Reese Rd. tures engineer who lives at 4717 Reese Rd.

His award resulted from two years of work on "determination of the dynamic response of an airplane to nuclear blast." His investigation was to establish gust loads and factors of speed, distance, and naneuver necessary to permit years in specialized work at gan, Da Ros joined Douglas in 1949 and since has spent two years in specialized work at the Southern California Co-operative Wind Tunnel.

Verdes Estates, and William D. Van Dyke, 52, Santa Monica. Da Ros won his award for "developments in the field of

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System Developed
Development of a data gathering system earned Van Dyke
his award. The new system
makes possible instantaneous tor there while working for his master's degree which he received in 1950. He came to Douglas the same year, and is continuing advanced studies at the California Institute of Technology. He and his wife, Margaret, have four children.

The newestate wife, a process formerly requiring several days.

LOCAL ENGINEER HONORED . . . E. H. Heinemann, chief engineer of the El Segundo division of Douglas Aircraft, presents an achievement award to Edward R. Fleming, 4717 Reese Rd., for work done on "determination of the dynamic response of an airplane to nuclear blast." Fleming was one of three honored for outstanding contributions to aeronautical science.



TORPANCE MERALD Twenty-three

Congressional legislation in-troduced earlier this year to extend Federal medical insurextend Federal medical insur-ance drew sharp criticism this week from Republican County Central Committee Chairman Robert H. Finch who charged that the measure represented a step toward socialized medi-cine in the United States.

Finch announced that he would recommend that the would recommend that the Executive Committee of the Central Committee go on record in opposition to the legislation and make known their opinion to the County Congressional delegation.

Would Hike Taxes

He stated that the Forand Bill now before the House of Representatives would increase taxes which both employers and employes pay for old age and survivor's insurance by approximately \$600 million.

Under the provisions of the bill the Federal Government would pay for up to 60 days of hospitalization per year plus costs of surgery. It would also pay for a maximum of 60 days of nursing home expenses.

pay for a maximum of 60 days of nursing home expenses. "More than two-thirds of the United States population is now covered by a private hos-pital insurance. It is my belief that legislation of this kind is that legislation of this kind is unnecessary and undesirable. We have private sources which can and must do this obviously necessary job without taking the steps toward statism so clearly inherent in the Forand Bill. However, at the same time the medical profession must be ever alert to new techniques

the medical profession must be ever alert to new techniques and ideas by which they can more effectively benefit all sitizens," Finch said. High Cost Cited It is estimated that the pro-posal would affect 13 million persons within the first years of its enactment. The unofficial estimate of cost of the medical estimate of cost of the medical program is \$600 million for the year 1959.

"The Republican Party has long resisted attempts by Government to do jobs which can be done more effectively and economically by private institutions. We view the Forand Bill of the process of the proc tutions. We view the Forand Bill as an attempt at further taxation and centralization which must be resisted by this 2nd session of the 85th Congress," Finch said.

## New Head of Civic League

Marshall W. Pine was elected president of the Lomita Civic League at the group's last meeting, succeeding L. E. Ross. Other new officers include Edward Tappin, vice president; Ralph V. Wise, treasurer; Mrs. George Thompson, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. M. S. Goodwin, recording secretary. The group also heard Norman S. Johnson, Los Angeles County director of parks and recreation, who pointed out that the Board of Supervisors had voted to return sales taxes collected in county areas to the same areas in the form of park development. park development.

Johnson also explained the work done by his department, including overall development in county territory.

