Employment Sets Record In February

Employment in California record, and unemploymen was lower than a year ago, two state agencies reported jointly today

Civilian employment totaled 6,386,000 last month, the high-est February on record and up by 173,000, or 2.8 per cent, from a year ago, according to Ernest B. Webb, director of industrial relations. About three fourths of the job growth from last year was in services, gov-ernment, and trade. These industries, along with construc-tion and the finance complex. established new February

At 1,422,000, the same level At 1,422,000, the same level as a year ago, manufacturing was the only major category that failed to add workers over the year. Most of the weakness continued to stem from electronics where the number of job holders was off from February, 1963, by more than 17,000.

UNUSUALLY good weather in February held total employment in the state to a loss of 16,000 from January, a relatively nominal decline for this mid-winter period.

Trade, agriculture, and con-struction followed their sea-sonal downward pattern. Employment in manufacturing edged down from January. A seasonal reduction in food proseasonal reduction in food pro-cessing was joined by sharp cutbacks in the aerospace group, where aircraft, elec-tronics and missiles together lost more than 4,000 jobs over the month.

On the plus side, employ-ment moved up slightly from January in government, serv-ices, and finance-insurance-real estate.

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Unemployment in California at 496,000 in February was 4,000 below the year-ago level at 500,000, Albert B. Tieburg, director of employment, announced today. However, the favorable year-ago comparison is largely a reflection of good weather for outdoor and related work this year, in contrast to the bad weather last February

BETWEEN JANUARY and February, unemployment rose by 27,000, a less than usual in-crease for this time of year. Dry weather throughout most of the state permitted an unseasonally high level of con-struction and other outdoor ac-tivities. Manufacturing con-tinued to register substantial layoffs in defense and space-related industries as well as further seasonal layoffs in

food processing.

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment in February was 5.7 of the labor force compared with 5.8 per cent in both the preceding month and in February a year 300

The civilian labor force, consisting of the employed and the unemployed available for work and seeking work, was 6.882,000 in February, compared with 6,713,000 in February, 1963.

Ner Tamid to **Dedicate Two** Sifre Torah

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Congregation Ner Tamid will hold dedication ceremonies for two Sifre Torah scrolls during Sabbath-Passover morning services next Friday.

More than a hundred years old the scrolls were found in the ruins of a Jewish synagogue in southwestern Germany during World War II and were sent to a rabbi in the town of Carbondale, Penn. by a Christian soldier.

Christian soldier. When Joseph Cohen of Rolling Hills visited Carbondale his birthplace, the two Sifre Torah were donated to Con-gregation Ner Tamid and shipped here in honor of the Joseph Cohen family.

Citizens Set **Box Supper** At Carl Steel

Southwest Park Citizens Committee will hold an old fashioned box supper Wednesday evening, at 6:30. at the Carl Steel School.

Entertainment will include presenting the "prettiest" girl a cake and the "ugliest" man

jar of sour pickles. There will be a white elephant sale, also. Event proceeds will go to the fund to support Eva Bishou, candidate for the Torrance City Council.

