Insurance Strike at **Prudential**

Picket lines appeared at the Torrance office of the Prudential Life Insurance office beginning on Monday of this week. It was the kickoff in a national strike against the Insurance Company, In the South Bay and Harbor area 38 district agents walked

Agents claimed that they merewere requesting a "living" rage. Company spokesmen insisted the demands were exces-

A Prudential Insurance Com pany spokesman said the agents' average weekly wage is about \$110, based on a salary of \$35 plus commissions. UNION DISPUTE

The Union representatives disputed this. They asserted the average income is not more than \$93 weekly and that only 50% of the agents earn that sum. The AFL is asking that the base salary be raised to \$55 weekly.

A union spokesman said 75% of local agents, including the highest producers and those with the longest service in the company are out on strike.

Main bone of contention exists over who should pay operating expenses of the agents. In the east, it is reported, agents have newspapers: had to assume all operating ex-

be reached.

The Prudential Insurance Combenefit increases would cost the rare in the insurance business. Company \$37,000,000.

Union leaders, on the other hand, pointed out that they felt their requests were reasonable and could easily be granted in view of the recent company expansions.

SALARIES Prudential had another argument against increasing salaries and benefits at this time. Harry



LEN'S TV, 1639 W. 215 Street in Torrance, was used as headquarters by the White King Soap Company this week for the presentation of a Westinghouse Laundromat to Mrs. Norman Hale, 16937 Elgar St., Mrs. Hale won a White King Letter Writing contest. White King representative John Joyce, center, and Len Swanson, right, owner of Len's TV, are shown with the

North Torrance area will get un- ner will be accomplished by the derway Saturday evening, Dec. Guild's 16 members under the 15, when the Carmelite Guild Auxiliary of the Children's Hos- leadership of Mrs. Howard Hampital Society stages its fourth ilton, president. Members residannual holiday dinner-dance at ing in the orrance-Palos Verdes the Higgins Patio, 2217 W. 174th area include Mrs. Phil de la

"Since an agent's earnings are based primarily upon his sales Higgins family, the Patio is an-Contract negotiations were ability and initiative, there is no nually the seting for pre-Christbroken off last Friday at mid- ceiling on income. Some are earn- mas events every night for the

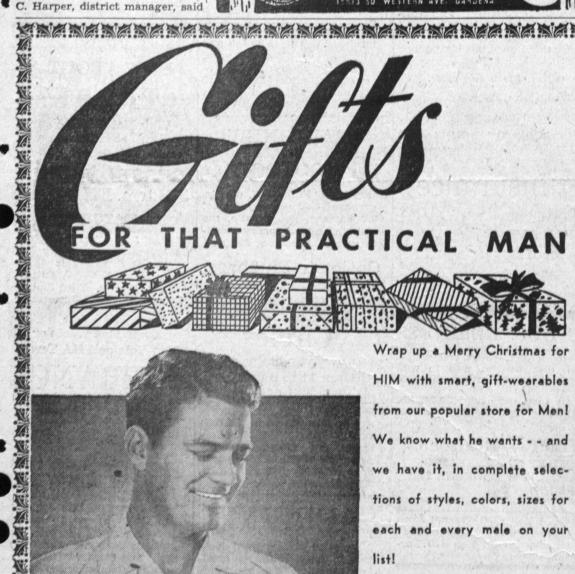
night when no agreement could ing \$10,000 per year or more." admit that \$10,000 salaries exist- local organizations. pany claimed that salary and ed but contended that these were

Porte, vice-president; Mrs. J. R. Higgins Jr., both of Palos Verdes, Mrs. Russell Easton and Mrs. in a statement released to the Robert McIntosh of Hollywood Riveria.

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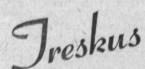
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John Keefer, Canteen Chairman; following local clubs and busi- No. 11, Pacific Perforating Co., Union Oil Co., Walteria Busi-Mrs. Margaret Felker, Mrs. Gar- ness concerns donated blood dur- Torrance Unified School Dist., ness Men's Club, and Las Vecinet Johnson, Mrs. Phyrne Laugh- ing the drive: Longren Aircraft, Malleable Fittings Corp., Pre- nas. on, Mrs. D. Miles, Mrs. Ray Rome Cable, Kiwanis Club, Am- stressed Concrete Corp., Pacific Ninety-four individual citizens Rogers, Mrs. Mel Howard, Staff erican Rock Wool, Pacific Tele- Smelting Co., L. A. Unified also contributed blood.

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Frank and Frances Palumbo presented a dance program at the weekly Wilmington communon December 3rd, processed 285 Lampon, Mrs. Jean Beecher, penters Blood Bank-Millwright ity sing in the Gulf Ave. school blood donors. 256 pints of blood Mrs. Ronald Stewart, nurses Local 1607, St. Catherine La- auditorium. The Palumbos are aid; Mrs. Jean Foley, nurses aid, boure Church, Lions Club, Tor- students of the Three Arts Dance

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