

Collection Of \$70,000 Reported

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and his deputy, Charles A. Curtis are busily working on the preparation of a report to the Federal Government on the income tax withheld by the City.

Curtis pointed out that the City has a payroll of more than \$600,000. On this amount, \$70,000 have been collected in the past year for income tax.

"Although the city pays the withholding tax to the government each month, said Curtis, 'the yearly accounting must be made by January 31.'"

He said that each month the money is paid into the Bank of America and then the City receives a receipt from the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco provided that the City's books are in order.

Each quarter, the City must turn in a report. At the end of the year, the four quarters have to tally. Every withholding tax slip is withheld.

Auditorium Use Given Gratis to Striking Union

After a lengthy discussion Tuesday evening, the City Council waived the customary \$15 rental fee on the Civic Auditorium for the steel workers meeting held there by Union Local 1414, of last Monday.

At first Councilman Willys Blunt was opposed but qualified his protest.

"If we have allowed the free use of the auditorium by any other group, I'll be in favor of permitting the union to have the building gratis for the occasion," Blunt said.

Harvey Spelman said that he believed only charitable organizations are allowed to have the building "free."

City Manager George Stevens disagreed with Spelman. "I know we permit the teachers to have a gathering there free, every year," he said.

Mayor Haggard said that he favored permitting the Union to have the building for nothing. "It was for a worthy cause to attempt to break up the strike and that would have helped all the merchants in Torrance," he said.

Councilman Nick Draie disqualified himself from voting on the issue. "I have a personal interest in this matter," said Draie, "and I don't think I have a right to vote on the matter."

Adult Center to Be Constructed

All bids for the Adult Recreation Center were rejected as being too high, at the City Council meeting Tuesday evening. The Torrance Press had anticipated this move two weeks ago.

The Press also predicted that the City Council would permit municipal employees to build the center.

At the regular Tuesday, Council concurred in this move.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, one of the moving forces, favoring construction of the center, said that the Council could build the center for less than the \$7500, earmarked for the project.

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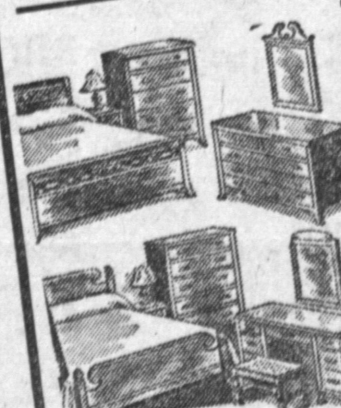
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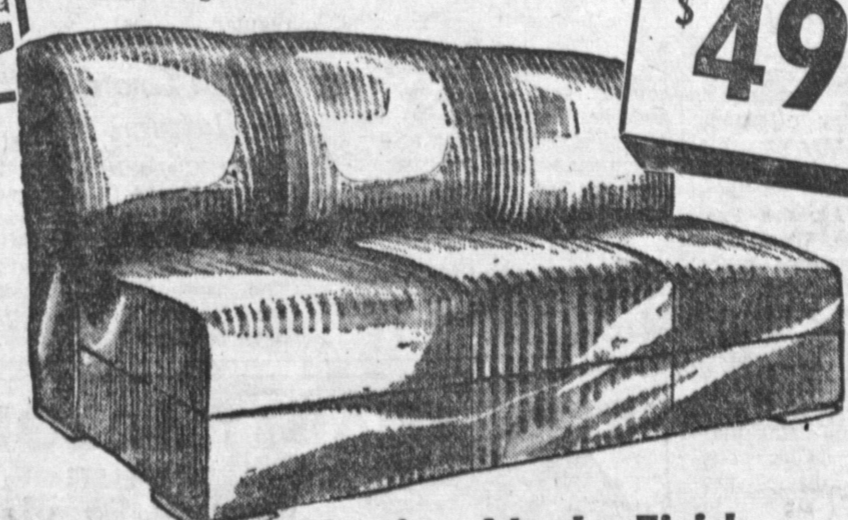


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