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# DOUGLAS LEASES ALCOA FACIUKY Walteria Flood Control Need Cited Columbia Steel **Gives Up Plant**

# **ENGINEER'S** PLAN HELD

need for carrying out of former City Engineer Jacob Joseph's suggestion for a flood control program in the West Torrance and Walteria district was evidenced during the recent storms.

The engineer who has returned to Torrance to make his home, had suggested a plan for control of the flood waters which gather in the Walteria sump west of THIRD YEAR Hawthorne boulevard between Sepulveda boulevard and 101 highway. The waters this year, gathering from an area miles around the "lake," . extended across Hawthorne boulevard and stranded homes and other build-2 ings.

Joseph submitted a plan to the City Council prior to his forced resignation to drain the water from the lake through a tunnel to the ocean.

Previous engineers had, studied the problem which arises during heavy rains and had ruled out any attempt to build a storm drain to connect with drainage channels in the Lomita rarea because the terrain makes

the excavation prohibitive. Land in the area which floods cannot be used for residential purposes until the drainage is solved, it was pointed out.

## Torrance Will Gain

Better than 45% of Torrance has been covered in sor, from the Los Angeles

"Indications are that Torrance 1251-52, compared will \$307,571 will fall short by 2,000 of the for the same period of last year. Trust a Crook 30,000 anticipated by city of- The city ended the last fiscal. ficials." Spiker said.

City Manager George Stevens \$244,529, and this balance bids crook stole his share of the loot

HARBOR CITY AND KEYSTONE FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE PHONE TORRANCE 1818 TORRANCE, CALIF., THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1952 54 to open at 9 a.m. for an 8-hour IN NEW HOME-Mayor Bob L. Haggard congratulates Tele-

SERVING TORRANCE, LOMITA, SHOESTRING,

phone Manager A. B. Smith on opening of new quarter-million dollar Torrance business office at 1307 Craven avenue, Looking on (from left) are Bill Zappas, Torrance Press, Grover Whyte, Torrance Herald, and Floyd Snyder, district telephone manager.

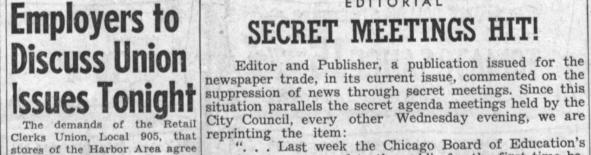
**City Budget 60 Percent Financed** That the mounting surplus of city funds for the current fiscal

enumeration, according to year is further evidence that the City Council should have taken Kenneth G. Spiker, the spe- the advice of Councilman Nick Drale and cut the City of Torrance cial federal census Supervi-sor from the Los Angeles As reported exclusively in the

complete the census by Feb. 6, he revealed. "Indications are that Torrance Press last week, the oily treasury has received \$529,-903 for the first six months of Office. Spiker expects to Torrance Press last week, the

\$100, but his motion failed for yesterday.

year with a fund balance of HARBOR CITY - Some dirty



PRESS

day or pay penalty pay of time and one-half after 6 p.m. is one of the principal issues holding up settlement of the Mercantile Agreement, and merchants party to the agreement are being called to a meeting Thursday (this) evening to discuss the

contract. Frank S. Selover, executive Employers' Council, bargaining group for the employers, said

will be held in the office of the Council, 1308 Sartori Ave., Suite 14, at 7:30 p.m. today. The Mercantile Agreement ex-

pires today, but the new one will take effect on February 3. it was said.

New Phone Co. Quarters Open At 1307 Cravens telephone business office in Pa- election meetings to the Press. cific Telephone's recently-com- SECRET SESSION pleted quarter - million dollar

building was marked last week with an informal ceremony atpointed out that even if the cen- fair to be nearly \$350,000 at the obtained in the burglary of a tended by Mayor Bob L. Hag- but attended a secre John Cristanelli, 19, of 1044 West rance Press, Grover Wyte of the Torrance Herald, Floyd Snyder, informed the Press. the 1950 decentennial, the city Councilman Drale had moved 256th street, was quoted as say-

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quired have been altered. In making the property avail-NUMBER 42 able to Douglas Aircraft for ex- large and modernize its building SECRET MEETINGS HIT!

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tion and improvement of the Torrance plant. Editor and Publisher, a publication issued for the

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**Really Wasn't** 

Rumors continued to flow to- to request that Longren Aircraft day that once the work stop- face a public hearing before the page is settled-an addition to Planning Commission at which the Columbia Steel mill-will be members of the community would be represented. constructed adjacent to present

ing of the City Council on Thurshave to face the Planning Com-

#### The order forcing a hearing was passed at a regular Council meeting. Members of the Com-

Residents of Torrance and partment records showed that craft. the temperature wasn't even

freezing. The low was 40 degrees. A member of the Torrance building plans. They were the

temperature alone isn't respon- received the original variance. sible for cold. 'There was a lot CO. OFFICIALS of moisture in the air," he said. "A high humidity will make it further pointed out that to halt seem a lot colder than it actual- the construction program now

Colder or not, early morning ruptcy. Vice-president of the one person was seen wearing would mean failure to make good

#### U. S. Steel revealed that the ALCOA plant, purchased from the government after the recent Longren war, consists of more than 200 acres of land and various build-Originally it had been planned to build a steel mill at the

As anticipated by the Torrance Press exclusively on Decem-

This was confirmed today by Alden G. Roach, President of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division, United States Steel Company.

ber 20, 1951, Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., has an option to

lease the aluminum plant located at 190th and Normandie

ALCOA location. Roach said, nearing that U.S. Steel plans for which the Los Angeles tract was ac-Longren Aircraft finally took out its building permit to en-

pansion of its defense producat 2576 Carson St., last Friday. tion. Roach stated that U.S. The delay was caused by City Steel would now devote its at-Council action, a week ago Tuestention to plans for moderniza- day.

At the Tuesday meeting, Council members voted unanimously

> However, an emergency meetday evening rescinded the original order. Longren, now didn't mission hearing. HEARING FORCED

### munity were present. No one was

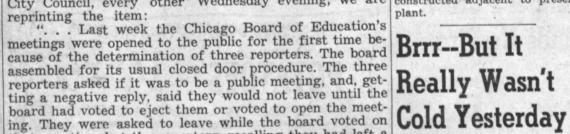
notified of the emergency City surrounding areas woke up yes- Council meeting, last Thursday. terday-believing it was the As a result, no one from the coldest day within the past year. community was present outside However, a check with Fire De- of city officials and Longren air-

It was explained in the emergency meeting that no change had been made in Longren's

Officials from the company might force Longren into bank-

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earmuffs. **Revolutionary Changes Take Place in Chamber** 



that question, but the reporters, recalling they had left a previous meeting for that purpose and never were readmitted, stood their ground. The Board then voted unani-

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the mass meeting of merchants made in Torrance. The Board of Education took the lead and eliminated secret meetings. **VOTERS RIGHT** 

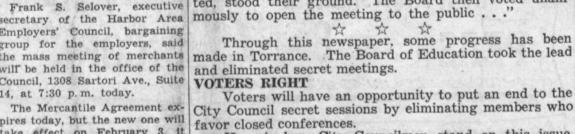
Voters will have an opportunity to put an end to the City Council secret sessions by eliminating members who Fire Department explained that same plans for which Longren favor closed conferences.

Here is how City Councilmen stand on this issue. Nick Drale has publicly spoken out against the secret session but has had absolutely no support from other Council members. ly is."

Mayor Bob Haggard told a Press reporter that "every private business needs closed meetings. We on the Coun- risers among Torrance residents firm - Hampden Wentworth cil are in the same boat. You can't permit the public to were wearing coats, gloves, and pointed out that a stoppage now disturb your train of thought."

Harvey Spelman is a proponent of the secret meet-Opening of the new Torrance Water Committee, he closed Chamber of Commerce bond

Willys Blount didn't show up for a public meeting at the City Council during the Truman Browne controversy, session held just a few minutes



living in Torrance as compared those studying the city's fiwith more than 22,000 during nances.

tax money from the state. **\$7 PER PERSON** 

want of a second, the other four Approximately seven dollars councilmen being mute to will accrue to Torrance, Stev- taxpayers. gas tax and the State in lieu tax. about 60 per cent financed in the from him.

On the basis of Stevens' esti- first half of the year, it was (Continued on Page Six) pointed out.

### **Picketing Cut Down At Prudential Office**

Prudential workers at the Torrance office are still striking, but indications appeared this week that the work stoppage had slowed down considerably.

Both union officials and management agreed that only 111 of the 638 employees in Southern California were still out on strike.

It was pointed out that in the entire 11 Western States— only 232 of 1182 workers are still Muriel Smith maintaining the strike.

Union leaders claimed that the strike would continue and the lack of pickets was not an indication that Prudential employees were losing interest. **OTHER JOBS** 

"A lot of the workers had to

ment has refused arbitration, fact-finding by an impartial panel, and the aid of the State Insurance Commissioner."

Harry Harper, district manager of the South Bay office in Torrance for Prudential, pointed out that all of the Union re-(Continued on Page Six)

**New Licenses** Fall Due Feb. 4

Auto licenses become delinquent after next Monday, Feb. 4, the State Department of Mo- NEW FIELD CHAIRMAN tor Vehicles, revealed today.

Rosecrans on Alameda. They paign which gets underway Feb. Beach on East Broadway.

**Visiting Her Mother Here** Mrs. Maurice G. Smith, the

take other jobs," said a union former Muriel Alverson, arrived official, "and it takes a lot of time to maintain a picket line." two weeks with her mother, As the Union sees it, "manage- Mrs. Frank S. Selover, 2521 Border Ave., before flying to Honolulu to join her husband, a lieutenant in the Naval Air Corps stationed in the islands.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Smith have been living in Seattle since Lt. Smith's return from duty in Japan and Korea, six months ago. He was transferred to Bar-

bers Point Naval Air Station and arrived there Monday. He is attached to VP 772, a patrol bomber squadron. They maintain their home in Lakewood.

Roy Peterson has been aptheir plates in Compton at 303 pointed as Field Chairman for

general campaign chairman.

The new quarters at 1307 Cra- gard, and Karlow. Officers said that Cristanelli vens avenue offer greater confor each additional individual Drale's plea for a "break" for admitted participating in the veniences and comfort to cus-

Smith said.

sus shows that 28.000 are now end of this year, according to Wilmington auto parts store, gard, Bill Zappas of the Tor- thereafter in Mayor Bob Haggard's inner-Chamber.

Ed Karlow is in favor of the secret meetings, he

That is the roll call of City Council members. Three will realize a substantial gain in to cut the tax rate 10 cents per ing by police who arrested him A. B. Smith, exchange manager. Councilmen are up for election. They are Drale, Hag-

newspapers. Since Drale favors the open democratic meeting, he tomers for the transaction of deserves the support of the entire community. Residents burglary with two other youths, tomers for the transaction of of Torrance should think twice before they vote on posiunanimously. ens reported. The seven dollars The city budget for the year but that some of the stolen parts providing increased space for tions held by the other incumbents. Secret meetings tend MINIMUM FEE is based on the city and county is \$872,000, and thus it was kept by him were later taken telephone personnel and records, to foster dictatorial methods. They have no place in a democracy.

the size of the business. Industrial concerns, it was understood, ships will be \$12. Newspaper membership were sliced from

\$100 to \$50. Professional men's vision dues will be \$25. After kicking the matter ly basis-if a member so desired.

1950.

Gerald Eastham, new First-(Continued on Page Six)

### \$1600 Netted by March of Dimes

Preparation for the March of Dimes Mothers March, scheduled between seven and nine, this

evening, were being made today by the local P-TAs throughout this area as Postmaster Clara Conner, chairman of the entire campaign, revealed that she had last time on Friday when .91 received \$1600 by today.

inches fell from the sky, bring-This covers a partial contribu- ing the season total since July 1951 to 12.33 inches. tion of city school children to- 1, Locally, there are still num-

talling \$387.65. erous lakes and areas where ca-"There's still more to come from the schools," said Mrs. noeing is safer than driving a Conner. "Industry hasn't re- car.

Weather for the week appearported either, but we expect to ed to fluctuate. Here are the hear soon. She pointed out that the main temperatures beginning with last

Min. Temp. Max. Temp Date March. 62 "If you want to contribute, Jan. 25 61 76 78 lect your donation," said Mrs. Jan. 28 .43 70 Jan. 29 Conner.

keep them as orderly as possible. Besides Fern Ave., there are HALF DAYS SESSIONS at Fern Ave. Elementary School prove three other schools who have to contend with half-day sessions. to be quite a problem on rainy days. In the far left hand corner, They are Walteria, Torrance and Seaside. Board of Education one third-grader-all decked out with umbrella, school books, statistics show that nearly 600 students in Torrance attend halfday sessions. Local educators hope that the \$3,000,000 School

and toys leads the procession out of a half-day session classroom. Children lined up in rear row are waiting for the class-Bond Election to be voted upon Feb. 26 will furnish an answer room being vacated by the morning class. They, too have their -Press Photo. paraphernalia in the line. Instructor in the rear is trying to

**Rainy Day Session Points Up Need for Additional School** Bonds Which Face Torrance Voters Tuesday, February 26 No one at Fern Ave. Ele-principal of the school, Charles of the half day session." were lined up in the hall. They

mentary School questions Crecelius, admitted today. the need for the \$3,000,000 "Of course, we manage to get Last Friday, a day that to leave the class rooms. school bond election which all the students out of the rain started off to be rainy and then E. Palmer, between Compton and 1952 YMCA fund raising cam- will be voted upon Feb. 26. by lining them up in the hall as changed its mind, was a good Ave. involved, 34 are in the first turn on your porchlight, and lo- Jan. 26 Rainy days, with 276 students soon as they arrive," Crecelius example of what Crecelius was grade, instructed by Miss Lena cal mothers will be there to col- Jan. 27 may also be obtained in Long 13, according to Don Armstrong, on half day sessions at Fern said. "However, that doesn't talking about. One group of stu-Ave., present quite a problem, solve the problem of getting rid dents, around the noon hour.

GOOD EXAMPLE

were waiting for another group concentration is on the Mother's Friday: Of the 277 students at Fern

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Leave Your Porch Light on Tonight For "March of Dimes"



Revolutionary changes were set in motion at the Chamber of Commerce meeting held Monday at the executive offices, 1345 El Prado-the second meeting since Robert I. Plomert, Jr., became President of the organization. Prior to the meeting, he made it clear that all official conferences would be open to the

Secondly, his recommendations See-Saw War to reclassify all dues was passed

**Combat Award** He recommended a minimum membership fee of from \$25 to \$60 for merchants—depending on Made in Japan

PFC Jimmie T. Sims, son of would pay higher fee depending Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett Sims, on their size, Individual member- 21250 S. Main st., Torrance, recently arrived in Japan from Korea with the 1st Cavalry Di-

The division, now assigned to around, the Chamber approved security duty on Hokkaido, Jathe paying of dues on a quarter- pan's northernmost island, was the second U.S. division to en-Plomert pointed out that if no new members were brought into the Chamber, the new dues an unopposed amphibious landschedule would bring in around ing at Pohang-dong in July

The unit participated in the Vice-President of the organiza- see-saw battles across the Naktion, pointed out that the new tong river and following the Inschedule was necessary. "We chon invasion in September, 1950, find 32 delinquent members," he linked up with the 7th Infantry Division to climax a spectacular

northern drive. Sims has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Korean Service Ribbon with one campaign star since he arrived in Korea Oct. 7, 1951.

