

Columbia Steel Mill Idled By Supreme Court Decision



PLANT IDLE—Striking steel workers congregate around Torrance union headquarters on Border Avenue after Philip Murray, CIO union leader, called nation wide steel strike following Supreme Court reversal of President Truman's seizure of the steel mills. Negotiations are underway now between union and business officials to get production started in the local plant and across the nation. —Press Photo

Wage Dispute In Hands Of Negotiating Group

The Torrance works of Columbia Steel Co. remained closed down yesterday, the employees of the local plant having joined their brother steelworkers throughout the nation in a walkout which began as the Supreme Court was handing down a ruling stating that President Truman was without constitutional congressional authority to seize the steel mills of the nation.

Negotiations were instituted to settle the dispute between the C.I.O. United Steelworkers of America and the industry.

They had bogged down over refusal of the industry to grant wage increases unless given a substantial boost in the price of steel, and a strike resulted.

President Truman seized the mills and the men went back to work.

A lower Federal court said President Truman was wrong, and the men walked out again. An appeals court ruled in favor of the President's decision, and work resumed.

When in the 6 to 3 decision, the Supreme court found that the President did not have authority under the Constitution or Statutes of the nation to seize the mills, the effect was felt immediately as mills closed down.

Reports yesterday were to the effect that the industry committees will meet with President Phillip Murray of the Steelworkers and his committee yesterday to discuss possible settlement of the issues involved in the strike.



JACK DABBS
Elected recently to serve as head of the Torrance Ballot Brigade, which staged a highly successful campaign to get-out-the-vote last Tuesday.

New Drive-in Open Here Soon

Construction was started this week on a drive-in restaurant on the southeast corner of Western Avenue and Torrance Blvd.

To be called the "Westerner," the \$15,000 enterprise will be completed sometime in July, according to Sam Levy, co-owner with Dr. Arthur S. Berke, of the business.

Between 40 and 50 cars will be accommodated at one time, Levy said. The building will have over 1200 square feet of floor space.

The restaurant will be operated by John Bickham and Larry Batty, two ex-GIs who are residents of Kettler Knolls.

Bickham, who has lived in Torrance for five years, is a former cafeteria owner. He and his wife, Ruby, have a ten-month-old daughter.

Batty, also a five-year resident, has a seven-year-old son attending Torrance Elementary School.

Dabbs Elected President of Ballot Brigade

Paul Loranger turned over the gavel of president of the Ballot Brigade to Jack Dabbs who was elected to that post at last Wednesday's meeting of the Ballot Brigade.

Elected to the co-chairmanship was W. E. Bowen, president of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc.

Dabbs, who was chairman of the successful 1951 one-day Community Chest drive, is general manager of three Torrance theaters.

Paul Loranger served as temporary chairman of the "Get Out the Vote" group which staged a campaign Tuesday to get more voters to the polls.

The Ballot Brigade is a non-partisan group dedicated to encouraging greater participation in public elections.

Congratulations

Although records had not been completed at Press time, all reports indicated that Torrance area had the heaviest vote ever received for a primary election. The Press commends the untiring efforts and tremendous sacrifices of Paul Loranger and his ballot battalion. The "Get out the vote" campaign was sponsored jointly by the service clubs in Torrance, coordinated by Paul Loranger, temporary Chairman.

State Aid for Clinic, X-ray

Adoption of a resolution by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday requesting \$37,750 of State Chapter 29 Funds, revealed plans for expansion of the Clinic and X-Ray buildings at Harbor General Hospital.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby by said that the County will match the requested funds, making a total cost for the improvement of \$75,000.

Darby also stated that two new rooms will be added to the X-Ray Building to house new equipment, as well as to provide space for superficial and deep therapy treatment rooms. The Clinic Building will be remodeled to include a waiting room and comfort and dressing rooms for both patients and employees.

ECC BULLETIN AVAILABLE NOW
El Camino College's 1952-1953 bulletin of information is available at the College registration office, according to information received today.

Vic Chatten Explodes Air Raid Bomb Over Hollywood

Furor quite beyond the fondest expectations of inventor Vic Chatten resulted when he detonated his new air raid warning device atop Don Lee Mountain in the Hollywood Hills Thursday afternoon. Newspapers, police switchboards, radio stations, and fire departments were flooded with calls about the tremendous explosions, which were reportedly heard for a radius of over six miles.

Even the police didn't know the source of the mystery blast, but minutes after the explosion six fire engines, four police cars, and a score of motorcycle officers came winding up the road of Mt. Lee in search of the cause of the blast.

Chatten fired two "Alert" bombs and two "All Clear" bombs. The bombs climb to an altitude of 1000 feet and then go off with a tremendous tripple roar.

BLAST HEARD
Wife of one of the officials for whom the demonstration was held said she heard the blast from her home, more than 6 1/2 miles away.

More than 30 minutes later, scores of persons on both the Hollywood and San Fernando Valley sides of the mountain, were still looking toward the scene of the experimental explosions.

Torrance officials joined with state Civil Defense workers in witnessing the detonation. Representing Torrance were City Manager George Stevens, George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense for the city, and Dick Felker, chairman of the

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262 Pints of Whole Blood Collected Here

A notable success was achieved last Monday when the American Red Cross Blood Mobile visited Torrance, according to reports from the local Red Cross chapter.

A total of 262 pints of the urgently needed blood was collected during the five hours that the blood unit was stationed at Civic Auditorium.

Monday's figure exceeds by 29 pints the total collected during the Bloodmobile's visit last March.

A large block of donors were from Longren Aircraft Corp. A contingent of nearly 80 employees headed by Hampden Wentworth, vice-president of the manufacturing concern, contributed blood during the one-day drive.

Felker Manufacturing Co. was another large local concern that responded very heavily to the Red Cross call for blood.

Mrs. Don Hyde, Red Cross chairman of the collection operation, stated that the drive was a tremendous success, and Torrance can be proud of its accomplishment in aiding both military and civilian life-saving efforts.

Hobby, Art, and Flower Show Opens at Auditorium Tomorrow

Members of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club met Wednesday afternoon to hear a horticultural lecture by TV gardening expert Joe Littlefield and to formulate final plans for the flower displays at the Art, Flower, and Hobby Show being staged this weekend at the Civic Auditorium.

According to Mrs. Minot Rugg, president of the garden group, plans for the giant event are flooding in.

The show officially opens Friday evening and will run through Sunday evening.

Slated for display are such items as charcoal sketches, photographs, miniature flower arrangements by men, children, an hobbies of every description.

Classifications open include flower arrangements, specimen blooms, potted plants, rare and unusual plants, dish gardens, terrariums, corsages, shadow boxes, commercial arrangements, floor displays and displays of florists, commercial, and clubs and organizations.

HOBBY DISPLAY
Hobby exhibits include cakes, (Continued on Page Seven)

Tech Offers 25 Summer Courses

Twenty-five courses, including business, technical, and lower division courses, will be offered at Harbor Junior College during the 1952 summer session program, July 7 to August 15, according to J. Reyburn Hatfield, summer session director.

The lower division courses to be offered include Biological Science Apparatus, General Botany, First Year Composition and Reading, Survey of European Literature, Man and Institutions, College Trigonometry, Recreational Activities, General Psychology, Personal and Community Hygiene, and Introduction to Sociology.

Technical courses which will be offered are General Drafting, Foods and Nutrition, Life Science, Survey of Photography, Elementary Printing Processes, and Advanced Printing Processes.

The business courses being offered are Applied Accounting, Business Mathematics, Machine Bookkeeping, Office Machine Practice, Introduction to Office Machines, Calculating Machine Practice, Typewriting, Shorthand (Continued on Page Two)

Placement Tests Held at ECC Next Saturday

Students planning to enroll in English, beginning algebra, chemistry, or accounting courses for the El Camino College summer session will take placement tests at the College Saturday, June 7, it was announced recently.

Students planning to enter (Continued on Page Seven)

Kiwanis Offers Kiddies Free Rides to Alondra Park Pool

Again this year the Torrance Kiwanis Club is providing free transportation for the Torrance Recreation Department Alondra Swim Program. Every child between the ages of 6 and 12 is invited to register at any one of the city recreation areas: Torrance Park, Santa Fe and Arlington; Wateria Park, 1014 Highway and Ocean Ave.; El Retiro Park, 101 Highway and Vista del Parque; McMaster Park, 174th St. and Yukon Ave.; and Civic Auditorium, corner El Prado and Cravens Aves.

The summer swim program is six weeks long, and the trips to the pool are made twice weekly, the children both to and from the pool at no charge.

In issuing the invitation the Torrance Kiwanis Club directs this open letter, which we re (Continued on Page Two)

Judge Willet To Face Fall Runoff

Torrance followed the trend of statewide voting Tuesday in giving Governor Warren's delegation to the Democratic National Convention its endorsement over the Werdel delegation, and electing the Sen. Kefauver delegation over the uninstructed group headed by Attorney General Brown.

Torrance historically Democratic in party strength, also joined the rest of the state in re-electing Senator Knowland by his nomination by both major parties.

Holding major interest locally as the Torrance Press closed its forms for this edition was the race that popular Republican Bob Finch was giving Rep. Cecil King for the Republican nomination which King has won more or less by default in the past four elections.

Finch had a slight edge on King for the nomination, and if it is carried out as final returns are tabulated, he will give the Congressman a hot race in November balloting.

TORRANCE FAVORS FINCH
Torrance gave Finch a substantial majority over King for the Republican nomination, but unofficial state returns showing Finch received 20,440 votes to Kings, 18,884. None of the other Republican candidates threatened the stand here. They were Mae Baxter, Weaver Jones and Lou Skell. King easily won the Democratic nomination, but Finch also showed great strength.

Judge John H. Shidler won out in a hot race with Walt Anderson, for Judge of Office No. 1, Municipal Court, unofficial and incomplete returns from the South Bay Municipal Court district showing Shidler polled 24,052 votes to Anderson's 14,868. Anderson entered the race a virtual unknown and his strength and popularity startled many political observers.

It appeared that Judge Otto B. Willett will have to runoff with D. Clifford Higgins in November. Willett was high man for Office No. 2 of the newly formed Municipal Court, polling 16,374 votes according to incomplete returns, but failing to get a majority of all votes cast. Higgins polled 12,426, and Collamer Bridge 10,776.

DARBY AHEAD
Supervisor Raymond V. Darby (Continued on Page Two)

Eleven Local Soldiers Back From Korea

Eleven Torrance servicemen disembarked from the USNS Gen. M. C. Meigs Friday at San Francisco when the vessel docked with more than 4000 Korean conflict veterans aboard.

Torrance returnees are: Pfc. Marvin R. Davis, Sgt. James L. Harger, Cpl. Frank H. Kendall, Pfc. Milton E. McNew, Sgt. J. R. Schweigert, Cpl. Charles L. Mescheder, M/Sgt. Leroy B. Schwenk, Sfc. Willard L. Specht, Sgt. Bobby L. Tyler, Cpl. Charles T. Turner, and Sgt. Quenon L. Wakefield.

Armed Forces Praise Blood Drive Promotion

I wish to express the thanks of the Department of Defense for your interest in the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program indicated by your editorial and advertising promotions.

Although blood collections have been high for the past few weeks, they must remain at a high level for many months to come if we are to replenish our dangerously depleted reserve supply of plasma. We need 3 millions pints of blood as soon as possible in order to build up the reserve to a safe level.

Thank you again for vital support of this critical program.

Sincerely,
Paul Gaynor
Coordinator Armed Forces Blood Donor Program

Child Injured In Auto-Bike Collision Here

A fractured thigh sustained when the bicycle on which she was double riding with her sister collided with an auto at Cabrillo avenue and Plaza del Amo, Tuesday morning sent 12-year-old Darena Elliott of 1774 Santa Fe avenue to Harbor General Hospital.

The sister, 7-year-old Delpha, was unhurt, when Darena lost control of the bicycle trying to stop for a boulevard stop sign.

The driver of the car, William Leetz, 18-year-old Torrance High School student, was not held, since the accident, according to Torrance Police, was unavoidable.

The girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elliott.

Sgt. Karl Feiberg of the Torrance Police department issued a warning to all parents to instruct their children in safe bicycle riding around the streets when school ends this month. However, the increase in bicyclists need not increase the number of accidents and lives lost in this type of mishap," he stated.

Merchants Solve Dad's Day, Graduation Gift Problems

(Editor's Note: This article is directed to all women—wives, mothers, sisters, sweethearts, etc.—who are tearing their hair out trying to find a gift for the Head of the House and for his heir to the title.)

In a quandry about what to get Dad for His Day? And maybe Junior's graduation has you in a tizzy, too?

Well, Torrance merchants think they have just the answer to your problem. Local retailers are joining with the Sunbeam Corp. in presenting the new 1952 Sunbeam Shavemaster.

This is the way to solve your gift problem and the shaving problem for the man (or men) in your life, one merchant stated.

This entirely new electric shaver has a bigger single head which will give your hearthrob double the beard coverage for fast, closer more comfortable shaves than he has ever thought possible. (And he'll never emerge from the bathroom looking like he just battled the Three Musketeers.)

See the inside pages of the Torrance Press for ads illustrating and describing the new Sunbeam Shavemaster. You'll find your favorite store promoting them in this week's issue.



DOING HIS PART—Louis Arbetter, proprietor of Allen's Jewelers, smiles as he donates a pint of blood during a one-day Armed Forces Blood Drive held here last Monday. Two hundred and sixty-two local citizens contributed blood to the American Red Cross Mobile during the day. Red Cross officials praised Torrance residents for their fine response to the great need for whole blood for both military and civilian use. —Press Photo

Press Thanked For Publicity

Editor
Torrance Press:
As press chairman for the Walteria P-TA, I would like to thank you and your staff for the fine publicity your paper has afforded our organization this past year.

The continuity and accuracy shown in each item has been more than one normally expects from a publication.

Our organization has profited greatly from such fine co-operation, a fine example!

Appreciatively,
/s/ Mrs. Evar Johnson
Press Chairman
Walteria P-TA
P.S. Such fine co-operation deserves sharing the State and District Publicity Awards given our press book this year.