

Steady Production Seen for Douglas in Torrance

Production and delivery of components for first-line missiles, like the Thor and Nike Hercules, plus several major contracts for fine plastic parts utilized on all Douglas airplanes and space products indicates a steady production program for the Torrance Location of Douglas Aircraft Company's El Segundo division. This was the announcement made recently by Harold G. Hynd, vice president-general manager.

The Torrance facility has recently initiated production of forward sections of the twin-jet A3D Skywarrior plus bomb bay doors and side panels for that aircraft. In addition, the Torrance plant also produced section assemblies for use on the A4D Skyhawk, a midget atomic bomber, as well as certain special support equipment for all Douglas El Segundo manufactured models. Missile components, too represent a large percentage of the plant's output.

In discussing the El Segundo division's prospects, Hynd disclosed that 1958 was one of the best peacetime production years in the division's 27 year history. He pointed out that the division has underway several extensive research and development programs for manned aircraft, missiles, weapons systems, control systems, hydraulics and electronics. Studies in space and nuclear fields are included in this program.

The Army-Navy simplified cockpit instrumentation program for which Douglas El Segundo is a prime contractor, was cited by Hynd as an example of the division's progress in advanced research.

Production of large numbers of "buddy store" inflight refueling systems and quantities of external tank stores and bomb racks are other big items in the division's current output.

Some of these items were manufactured, not only for several different Navy aircraft built by Douglas, but also were made for Air Force and Navy planes produced by other manufacturers.

The Bureau of Aeronautics has made prime airframe contractors, such as Douglas, responsible not only for the delivery of aircraft, but also spare parts.

No aircraft can be delivered to the services without spares and special support equipment. This involves vast quantities of parts ranging from the smallest nut to large wing sections, many produced at Torrance.

In nearly all instances, Hynd emphasized that sub-contractors, many in the greater Torrance area, play a most important part in Douglas' production of aircraft and spare parts.

The Torrance facility, known to Douglas and its employees as Location B6, will observe its

seventh anniversary in April. It was seven years ago, in 1952, when work began to convert the deserted buildings formerly occupied by the Aluminum Company of America into one of the nation's most modern manufacturing facilities. James D. Thomas is factory superintendent.

Douglas' Torrance facility and its thousands of employees are proud to be a part of the growing industrial area of the country's "all American City."

Recreation Dept. in Moderate Gain

Moderate program expansion was enjoyed by the Torrance Recreation Department during the calendar year 1958. Programs were operated on six park areas, 17 school playgrounds, the Adult Center, and the Arts & Crafts Center in the old city hall.

Attendance for the year in the program reached an all-time high of 640,000. Recreation officials point out that this figure may seem small to some because it is restricted to include only those people who actively participate in segments of the department program. It does not include picnickers and those enjoying the general activities of the park.

Special Events Highlight Parks

Outstanding special events of the year consisted of the Pop Concert, featuring the South Bay Civic Symphony Orchestra; the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Downtown Retail Merchants and the Torrance Adult Club; Mother and Daughter Tea; Show Boat Revue and Aquacade; the Christmas Play, and the Annual Open House Program.

Sport leagues for all Torrance youth, both boys and girls, drew the largest attendance of any department activity. Softball, football, basketball, tennis and volleyball attracted many thousands of Torrance youngsters during the year.

Vermont Dairy Herd Numbers 150 Cows Now

About 650 gallons of milk are sold each day at the Vermont Dairy, 22400 S. Vermont. This modern drive-in dairy not only sells a large volume of milk, but produces and sells all other types of dairy products, too.

The ten acre dairy farm has a herd of 150 fine Guernseys and Holsteins.

William Van Beek has been manager of the Vermont Dairy for the past four years. He arrived here from Holland with his two sons, Simon and Ike, just five years ago. One year after his arrival, Van Beek assumed management of the dairy, and it has grown and prospered. Simon is now serving in the Army.

To buy, sell or trade, your best bet is a Press Classified Ad.

Serves Torrance Area



MODERN DAIRY—The freshest milk possible and all types of dairy products are produced and sold at Vermont Dairy, 22400 South Vermont. The dairy is managed by William Van

Beek, with the assistance of his son, Ike. Under Van Beek's management, the dairy has grown and prospered during the past four years.



PAINT DEPARTMENT — Completed radomes, just a few of the many plastic products manufactured at the Douglas El Segundo Torrance facility, receive outer coating of paint in three major paint booths.

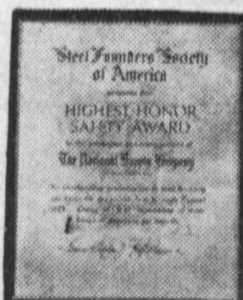


MISSILE COMPONENT PRODUCER — Known to the Douglas Aircraft Company and its employees as Location B6, the Torrance plant was an aluminum factory during World War II. Douglas purchased it after the war and converted the plant into one of the nation's most modern aircraft manufacturing facilities.



We are proud to fly this banner, signifying that we have won a National Safety Council Award of Merit. In the picture, are, from left, Glenn C. Merkle, plant manager; James Croker, plant protection; Sidney Staxrud, safety supervisor; and John D. Spalding, works manager.

Our Most Cherished Awards Are Those for Employee Safety



During the past few months we were happy to receive two safety awards, to add to others that we received previously. The National Safety Council gave its Award of Merit to our plant for achieving a safety record of 1,113,570 man-hours of operation without a lost-time injury. Our foundry was presented with the Steel Foundry Society Foundry Safety Award for 1958, based on the lowest frequency of accidents; the foundry also received this award in 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955.

Our tool grinding department is in its 16th year of operation without a disabling or lost-time injury. Our inspection department, over a 10-year period, has completed more than a million man-hours of accident-free operation. Many other departments have made excellent records.

We do a great variety of industrial jobs here, making our own steel ingots and castings, and performing such other operations as

forging, machining, heat treating, plating, welding, and assembling. We work with hot metal, with heavy loads, and with powerful machinery, all of which are capable of causing accidents unless we guard against them. (Just think how many people are hurt each year doing simple jobs around their own homes!)

To keep our employees safe, we wage a constant war against all potential hazards. As far as possible, we shield moving parts of machines. We require employees to wear protective gear, including safety helmets, safety glasses, and safety shoes, for certain types of jobs. Foremen and supervisors emphasize safety practices to the men working under them. The importance of safety also is stressed on billboards and posters throughout the plant area.

We employ safety engineers for the particular purpose of detecting and eliminating any hazardous conditions and issuing warnings against dangerous practices.

We do these things, not for the sake of possible awards, but because of our sincere interest in the safety of every man and woman who works here. A safe place to work is a good place to work.



Tool Grinding Department holds plant safety record, having completed 16 years without a disabling or lost-time injury.



Ten years of safe work practice has totaled over a million man hours of safety for members of our Inspection Department, working in various locations of plant.



W. R. Patterson, left, general superintendent of steel department, presents Highest Honor Safety Award certificate to Hubert Chappie, superintendent of our foundry.

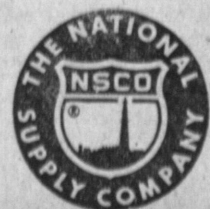


Plant Manager Glenn C. Merkle presents identification cards to four employees serving as members of plant safety committee.

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