

## 'Quantity Education' Flayed by Speaker at BIE Program

Education which is not valued as much for its quality as its quantity can become a national threat, L. B. Worthington, president of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division of United States Steel Corporation, said here today.

Addressing approximately 1000 teachers in Torrance High School auditorium here where they assembled before spending the day as guests of Torrance Industry to learn first hand the workings of the free enterprise system.

"As a result, education has been simply accepted by many of our youngsters like a coke in the ice box," he told the

have a kind of 'instant education' with no fuss, no mess and no effort. But, if education is not considered an honor to be earned, it can become just a chore to be endured."

Quoting a 'prominent educator' who said recently that bargains sought in education are "subsidized" by those who could least afford it—the teachers, the steel executive explained that "if, in seeking bargains, we have failed to get quality in education, one good reason may be because we have failed to reward excellence in teaching and have failed to hold out excellence as a goal for the student."

Drawing a parallel between this situation and a similar one in industry, Worthington pointed out that many times demands by union leaders for wage increases are based not on better performance, but on the fact that a rival union leader got more for his members in another industry.

**Rigid Salaries**  
Thus, "we see rigid salary and wage scales and seniority rules and restrictions under which it is nearly impossible to reward better performance or penalize bad," he continued.

"Because we have tended to reward men equally, I feel we have caused them to perform equally. As a result, this nation is slipping into acceptance of a mediocre level of work," he emphasized.

To rectify this situation, the speaker called for a general overhaul of our monetary and other incentives for superior performance.



DISCUSS SPEECH—Discussing the keynote address he made on Business-Industry Education Day is L. B. Worthington, center, president of Columbia-Geneva Steel Division, flanked by Dr. J. H. Hull, left, school superintendent, and Fred Mill, president of the Chamber of Commerce. —Press Photo



LISTENING TEACHERS—Appearing like a political convention, teachers are seated around placards designating their school as 1000 of them jammed Torrance High School auditorium to listen to keynote speech by L. B. Worthington, president of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division. —Press Photo

## Volunteers in Mop-up of Campaign

Torrance Red Cross volunteers are working this week to produce a final \$1500 which will mean 100% of their residential and business goal of \$6000.

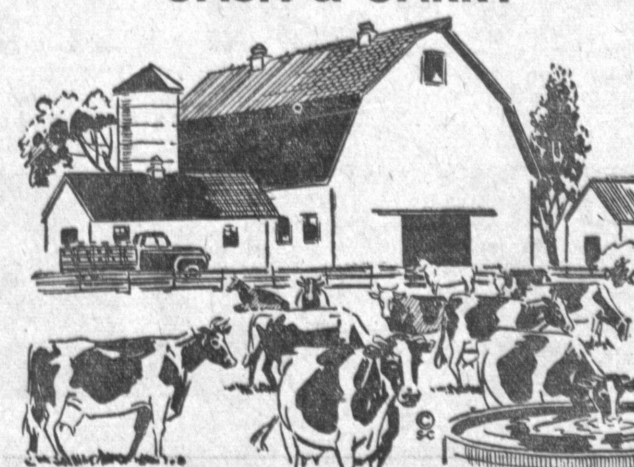
The residential campaign at the first of the week had completed 76% of its \$4500 goal and the business division headed by Mrs. Pary Pagac had turned in \$1106 or 73 1/2% of goal, according to Stanley Remelmeyer who is volunteer chairman of the entire

Torrance Red Cross Fund campaign. Remelmeyer said he was confident these two groups would complete their assignments this week before the Easter vacation time.

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