

Flowering Fruit Trees Will Be Yata Memorial

Torrance nurseryman Keiji Yata has presented a check for 500 flowering fruit trees to the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation. The trees are to be planted in the Botanic Gardens in memory of the late Keiichiro Yata, Yata's father.

The late Mr. Yata established the Gardena Valley Nursery in 1939, and following the Second World War developed many of the popular Southern landscape plants for Disneyland, the Los Angeles Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Yata immigrated to the United States early in this century and worked in Seattle and Alaska before returning to Japan to take his bride. He returned to the United States

Emotions Reach Boiling Point Over Water Battle

By VINCENT THOMAS
 Assemblyman, 68th District

The bitter battle over water seems certain to head into another round at our 1965 session. Though the forces concerned may line up differently than they did in 1959 and 1960, it is likely that emotions will boil just as violently as they did then, when our California water development program was painfully hammered into existence by opposing north-south forces.

Testimony at a recent joint meeting of the Senate and Assembly Water Committees had received about as much light as could be hoped for in the decision, and that further attempts to get rights to more water should be abandoned.

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Interior. Discussion had veered around to the effect on California of the 1962 U.S. Supreme Court decision which limits our rights to water from the Colorado River for a maximum period of 25 years.

SPOKESMEN for the state Department of Water Resources and the special unit of the Attorney General's office on the lengthy litigation over those rights informed the group that their state had received about as much light as could be hoped for in the decision, and that further attempts to get rights to more water should be abandoned.

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to the effect that said forcefully, "This is the first time in all my years on water committees that this administration has been made. Never before has it been advanced that we would be developing the waters of California for export out of state."

When the senator questioned this spokesman further, he was told that the situation is the same as when people are thrown out of house and home for new freeway routes. "If we can take a man's home or farm we can, in the case of necessity, take his water rights."

The State Resources Administrator spoke up from the audience to hastily assure the committees that the state would not condemn water rights of Californians without the approval of the legisla-

ture. He said that there is no by the Department spokesman on the part of the state man to reflect the attitude of administration to condemn the administration.

Thunder clouds still pile up on this legislative horizon. In a press conference after the meeting, the Governor indicated that an official letter on their behalf be sent to the Governor, asking him whether the statements made in

Agent Named to Insurance Club

Ben L. "Ted" Bear Jr., 32, Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, has been named regional vice president of New York Life Insurance Company's Top Club for being the company's top-ranking agent in his area during 1963-64. Life since 1957 and is a member of the "president's council," the company's highest honor club.

Bear has also qualified to attend an educational conference next week in New York City.

A native of Long Beach, he was graduated from Long Beach State in 1955. He has been an agent for New York Life since 1957 and is a member of the "president's council," the company's highest honor club.

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