

# Manned Aircraft Plays an Important Defense Role

## Instructor Appears on Television

El Camino College history instructor Judson A. Grenier discussed the life and works of Upton Sinclair, author and "muckraker," on educational television Friday.

Grenier appeared on Channel 28 with a panel which included Richard Lehn, assistant professor of English at UCLA.

He has written a number of articles about the Progressive period of American history and about Sinclair's novel, "The Jungle." The book paved the way for federal meat inspection laws.

A resident of Manhattan Beach, Grenier also is the editor of the first book-length edition of "The Treason of the Senate," a series of muck-raking articles which resulted in the passage of the 17th Amendment to the Constitution in 1913.

The book is being published this month by a Chicago firm.

## Youngsters Visit Fire Department

Preschoolers from the Torrance Co-op Nursery School made a "first" last week as the youngest group of visitors at the Redondo Beach Fire Department.

Greeting the 24 youngsters was Captain William Picking, who took them on a tour of the station and demonstrated the fire-fighting equipment.

"The visit gave the children a better understanding of firemen and fire safety," said Mary Ann Kessenick, co-op teacher. "Also, it gave them a first hand opportunity of seeing fire trucks and being able to sit, touch, and stand on them."

Torrance Cooperative Nursery School, Inc., is a cooperative nursery school organized by parents and directed by the adult education department of the Torrance Unified School District as part of its parent education program. Membership information is available by telephoning Mrs. Bruce Brown, 371-8914, or the Torrance Adult Education office.

Airman Apprentice Roy DuBach, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn DuBach of 22005 Ladene Ave., has been awarded the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Constellation, a unit of the Seventh Fleet in the Far East.



JUDSON A. GRENIER On Television

## Trustees' 'Rating' Goes Up

Dialogue at Torrance school board meetings has vied with television on more than one occasion for the attention of John Q. Public.

People from the city's northernmost corner to the ocean front have at times, dropped in for one of the Monday meetings. Despite the accessibility of agenda or the variety of verbosity, the trustees failed to make a dent on the international audience until last week.

The local school board hit the international ratings. In the quiet sanctum of a West High lecture hall, five guests from abroad swelled the ranks of the local audience.

Among the guests were Mrs. Barry W. Mann of Portsmouth, England, sister of Mrs. Barton Peters, the League of Women Voters' observer, and four American Field Service Exchange students.

The students were Miss Emel Oyman of Turkey, Miss Renate Baier of Austria, Miss Nancy Costa of Brazil, and Luis Herdoiza of Ecuador. They were accompanied by Mrs. Joseph Dock, president of the Torrance AFS chapter.

## Board Plans No Meeting

The regular meeting of the Torrance Board of Education, scheduled for Feb. 15, will not be held according to Dr. Kurt Shery, president.

Several members of the board and superintendent Dr. J. H. Hull will be in Atlantic City, N. J., for the annual conference of the American Association of School Administrators.

The board will meet Monday, Feb. 1, and again March 1.

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT  
The bottle opener is about to join the can opener on the road to oblivion. It would seem. Manufacturers of bottle corks are concentrating quite successfully on finger-opening caps and are about to start an all-out campaign to sell the idea to soft-drink bottlers.

This soft-drink market is in the neighborhood of 44 billion bottles a year and it is estimated that each of the returnable bottles make 24 trips to retail stores before being broken. The brewing industry represents a market of some 15 billion bottles that make substantially fewer trips from brewery to store.

But it will be a while, at least, before can and bottle openers disappear from the domestic scene. A leading New York specialty store specializing in housewares says it expects to be selling both for a number of years to come.

Aviation is still in its infancy. Space and the rocket-missile era have not removed the importance of aircraft and have not made them obsolete.

The quote is from Gen. Bernard Schriever, chief of U. S. Air Force Systems Command, commenting on the suggestion that airplanes are becoming outmoded.

"Such suggestions are very far from the truth," General Schriever said in an exclusive interview for the Honeywell "Science All Stars" television program on ABC-TV. "From a military standpoint, the present national policy of 'controlled response' means that the airplane has a very important role to play."

The general cited several programs scheduled for completion within the next decade or so as evidence of the continuing significance of air power. Among them were development of more powerful

engines for giant cargo aircraft to support the nation's global airlift capability; vertical take-off and landing aircraft (VTOL's); and, in the commercial field, supersonic transports, which he said will be with us in the early 1970's or sooner.

BILLION-DOLLAR YEAR—Slipping by virtually unheralded last year, like a midnight express, was a financial highlight in railroad car-building that could be equalled, or perhaps surpassed in 1965, according to a leading maker of freight and tank cars.

"Now that 1964 returns can be estimated with fair accuracy, it appears that orders for freight and tank cars may have topped the billion-dollar mark, and all indicators point to a similar pace for 1965," said Henry A. Correa, vice president, executive department of ACF Industries, Inc. Based on orders received

by the industry for the first 11 months of last year, it now can be estimated that the order total for the year was close to 74,000 cars, an increase of more than 15 percent over 1963, Correa said. Using a conservative industry average of \$14,000 per car, the value of orders estimated for 1964 would be approximately \$1,035,000,000 he added.

"Considering the railroads' already announced plans for adding cars to their fleets in 1965," Correa said, "and order total of a 75,000-car year in 1965, barring a steel strike, Correa stressed the railroads' increasing success in tailoring service and rates to shippers' needs to gain new business and win back loadings previously lost to competing modes of transportation.

SCIENCE NEWS—Not too long ago it was reported that traces of gold, silver and other metals found in human

hair could help police in their fight against crime. Now, the Public Health Service says that human hair is an accurate indicator of the amount of strontium 90 in the system. Strontium 90 is the principal component of nuclear fallout.

Scientists at Cornell University at Ithaca, N.Y., are striving to bring the wild turkey back to its native haunts in Central New York State and the Lower Tiers. To help them, the conservation researchers are using miniature transistorized transmitters which are taped to wild birds, which then are turned loose in the area being restocked. The steadily operating transmitters permit listeners to track the birds, each of which has its own frequency.

THINGS TO COME—As household laundry equipment begins moving out of the basement into the kitchen, one leading manufacturer has given a "forecast" appear-

ance to washer and dryer, including copper tones and simulated wood grain. The week-end inventor now has a friendly guide in a new publication, "Important Information Every Inventor, Manufacturer and Lawyer Should Have." Ladies tired of garters can now put their trust in a new roll-on adhesive called Liquid Garter. A new burglar alarm system using radar and ultrasonic beams is being tested in an English prison and is reported virtually foolproof. New camera attachment for home TV to provide baby-sitting, front-door watching and even entertainment.

BITS O'BUSINESS—Steel production has been high recently, but trade indications are that total January output may be under 12 million tons. Talk is heard of some sort of controls over outward movement of U. S. money in the fight against a deficit balance of payments.



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