

Mayor Revives Disaster Board

Mayor Bowron yesterday announced that he has reactivated the Major Disaster Emergency Council and named Col. Halsey E. Yates, retired Army officer, to head the organization at a salary of \$300 a month.

The Major Disaster Emergency Council was originally created in 1933 by ordinance to prepare for any local domestic disaster but was absorbed by the City War Council when that organization was formed to meet war conditions.

The Mayor also said that George Hjelte, secretary-director of the War Council, will return to his original job as superintendent of the Playground Department.

Experts to Discuss Postwar Subjects

Postwar readjustments of business and industry will be the subject of the Southern California Management Council's all-day conference Saturday on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California. Twenty-one vital issues—among them contract termination, the returning veteran, foreign markets, postwar taxation and surplus commodities—will be discussed by panels of experts.

Speakers already engaged, according to Dr. Wayne L. McNaughton, chairman of the arrangements committee, include Col. Alexander R. Heron, director of the State Reconstruction and Re-employment Commission; Dr. Walter A. Foy, a Douglas Aircraft auditor; James Bone, Chamber of Commerce, and K. H. Shaffer, Standard Oil Co. industrial relations manager.

Gardner Retrial Set for Dec. 19

Superior Judge Harold B. Landreth yesterday set Dec. 19 as the date for retrial of Roger Lewis Gardner on a charge of murdering Mrs. Ora Mae Murray.

Dep. Dist. Atty. John Barnes asked a new hearing after a jury disagreed last week, voting 7 to 5 for conviction of the accused 26-year-old prisoner. He was brought here for trial from Leavenworth Penitentiary, where he is serving a three-year sentence for impersonating a Federal officer and fraud.

Lack of Labor to Cut Crops

Early reports indicate a general reduction in the acreage of crops which require considerable labor, since there is uncertainty as to the future labor supply, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce agricultural committee reported yesterday.

"The picture is not too bright as the period of peak harvest labor requirements sets in and Mexican nationals' contracts are expiring and not being renewed," the report stated.

Explaining that from a climatic standpoint October was a good harvest month, the report points out that October shipments of Valencia oranges are ahead of those for the same month in 1942 and 1943. All but 3000 of the 58,500 cars of Southern California Valencias have been shipped.

Harbor Revenue Gains

Commissioners meeting at San Pedro yesterday disclosed gross revenues of \$1,579,047.26 to the Los Angeles Harbor Department for the four months ending with October. It was a gain of \$311,000 over the same period last year.

Death Takes 12th Air Crash Victim

Cpl. Kenneth C. Bedford, Negro, died at Pasadena Regional Army Hospital yesterday, the 12th fatality of the crash of an Army Air Transport Command plane against Strawberry Peak in Angeles National Forest Saturday night.

Despite a skull fracture received when the plane crashed in a snowstorm, Cpl. Bedford managed to give first aid to Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class Beuford V. Chism, lone survivor of the wreck, according to the announcement of Lt. Col. Earl D. Johnson, commanding officer of the Ferrying Group at Long Beach.

Chism last night was reported to be doing well at the Pasadena Hospital and it is believed he will recover.