

## City Briefs

**Dedication Set** — Dedication ceremonies for the official opening of the rehabilitation workshop at Rancho Los Amigos at Hondo, a work project for handicapped people attracting nationwide attention, are scheduled to start at 1 p.m. today. The State Department of Education and the County Charities Department are sponsoring the project.

**Bergen Files Suit** — Edgar Bergen, the controlling factor in Charlie McCarthy's life, filed suit in Superior Court to eject a tenant from a storeroom he owns at 6540 Sunset Blvd. The radio ventriloquist asserts that the tenant, Charles Erkman, failed to pay the \$300 monthly rent due last Feb. 15.

**Litigation Settled** — Clearing the way for establishment of a park and municipal golf course on the site of the Rancho Golf Club fronting on Pico Blvd., long-pending litigation was reported settled in Superior Judge Caryl M. Sheldon's court for \$200,000 to be paid by the city. The litigation was started by the Federal government, which sought clear title to the 186-acre tract, taken over from the Rancho Golf Club in settlement of a claim for income taxes. Under the settlement, the city will take title upon payment of \$200,000 to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

**Commandant Named** — Naval station at Port Hueneme has a new commander—Commodore O. O. Kessing, U.S.N., a veteran of the Pacific, who relieved Commodore W. M. Quigley, reported soon to come up for retirement. Simultaneously with the shift of commands, Capt. B. W. Brink was announced as new civil engineer officer in command of the construction battalion center at Port Hueneme. He relieved Capt. H. B. Jones, who goes to the staff of Adm. John H. Towers, commander-in-chief, United States Fleet.

**Churchill Idea Scored** — There will be an unfavorable reaction throughout the Orient to Winston Churchill's speech this week advocating a British-American military alliance, in the opinion of Diosdado M. Yap, Philippines editor. He said upon arrival here that Churchill's idea is nothing more than the old al-



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liance of English-speaking peoples discussed since the days of Cecil Rhodes. The people of China, the Indies, Indo-China and all the rest "will see in this a revival of the white man's burden—the old imperialism which we thought was a thing of the past," he said.

**Juror Collapses** — Mrs. Teresa Cardman, 5360 Westhaven Drive, a juror in the trial of C.I.O. Leader Philip M. Connelly, collapsed shortly after the day's session began. She was excused from further service and was replaced by an alternate, Mrs. Barbara Shinn. Connelly is being tried for inciting a riot, blocking an entrance, violating a court order and disturbing the peace in connection with the C.I.O. United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers' strike at U.S. Motors last January.

**Picket Found Guilty** — Superior Judge Thomas L. Ambrose found Roderick John Elmore, a picket on the line when the film strike riot took place at Warner Bros. studio last October, guilty of carrying a concealed blackjack. The judge set next Monday as time to hear a probation report and to fix sentence.

**Negotiator Named** — The A.F.L. Screen Extras' Guild, which last Sunday was elected collective bargaining agent for motion-picture extra players, has engaged Lawrence W. Beilenson as negotiator. Beilenson has had long experience as an attorney for unions in the industry. Henry B. Ely is to continue as general counsel. Nominations for offices in the guild will close April 15, ballots will be mailed to members May 1 and must be returned by May 10. Next Friday, the guild will open an office to facilitate joiners at 6331 Hollywood Blvd., Room 423. Dues are \$1.50 a month.

**Assault Charged** — Paul St. Clair, 48, formerly of 3525 E. 65th St., was held by Sacramento police on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder as the result of the stabbing of his wife, Mrs. Gay St. Clair, 42, last Feb. 24 in their home.