Torrance Becomes Western Capital of Rubber Industry

Acetylene Polymerization... at the Shell Chemical unit at Torrance, which converts undesirable acetylenes in the hydrocarbon stream into polymers, to facilitate their removal.

Acetone Extraction Unit... at Shell Chemical at Torrance, which separates butylene from a mixture of hydrocarbons. The butylene is later converted into butadiene.

Huge Spheroid Tanks... are used for storing under pressure the many hydrocarbon streams in process at the Shell Chemical Division of Shell Union Oil Corporation at Torrance.