

DEATH FOR DYER! • Jury Recommends No Mercy for Inglewood Child Slayer!

—Special to The Herald by United Press—

Albert Dyer must hang for the infamous Inglewood child murders.

The jury of seven men and five women brought in a death verdict at 10:49 o'clock this morning after 43 hours of argument. For many of those hours the count was 11 to 1 for the supreme penalty, with the one dissenting juror holding out for life imprisonment.

At no time was there any question in the jurors' minds about the former WPA school crossing guard's guilt in connection with the slaying of the three little Inglewood girls July 26.

Foreman James D. Kelley informed a court bailiff shortly after 10:30 that the jury had reached a verdict.

Quickly Superior Judge Thomas T. White summoned court attaches and the principals in the case to his courtroom. Dyer was brought from the county jail under heavy guard.

Before permitting Foreman Kelly to announce the verdict, Judge White, fearing a possible demonstration, warned spectators that they must preserve order and cause no disturbance whatever. Then Kelley read the verdict:

"We find Albert Dyer guilty of murder as charged and recommend no mercy."

Dyer, who made nine confessions of the inhuman crime to police after his arrest and later repudiated them

on the claim that he was threatened with being "thrown into a mob" if he did not admit his guilt, showed no emotion as his doom was read in the tense courtroom.

Later, as he was taken back to his cell, he shouted to other jail inmates:

"Well, boys, I'm going to hang!"

Jailers said later that he jumped up and down and lost control of himself. He is being constantly watched.

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Soap Box Derby is Planned

The first major sports event this fall for boys nine to 15 years in Torrance will be the Harbor District Soap Box Derby, plans for which were formulated last Thursday night by a committee of men representing this city, Lomita, Waverly, Harbor City, Wilmington and San Pedro.

All boys desiring to enter their home-made (and costing not over \$10) motorless cars in the semi-finals for Torrance, Lomita, Waverly and Harbor City on Sept. 25, should obtain copies of the official rules at the Chamber of Commerce, Herald office or from Judge Robert Lessing. Closing date for all entries is Sept. 18.

The finals for the entire district will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, on the Sepulveda boulevard hill west of Hawthorne in Torrance. The semi-finals will also be held at that speedway, which will be closely guarded and shut off from auto traffic by police on both Saturdays.

Adolph To Be Starter
Lomita youngsters may obtain the rules of the Derby and an explanatory diagram of maximum dimensions for their scooter cars at Shank's Hardware store, those in Harbor City from Christensen's garage, and Waverly boys can get full information on the races at W. K. Adolph's garage.

Attractive prizes are to be awarded in both the semi-final and finals of the Soap Box event. Judge Lessing was chosen chairman of the Harbor District committee and Michael Strasser, city editor of The Herald, is secretary. Other members of the governing body are H. W. Slover, Torrance; H. H. Halladay and H. P. Osborn, Lomita; Frank Christensen and C. F. King, Harbor City; J. Chet Rogers and Clyde Lowell, San Pedro, and Edsel Newell, San Pedro.

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Zone Plan is Under Study

The first of three letters from the Chamber of Commerce to the city council Tuesday night concerned the survey of property west of Cedar street for potential housing facilities. The chamber has been interested for the past several months in enlarging such facilities and the area west of Cedar is regarded as the best future development.

A map prepared by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard of the district was produced at council meeting. The engineer said that he had conferred with C. C. M. O. officials and suggested that part of the property should be zoned for residences. This would include land south of Torrance boulevard from Cedar to Maple and southerly to the block south of Carson street.

Exceptions would have to be made where property is held as oil producing or under lease for oil development, he said. The Carson street frontage should be zoned for business, Leonard pointed out. His map followed suggestions from property owners in the district. There are no sewers in this area as yet and will not be until the County Sanitation district brings in its North Torrance lateral, the engineer pointed out.

At Councilman James Hitchcock's suggestion, the city council, city attorney and engineer will meet with the chamber directors to consider the matter at a meeting to be arranged by the directors.

Population and Mileage New Basis for Division of Gasoline Tax Funds

Gasoline tax funds will be apportioned to Torrance and the 43 other cities of the county by the board of supervisors on the basis of population and mileage, following an agreement reached between the supervisors and a committee of seven representing the county League of Municipalities.

Eighty-five percent of the amount which the supervisors have to distribute among the 44 cities will be apportioned on the basis of population. The other 15 percent will be on the same basis of mileage of primary roads, as defined by the county Regional Planning Commission.

Cities Endorse Plan
Torrance has 38-100 of one percent of the county's population, estimated at 1,891,964, and has 20 1/2 miles of primary roads, according to a compilation made for the county officials. The agreement was reached informally late Monday following nearly three hours of discussion between city and county officials.

City Engineer Frank Leonard of Torrance contended that only 75 percent of the tax should be distributed on the basis of population, while Councilman S. W. Cunningham of Los Angeles said it was to his city's advantage to have it all distributed according to population. Cunningham said Los Angeles would not stand in the way of an agreement, however, and the 85 and 15 percent compromise was reached later.

Suggestion was made that the \$2,200,000 set aside for relief of special assessment districts this year be cut \$200,000. Supervisors Gordon McDonough and John Anson Ford thought this \$200,000 might better be distributed among the 44 cities.

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There's no greater admirer of apple trees in Torrance than City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. For many a month he has been spending his spare time at home "in the shade of an old apple tree" that he grew from a seedling.

Tuesday he brought some of the fruit for display at his office in the city hall. One limb had 17 well-formed but unknown variety of apples on it while he also showed two exceptionally large ones that would make a good pie.

Strike Ending Third Month

Continuing the march which has lasted for nearly three months with the exception of the "strange interlude" of three days when the strike was believed settled, pickets sauntered back and forth in front of the Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning company plant this week.

Negotiations for a settlement have been at a complete standstill since August 16 when the strike was revived after seven of the strikers returned to work three remaining days of the previous week. William Rojo, president of the laundry concern on Carson street, said yesterday that he now has a normal number of employees at work—about 80—and that "as far as I am concerned, the strike is a thing of the past."

Collections for the benefit of strikers are still being taken up at various headquarters and this week collectors were reported canvassing in the local business district. Labor leaders here continued silent this week on their plans for bringing the controversy to an end.

P. E. Strike Call Expected Within 24 Hours, Report

Within 24 hours the time of the proposed strike of all Pacific Electric and Motor Transit employees members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will be announced, it was learned today. The strike was voted last night, 1,584 to 71.

However the National Mediation Board may intervene as it did in 1934 and the strike call may not be issued. The issue is a year-old dispute over wages and working hours, the union wanting 80 cents an hour, the railway management offering 62 1/2 cents. The men are now receiving 66 1/2 cents.

Andreani Offers Flood Solution To Supervisors

A solution of the troublesome flood problem which each year menaces Keystone, Lomita, Gardena and other communities adjacent to the Bixby and Nigger slough areas was to be outlined to the county Board of Supervisors today by F. M. Andreani, former Los Angeles harbor commissioner and engineer.

The plan was explained by Andreani in a recent visit to Torrance contemplating a 22-foot bottom width canal extending from the West Base of the harbor to a point about 400 feet northwest of Anaheim boulevard, including reinforced concrete drainage structures 30 feet wide, one across San Pedro-Wilmington boulevard and the other across Anaheim boulevard, requiring a right of way 80 feet wide and 4,300 feet long. Such a project can be completed for an estimated cost of \$31,300, according to estimates prepared by Frank R. Leonard, city engineer of Torrance, with whom Andreani has collaborated in preparing the plan for presentation to the board of supervisors at the special hearing today.

The present flood control program as proposed by the county (Continued on Page 3-A)

Moral Charges Reduced Against Two Local Men

Ralph Deigh, former WPA crossing guard, scheduled to go on trial Wednesday in Superior court, on charges of a statutory offense, changed his plea to guilty on a lesser offense and was permitted to apply for probation.

Sept. 8 was set for hearing on the probation officer's report. Amended information was filed by the district attorney's office charging Deigh with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and it was to this charge that he pleaded guilty.

When Albert Jewell, 49, pleaded guilty to one charge of statutory crime against a small girl before Superior Judge Fricke last Monday morning, the district attorney's office dropped the remaining seven similar counts against him, according to information received here.

Jewell, who was arrested here July 9 after police had received complaints against him from the parents of five little girls, asked for probation. A hearing on this plea will be held Sept. 8 at 2 p. m., in Superior court. Meanwhile, he was returned to the county jail to (Continued on Page 2-A)

Japanese Views on Conflict Told by Local Men

Japan wants security. The empire of the Rising Sun will give China a stabilized government to protect the Chinese from themselves. The current undeclared hostilities between the two Asiatic nations is "all right."

So declared Bob Ueda, well-known Japanese-American business man of this city and Lomita, in an interview with a representative of The Herald this week. Ueda, who has recently finished construction of several new homes in Lomita, is an American citizen and proud of his vote franchise. Nevertheless, he takes great interest in the Far Eastern events which have sent his Japanese blood-brothers marching thru China.

SHOTS ON THE NEWS FRONT



FAREWELL.—John Montague, "wonder golfer," waves goodbye to his California friends as officers take him back to New York to face an old robbery charge.



ROMANTIC.—Ignacio Ayerza, Los Banos, Cal., millwright who is being held for killing his daughter, Theresa, 19, and her fiancé on their wedding day.

Business Leaders Meet Friday to Launch Season

Every Torrance business man and woman is urged to attend a special dinner-meeting of the Torrance Businessmen's association tomorrow (Friday) evening, starting at 6:30 o'clock at Daniels cafe, 1625 Cabrillo avenue.

In addition to a special speaker, to be presented by Ray Brooks, advertising manager of The Herald, who will present a message of importance, plans will be adopted for the first of the fall and winter series of feature trade events.

The opening attraction has received endorsement from many merchants because of its unique appeal to residents of this city and vicinity. Full details of this event will be announced in next week's Herald.

The business people of this community will conclude their Friday evening session by discussion of new officers for their association. President Alden W. Smith will preside at the meeting.



FAN LETTER.—Ray Pearl, young Chicago hitch-hiker, exhibits the fan-letter tattooed on his chest through which he gained an interview with Gloria Stuart.



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Sailor Killed in Three-Way Collision

A three-way collision involving two motorcyclists and an automobile driver in front of 1913 Redondo-Wilmington boulevard last Sunday afternoon resulted in the instant death of one motorcyclist, Loy C. Dove, 23, of the U. S. S. Colorado, according to deputy sheriff's reports.

Dove and James B. Hodgen, another sailor of the Colorado, were riding thru Lomita on motorcycles when the front wheel on the victim's machine locked with the rear one of Hodgen's cycle. Dove's machine was thrown across the center line of traffic where it struck a sedan car being driven by George S. Hoover of Shawnee, Okla.

Rushed to Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital in Stone and Myer's ambulance, Dove died a few hours later. He suffered a skull fracture and both hips were broken. Torrance police officers assisted sheriff's deputies in handling traffic at the scene of the fatal crash.

Street Car Influx Hit by McGuire

There is one city councilman in Torrance who is definitely on record as being very much opposed to turning this city into a "tin-can town" with old street cars being set down any place. He is Tom McGuire who demanded Tuesday night that city officials take immediate steps to get the four such structures already located here "moved off and out of the city."

Other councilmen appeared unwilling to voice their opinions of the influx of street cars and when the first such arrival here, off Madrid avenue, was called to their attention several weeks ago took no action to find out why the owner did not take a building permit as required by city law.

McGuire spoke his mind Tuesday night when it was reported that three more old street cars had been moved to property on Cedar avenue and were in the progress of being "fixed up."

"Can't we find some way to keep that kind of structure out of the city?" he questioned. "Are we going to make this a tin-can town? You can buy old street cars for \$10 and we'll have a whole raft of them moved in here and scattered all over town before we know it. We know that none of the owners have taken out building permits for them. I insist that we find out at once how we can stop this 'street car invasion' and have those that are in here either moved out or torn down."

City Attorney C. T. Rippey was instructed to investigate the city ordinances and see how the city can proceed in purging Torrance of ex-street cars.

G. P. Continues Big Expansion

Continuing its program of tremendous expansion and development in Torrance, the General Petroleum corporation took out a building permit for \$28,600 worth of additional improvements at its refinery plant. Two 80,000-barrel oil storage tanks are to be erected on the General Petroleum's site in North Torrance.

On July 6 the refinery announced an expansion program by taking out building permits totalling \$820,000. That work showed this city's building total for the month into seventh place in the Southern California construction records.

Other building permits issued here this week to make the total \$35,525, were:

To the Torrance Building company for a moved-in four-room frame house and new garage at 1417 Madrid avenue, \$1,500;

To G. A. Tainter for a dairy building north of 182nd street on Arlington avenue in North Torrance, \$1,000;

To F. E. Ellis for a four-room frame house at 3730 Spencer street, \$1,300;

To John Strategopoulos for a frame garage at 2013 Border avenue, \$150; and

To F. G. Hodges for a five-room frame and stucco Monterey type home and double garage at 1447 El Prado, \$2,975.

"Japan does not want to conquer China for land alone, although that land is unbelievably fertile and can become the world's greatest producer of cotton, grain and other crops. We merely want assurance that our people will be safeguarded in China. To date we have been unable to obtain that satisfaction from the Chinese government."

Ueda's comments were endorsed by Jim Sacki, scholarly young man who has been serving his people in this area for several years as their business and legal representative. Sacki, an eastern university graduate who took post-graduate work at Stanford, is a Japanese subject.

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Aqueduct Strike is Debated

Pros and cons of the current strike by Metropolitan Water District aqueduct workers in the San Jacinto division were aired at length at city council meeting Tuesday night as two representatives of the C. I. O. union which called the strike several weeks ago attempted to have the council instruct the city's representative on the M. W. D. directorate to recommend immediate settlement of the controversy.

City Attorney C. T. Rippey, who is the Torrance director, outlined the issue as he heard it expressed at M. W. D. board meetings and the union representatives, A. B. Craig, 1814 Cabrillo avenue, and William Sessions of Santa Monica presented the strikers' side of the argument. Councilman George V. Powell, who launched the matter which kept the council in session until 10:30, favored settlement of the strike on the union's terms.

However, the council took no action. Rippey declared that the M. W. D. board was willing at all times to negotiate with the men but when the strikers presented their case to the board a week ago the directorate understood that the men's "agreement" was the "minimum terms of a contract."

Not Subject To Act
"This agreement calls for a 'closed shop' and under its terms it would be impossible for the M. W. D. staff to employ or discharge men without the consent of the union. This is contrary to law because the District is a political entity the same as a city, a county or a state and as such cannot delegate its powers. Because it is a political subdivision of the state it is not subject to the Wagner Labor Relations Act according to legal opinions we have received," Rippey stated.

Sessions, who described himself as "just a tunnel stiff" who has worked on the Aqueduct for more than four years, most of that time as a foreman, was the principal speaker for the C. I. O. union. He had been elected, he said, by the men to carry their case to the city councils of the 13 municipalities composing the M. W. D. He proved to be a most interesting speaker, especially when he was describing some of the difficulties of mining tunnels in the San Jacinto range.

"Closed Shop" Is Out
"More than 1,200 men are out on strike at the present time. I know because I checked the picket cards just before I came here tonight," he said in contradicting Rippey's assertion that the M. W. D. board had reports of only 800 being involved in the walk-out. "There are less than 50 regular workers on the job—the others are some 300 'gun-thugs' employed by the M. W. D., to put the fear of God in us. So far we have escaped that fear."

"All we are asking is job security and elimination of discrimination against men carrying a union card by the superintendents," he continued. The "closed shop" is out in our demands. We do not insist on that. The M. W. D. directors have been grossly misinformed by the staff as to the real hub of the trouble. That is the officials who were brought out here from the east to take jobs from Californians and who have been guilty of unfair discrimination. This strike is really between 1,300 men and three officials.

"I would like the city council to instruct the city's representative on the M. W. D. directorate to recommend immediate settlement of the controversy." (Continued on Page 2-A)

Unsecured Property Totals \$559,825

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reported to the city council Tuesday night that the county auditor had informed him that the total value of unsecured real and personal property in Torrance for 1937-38 was \$559,825.