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Juvenile Gang Warfare Spreads To Torrance Area, Four Beaten

Three Brothers Held In Rat Pack Beating

Scheduled to be arraigned on Jan. 14 are three Keystone brothers who assertedly attacked and brutally beat two local men on Christmas Eve in front of 1403 W. Carson St., according to Deputy District Attorney Tony Joyce of Long Beach.

Charged with assault by means of force are Bruce Hooker, 20, his brother Wayne, 19, and a younger brother, 17 years old, all of 22608 S. Main St. Police found a vicious-looking black-jack in the Hooker car.

Victims of the attack were W. K. Coons, 1447 W. 226th St., and Roy J. Patton, of 28136 Narbonne Ave., Long Beach. The melee started when Patton, driving west on Carson St., was forced off the road by a car driven by the Hooker brothers. Looking back, he saw their car strike another car behind him, so he circled the block to return to the scene of the crash.

In the meantime Coons, visiting his father-in-law, Charles Dunham at 1403 W. Carson St., heard the crash and left the house to investigate. He saw the three Hooker brothers giving the unidentified driver of the other car a bad time. The punks frightened this man away, then turned to Coons and asked "What do you think of all this?"

Coons answered: "Looks to me like you're all drunk," and started to go back into his house, but the brothers grabbed him, threw him down and began to

Victim Refuses To File Charges, Attacker Freed

A Torrance youth refused to sign a complaint this week against three other youths who attacked him and his girl friend in San Pedro Sunday night.

John Oloque, 19, of 2551 W. 203rd St., refused to file charges against Maximo Allado Jr., 18, of 732 Sepulveda, and two juveniles. Ollado was released Tuesday but the juveniles were held and a pre-detention hearing was scheduled within 10 days.

Oloque told police that he knew the three boys, and that they were schoolmates. On Sunday night, he reported, he had parked in front of his girl friend's house near 24th and Alma Sts. in San Pedro, and was about to escort the girl, Magdelaine Aguilar, 17, to the door.

As he stopped his car, he stated, another car pulled up and its occupants ordered Oloque out of his car. Oloque said that one of the occupants of the other car dragged him out of his car and started swinging, whereupon the others joined in and began to beat and kick him.

The girl tried to help Oloque and was knocked to the ground, police were told. After this, the assailants sped away in their car, and Oloque and the girl went to San Pedro Hospital for treatment of cuts and abrasions.

Rumors that the fight was in retaliation for a fight held at a dance here several months ago were spiced by the District Attorney's office, which reported that Oloque apparently knew his assailants and could name them. The district attorney's office reported that it was believed a "love triangle" was involved in the fight.

Jan. 14 Last Day To Register for School Bond Vote

The final day for voters to register for the March 9 school bond election is Jan. 14, it was announced this week.

Voters can register at the City Hall or with any deputy registrar of voters. On March 9, voters will be asked to approve \$3,000,000 in bonds, spread over three years, to finance greatly needed schools to accommodate the rising population of Torrance.



PVT. PAUL SINGLETON Talks Longing Distance

Parents Talk to Son in France, Call Took Week

It took more than a week, but Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Singleton, of 18036 Regina Ave., were able to talk to their son, stationed in Ingrandes, France, Monday morning.

Completion of a person-to-person call to their son which was started over a week ago came at 6 a. m. Monday when the operator called and said "your call to Ingrandes, France, is ready."

Pvt. Paul Singleton, who is assigned to the 823rd Quartermaster Service Co., has been in France since August, 1953. He told his folks Monday that he was feeling fine, but that he probably would not be back to see them for another two years—until February, 1956.

"Say hello to all my friends," he told his folks.

Before entering the service, Singleton was employed at Columbia Steel.

Father of Local Merchant Dies

Final rites were held at Motell's Mortuary in Long Beach yesterday for Robert W. Jones, father of Charles V. Jones, Torrance Hardware proprietor, and the late Keith W. Jones, prominent civic leader, before his death last April.

The 93-year-old Long Beach man, who died Sunday, was buried at Angelus Abbey Mausoleum in Compton following the 11 a. m. Masonic services. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

In addition to his son living here, the Utah-born man, one-time councilman in Long Beach, is survived by two other sons, E. D. Jones of San Francisco and Clyde P. Jones of Long Beach; two daughters, Mrs. Rose McGahn of Taft, and Mrs. May McVain of Long Beach; and seven grandchildren.

State Approval Of Office Lease Due this Month

Opening of the new Department of Motor Vehicles office here may be delayed until about the first of February, the Herald learned yesterday.

Lease on a building at 1317 Cravens Ave. has been signed with owner Sam Levy, but final approval of the leasing arrangement by various officials may delay the opening of the office several weeks, the Herald was told.

In the meantime, residents from all over the area have been beating a path into town trying to renew auto registrations for 1954. Besides having no office here, the traveling crew of license examiners has apparently been disbanded and they did not make their regular "first Monday" visit here this week.

Torrance police station has been visited by scores daily who were told in nearby cities that the office here was open. Persons seeking a DMV office are being referred to the Hawthorne branch at 226 Plaza Square. That office is open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a. m. until noon on Saturday throughout January.

Chamber To Give Citizen Award At Installation

For the first time, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will present an "Outstanding Citizen Award" this year at its annual Installation Dinner, to be held Thursday evening, Jan. 25, at 7 p. m. in the Civic Auditorium.

The "Outstanding Citizen" will be chosen by a selection board headed by Don Armstrong, the award will go to the person whom the committee judges to have contributed most to the welfare and development of the City of Torrance, according to Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber.

Paul Loranger, local car dealer, will be installed president of the Chamber, replacing outgoing President Robert I. Plomert.

The meal will be served "Chuck Wagon" style by eaters as entrees, or both, if desired. The cost of the banquet is \$2.50 per plate.

Reservations are coming in fast, Isenberg reported, and since attendance is limited to 400, those who plan to attend should make reservations as soon as possible by calling FA 8-2514 or by the Chamber, or Mrs. Valda Wilkins.

Another feature of the program will be the preview showing a colored motion picture of Torrance entitled "The City of Industrial Opportunity," sponsored by the Chamber. Co-chairmen for dinner arrangements are Darwin Parrish and Paul Diamond.



CONGRESSMAN CECIL KING Seeking Return to Congress

Cecil King To Seek Return to Congress

Congressman Cecil R. King, who represents Torrance and the 17th District in the House of Representatives, yesterday announced formally he will seek re-election to the post in the 1954 balloting.

The veteran Southern California legislator is now serving his sixth term as a member of Congress and served from 1932 to 1940 in the California Legislature. He is now a ranking member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

King is credited with having led campaigns that saved millions of tax dollars annually, cleaning corruption out of federal agencies, and curbing Communist activities in the United States.

He outlined his policies and views on the top issues of the day in his formal statement of candidacy, highlighting Communism as "the gravest threat our nation has ever faced."

Urges Tax Cut
The Congressman also strongly emphasized his stand for continued reduction of the heavy tax burden being carried by the American people and for stronger federal laws to eliminate the vicious narcotic traffic.

During the first session of the 83rd Congress, King claimed an 82 per cent effective vote record in support of the Eisenhower administration. This vote led nationwide among Democratic Congressmen and topped a large percentage of Republican lawmakers' support of the President.

Congressman King recently disclosed that he intends to wage a strong campaign during this session of Congress for passage of a bill which he introduced last June to outlaw the Communist Party in the United States and brand its members as criminals and traitors.

Text of Statement
In his announcement of candidacy, Congressman King said: "I shall be a candidate to succeed myself as the Representative in the Congress of the United States from the 17th California Congressional District in the June primary elections. "It has been a privilege for

the past 11 years to have served in Congress the district which is now the largest of California's 30 Congressional districts with over half million residents.

"Since taking my first oath of office, I have always been the servant of the people, and have always conducted myself accordingly casting my vote in accordance with what I earnestly felt was to the best interests of all the people of our district and the nation. My record of attendance has been one of the best in Congress, and I have never dodged or evaded an issue.

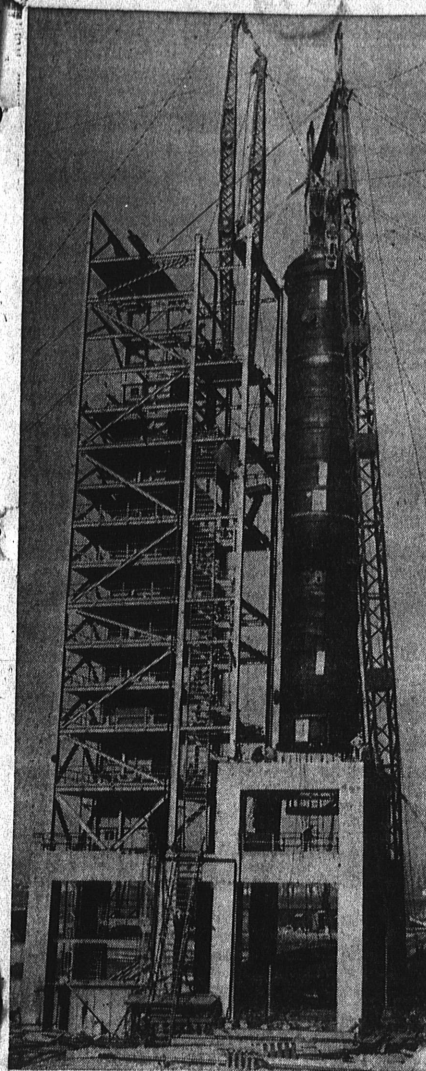
"My vote has never been, nor ever will be, a rubber-stamp vote for or against partisan politics or pressure groups of any kind. In the past session of Congress, I am recorded with an 82 per cent vote in effective support of the Eisenhower administration—the greatest support shown by any Democratic Congressman and greater than a large percentage of Republican Congressmen.

Opposed Defense Cuts
"On the other hand, I voted to oppose the drastic cuts in civil and military defense budgets, especially the reduction in aircraft production, which, in my opinion, endangers the nation's security.

"As a member of the Ways and Means Committee having jurisdiction over legislation dealing with revenue matters, I have worked for and voted for reducing the heavy tax burden that is carried by the American people. This I shall continue to do.

"Communism and corruption must be stamped out here at home. For 18 months I served

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SUPER WEIGHT LIFTER . . . One more giant step toward completion of the General Petroleum refinery's new addition here was completed last Thursday when riggers hoisted this 190-ton reactor tower into place without bending a bolt.

190-Ton GP Reactor Hoisted into Place

One hundred and ninety tons of steel dangles a few feet above its concrete base as riggers prepare to drop the reactor tower of the new thermofor catalytic reformer at General Petroleum's Torrance refinery into place.

The 89-foot, steel tube, 18 1/2 feet in diameter, is a key part of the new unit which will produce about 15,000 barrels per day of high quality gasoline blending stock when it is completed and put into operation next summer.

The riggers hoisted the huge drum with 175-foot booms and put it into place on its 44-foot base with many a bump last Thursday. Twenty-four bolts fitted neatly into the holes drilled for them in the base flange and not a single bolt was bent! On the left of the reactor tower is the kiln unit where catalyst is prepared for re-use.

Four companies cooperated in getting the reactor in place. Bechtel Corp., contractor on the whole job, had Consolidated Steel Co. fabricate the tower.

2703 New Homes Built in City

Torrance gained 2703 new single-family homes during 1953, a completion of the year's building permits for the year showed this week.

A breakdown of the 5004 building permits issued during the year showed that permits were issued for everything from houses to swimming pools, from skating rinks to churches.

Walter C. Bradford, of the City Building Department, reported that the year's all-time record was pushed to \$29,315, 953. This is more than half again the previous record of slightly more than \$18,000,000 set during 1952.

Most of the new permits issued during the year were for homes, Bradford reported. General Petroleum and its neighbor, the new Union Carbide plant, made up the bulk of the industrial permits.

Expected during 1954 is the construction of a quantity of commercial structures in addition to the continued home development in the area.

Keystone Man Held In Wife Stabbing

Angered when his wife let the family dog into the house against his wishes, a Keystone man slashed his wife's throat and stabbed her with a butcher knife Saturday night while the victim's mother looked on in horror, then attempted suicide by stabbing himself and slashing his own throat, police have charged.

Under police custody in Los Angeles County Hospital today is Willie Bivens, 41, who is off the critical list but suffering from self inflicted stab wounds. His wife, Josephine, 32, is recovering from her wounds at Harbor General Hospital.

Bivens has been charged with assault with intent to commit murder. His wife's mother, Mrs. Bessie Lounnie Teens, who lives at 20507 S. Vermont Ave. with

Mine Opponents Meet Tonight to Plan Fight

Directors of the Rolling Hills Community Association, leaders in their recent battle with the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. over a permit for an open pit mine in Rolling Hills, will meet tonight with Attorney William Kinley to map plans for court action against the permit.

A course for legal action planned by the group against the permit will be mapped at the meeting, it was reported.

Wash Away That Christmas Debt

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