

# COP GETS BRUTAL BEATING BY BROTHER-SISTER TEAM

## Attacked Guarding New Homes

Officer Miles Hamilton of the Torrance police force was viciously beaten around the head Saturday night by Louis Beckel, 29, who allegedly was skeptical of Hamilton's claim that he was a police officer guarding the Ellinwood tract on Highway 101 near the Fish Shanty.

At one time during the fray, Beckel's sister, Mrs. Lydia Alvarado, allegedly lifted a slab of concrete and yelled, "Let him up, Louis, I'll kill the f---er."

### Held

Held for their preliminary hearing, January 8, on charges of assault and battery are Louis Beckel, 29, of 21011 Shearer, and his sister, Mrs. Lydia E. Alvarado, 42, of the same address. Each is being held in place of \$1500 bail. A third occupant of the car in which they were riding was not held, since the individual refused to have anything to do with the fight when Mrs. Alvarado tried to persuade him to intervene, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

### Got Lost

Beckel who worked as a plasterer in the tract until he was laid off two weeks ago, claimed that he was looking for Portuguese Bend and had gotten lost when Hamilton stopped his car as it came driving into the tract.

Hamilton, who was working as a guard in the tract during his off-duty hours, told Beckel and his passengers that they were on private property and that they must leave. Some strong language passed between both men as they asked each other for identification. When Beckel snatched Hamilton's identification card away from him, a tussle followed during which Lydia Alvarado, Beckel's sister, got hit in the shoulder, according to Captain Ashton.

### Vicious Beating

Beckel, who has a massive build and a powerful pair of hands, thereupon clipped Hamilton on the side of his ear, jumped on him, and let loose with a series of facial blows which left sizeable horn-like swellings on the officer's forehead, and purple, inflamed areas all over his face.

Mrs. Alvarado, at this time, (Continued on Page 8)

## 2 Canaries Given the Bird...

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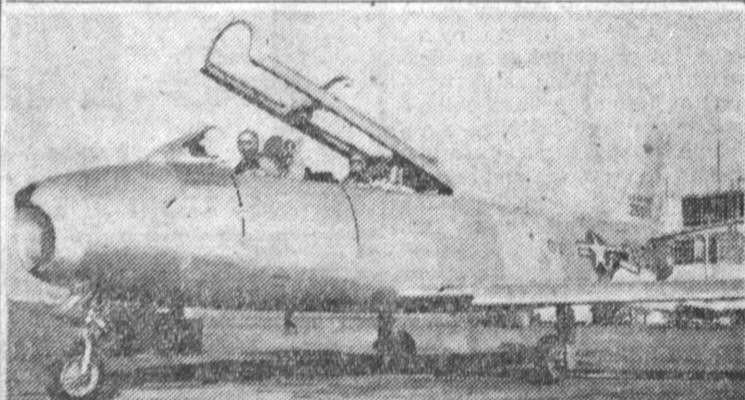
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# GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS INVESTIGATE POST OFFICE



**SABRE TRAINER** Newest jet trainer is this North American F-86F, two place version of the Korea-famed Air Force F-86 Sabre Jet. The swift prototype trainer is basically an F-86F with tandem cockpit, dual controls and a fuselage five feet longer than the fighter version. It has a speed of over 650 miles an hour, a maximum service ceiling of 45,000 feet and a combat radius of 600 miles. Provision has been made for installation of two .50 caliber machine guns for gunnery practice. It also has the famed North American "all flying tail" with artificial feel and irreversible control systems.

## No. American Yo-Yo Tests New Trainer Jet Contest To Start

A two-seat trainer version of the Korea-famed Air Force F-86 Sabre jet capable of exceeding the speed of sound in a dive is undergoing flight evaluation by North American Aviation's engineering flight test section after a successful first flight, it was announced today.

The swift prototype is the nation's first trans-sonic trainer, and is designed for advanced pilot training in high speed flight, gunnery, and dive bombing.

In building the trainer, North American engineers added a tandem cockpit, dual controls and a duplicate instrument panel to the original installations of the Air Force F-86F fighter-bomber.

Only two modifications to the F-86F airframe were necessary to compensate for the additions. The fuselage section between the nose and wing roots was extended 63 inches and the 35 degree swept back wings were moved forward eight inches.

**Airframe**  
A proven airframe was used for conversion to a high speed trainer to reduce costs of development and production and to provide a ready store of spare parts and trained maintenance personnel.

North American Aviation's choice of the F-86F reduced de-

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## GANG ATTACKS TORRANCE YOUTH

A 19-year-old Torrance youth was severely beaten in San Pedro shortly after midnight Sunday when a gang of four attacked him as he stopped his car preparatory to escorting his girl friend to the front door.

Three youths have been booked on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

Police were told that as the victim Joseph Olloque, 19, of 2251 West 203rd street, stopped his car in front of the girl's home near Twenty-fourth and Alma streets, San Pedro, another automobile bearing four persons stopped in the street on the driver's side, and one of the four jumped out and ordered Olloque out of his car.

**Swinging Starts**  
Olloque said the fellow opened the door, pulled him out of the car and started swinging at him, and was joined by the other three, all of whom beat him, kicked him and knocked him to the ground.

Olloque's girl friend attempted to assist him, and she was knocked to the ground, whereupon the four hoodlums leaped into their car and sped away.

Olloque and the girl went to

## 2 OFFICIALS START PROBE

Two federal Post Office inspectors arrived in Torrance this week to investigate complaints of mismanagement and inefficiency brought against local post office officials from various quarters within the last few months.

Inspector C. B. Donovan stated that no statement could be made as yet regarding the length of time the inspection would last. This, said the inspector, depends on circumstances and what the investigation reveals.

The investigators will start with the post office and then interview others who have been concerned with the post office conditions.

Working with Inspector Donovan is Inspector S. Morrison. Both men work out of the Post Office Inspectors Department in Long Beach.

**Complaints**  
Among the complaints to be (Continued on Page 2)

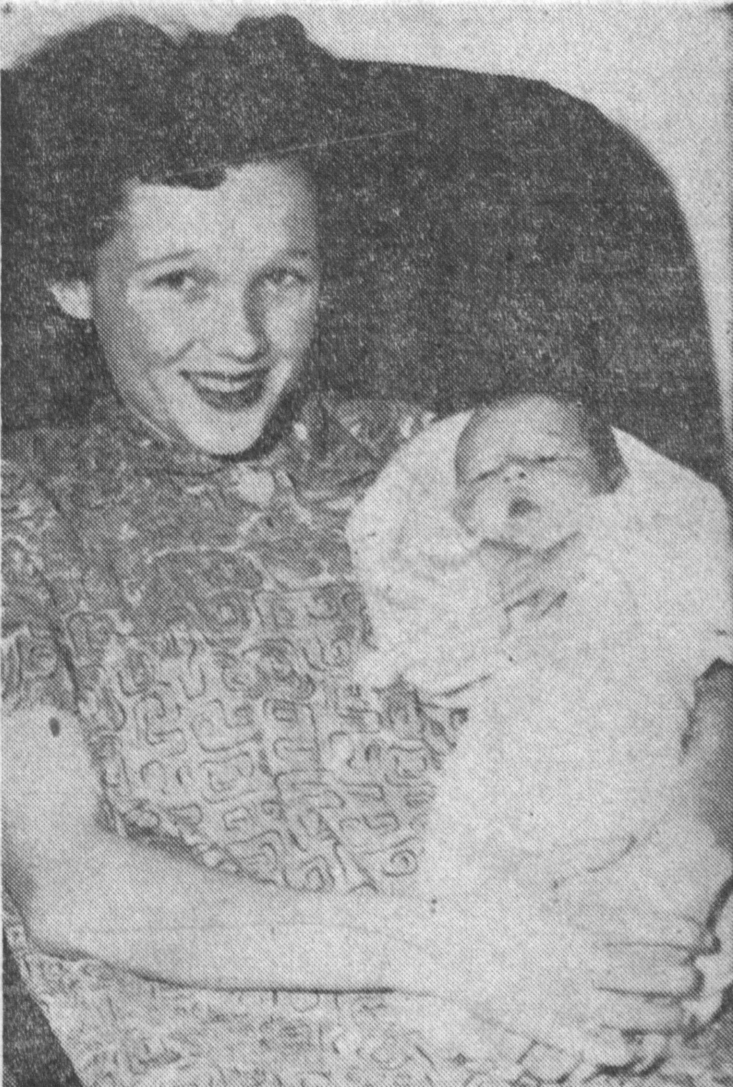
## Gala Dinner Planned By Local CC

Committee Co-chairmen Darwin Parrish and Paul Diamond are formulating last minute plans for the gala Annual Chamber of Commerce and Installation Dinner to be held on Thursday evening, January 28, 1954 at 7 p.m., Civic Auditorium.

As announced previously, Stern Bros. caterers of Hollywood will put on one of their famous "Chuck Wagon" barbecued dinners serving a complete menu with ham and beef or both if desired, including "seconds."

Program lined up thus far includes a preview showing of the colored motion picture of Torrance, "The City of Industrial Opportunity" and the entire program will be highlighted by the presentation of the Torrance Annual Citizen Award to some worthy citizen who has been judged by the selection committee of contributing most to the welfare and development of the city of Torrance.

To date reservations are rolling. (Continued on Page 2)



MISS 1954... Little Rose Ann Norton may not know it, but she is quite a celebrity for a baby only a few days old. The little girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Norton, of 1036 225th st., Keystone, was the first baby to be born on New Year's day in the circulation area of this paper and was consequently the winner of the many gifts donated by Torrance merchants. The baby was born at 12:45 a.m. at the San Pedro Community Hospital.

## GOP To Meet Tuesday Nite Baby Arrives At 12:45 A.M.; Wins Contest

Members of the Republican Central Committee for the Sixty-eighth Assembly District, and their alternates, will meet Tuesday night, January 12, at 8 o'clock to initiate procedure for selection of a Republican candidate for the State Assembly in the next election.

The meeting also will be to qualify delegates of volunteer Republican organizations from the Sixty-eighth District to the Seventeenth Congressional District Republican Fact Finding Committee, which will choose a Republican candidate for Congress from the Seventeenth.

The meeting, called by Frank S. Selover, Chairman of the Republican Central Committee for the Sixty-eighth Assembly District, will be held in the home of Mrs. Jean W. Haley, a member of the county and state Republican Central Committees, at 926 Leland avenue, San Pedro.

Selover said that representatives of recognized volunteer Republican Organizations are (Continued on Page 8)

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Norton, of 1036 225th street, Keystone, still find it difficult to believe that they are the proud parents of the first baby to be born in 1954 within the circulation area of The Torrance Press and the winners of several hundred dollars worth of prizes donated by Torrance merchants.

The baby girl, Rose Ann, was born at 12:45 a.m. New Year's Day at the San Pedro Community Hospital, where it was delivered by Dr. Vernon Dunbar. It weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces.

The Nortons never thought (Continued on Page 8)

## Great Lakes Purchases P. V. Land

Great Lakes Carbon Corporation, through its chairman of the board, George Skakel, last week announced the purchase of all of the outstanding stock of the Palos Verdes Corporation.

The deal, consummated in New York, embraced about 6800 acres of land on the peninsula. The purchase price approximated \$9,000,000 and the transfer was made in the name of Rancho Palos Verdes, subsidiary of Great Lakes Carbon Corporation.

In announcing conclusion of the purchase, George Skakel, Great Lakes board chairman, said:

"Diatomaceous earth will be (Continued on Page 11)

## Residents Seek Court Injunction

Disappointed Rolling Hills home owners announced this week that they will take their battle against the Palos Verdes mine to court and that they will try to get an injunction against the diatomaceous earth mine for which a permit was finally granted by the Board of (Continued on Page 2)

# Flying Saucers Linked With Religious Cult

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

Some flying saucer stories are not to be sneezed at, but some are strictly for the birds.

One of the individuals who has been greatly responsible for spreading flying saucer stories is George Adamski of Palomar (not associated with Mt. Palomar Observatory).

I decided to go to Mt. Palomar for a personal interview with Adamski who is the author of "The Flying Saucers Have Landed" and the focal point of a large group of saucer-enthusiasts.

### Heads Cult

Following the two-hour interview with Adamski and one of his followers, I felt convinced that Adamski was simply the head of a religious cult. He seemed to be a man obsessed with visions of a "better life" for an "imperfect" world who capitalized on the popularity of flying saucers to spread his particular ideas.

The following circumstances and impressions led me to that conclusion.

There were three others in my party when I went to the Palomar Gardens Cafe where Adamski lives, just 11 miles from the world-famous Mount Palomar Observatory.

Others, too, had made a special pilgrimage to the attractive, rustic-looking cafe to

hear Adamski. We found him speaking to one of these groups in a booming voice as we entered.

### Sincere

Whatever else is questionable about George Adamski, it must be said that he sounds sincere about his convictions.

All else is open to controversy.

### Vague

I observed what had been brought to my attention by an acquaintance who had also visited Adamski. Whenever Adamski spoke of his impressions of a flying saucer (he claims to have ridden in one for a distance of 50,000 miles) his descriptions were vague, brief, and uncomfortably evasive.

But a person who has had such overpowering experiences and stood in the presence of such extraordinary beings from another world would be compelled to talk about his experiences in every minute detail for the rest of his life.

### Ideal Society

In his book as well as in his conversation Adamski emphasizes the ideal qualities of the spacemen (or, Saucerians) and life on other planets. The Saucerians, says Adamski, live to be 1000 years old. They work only two hours a day. There are no diseases or illnesses among them. The society is a classless so-



GEORGE ADAMSKI... in touch with spacemen?

ciety, eliminating the type of social snobbery practiced in one form or other among us. Saucerians spend most of their time studying or traveling. There are just as many women holding responsible jobs as men and a large part of the flying saucer crew is made up of women. The crew is not divided according to rank, but everybody counts the same and can do everybody else's work.

These thoughts follow the same basic pattern of all reformers who have tried to draw a picture of what the ideal society—Utopia—would be like.

### George Adamski

George Adamski is a curious and fascinating person. He is 62 years old but looks like a handsome, athletic man of about 50. There is a magnetic attraction in his eyes which frequently seems to hold his listeners spellbound. He talks in a loud, rapid, affirmative manner often jumping from thought to thought. He has lived at the restaurant for the last nine years, since it was started. The restaurant is owned by two women. A third, who lives there, is said to be Adamski's wife. Mrs. Adamski was "indisposed" when we were there Saturday. Consequently we were not able to meet her.

Adamski is a self-schooled man. He dictates his ideas to one of the three women

who acts as his secretary. His book was written in this manner.

### Devoted Follower

I had a chance to talk to one of Adamski's followers. She was a teacher. She visited the cafe over the week-end every few weeks to be near Adamski.

"I have been a follower of his for 22 years," said the elderly woman. "He is a wonderful being... a free soul... and he has so much to give the world. He headed the University of Religious Science in Pasadena and Laguna Beach... we were not connected with any other religious group. There were about 50 of us.

"When I first came to one of his meetings I needed help. I didn't have anything to hold on to and I was looking for answers. And there he was and he gave me the answers I was looking for, and they were the same words which my father had used. My father was a philosopher, too.

"I have seen him (Adamski) help so many people. Sometimes he doesn't even speak to them directly but when they hear him speak they go away with the answers which they were looking for.

"He has written so many things. Most (Continued on Page 11)