

# Carson Worker Felled by Sniper's Bullet

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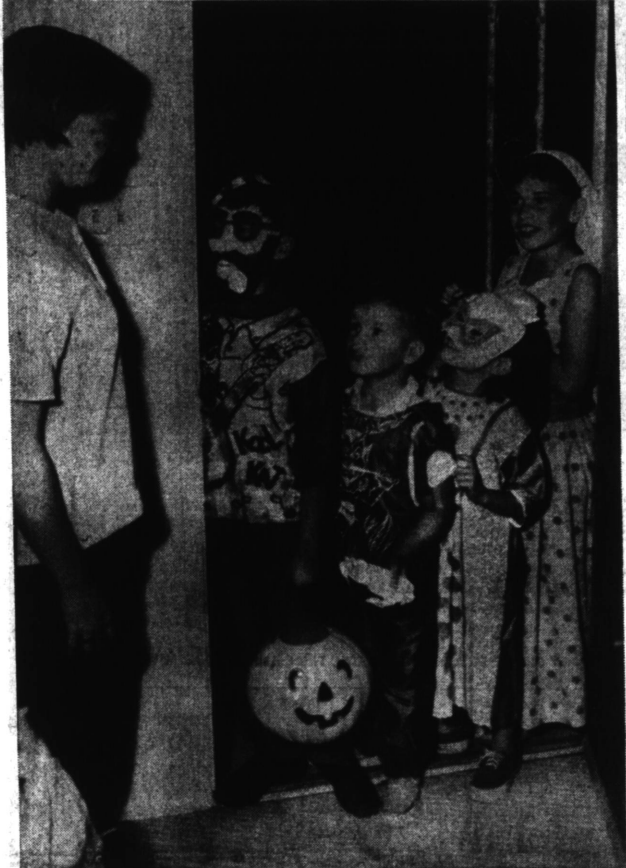


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**TRICK OR TREAT...** The Great Pumpkin apparently didn't find his most sincere pumpkin patch in Torrance last night, but several thousands youngsters reported substantial hauls of goodies as the month of October bowed out. Press-Herald photographer Hal Fisher surprised one group of youngsters at the Ralph Perry home, 2463 W. 224th St. Gayle Perry answered the door to greet Mark, Jimmy, Elizabeth, and Sheryl Dubey and distribute the goodies. (Press-Herald Photo)

# Taxpayers Suit Filed To Halt Renewal Vote

## Youth Hit by Sniper

An 18-year-old boy apparently shot by a sniper Monday afternoon remains in serious condition at Harbor General Hospital today.

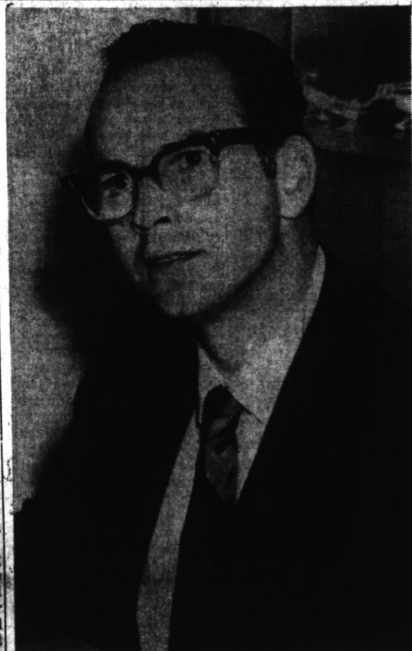
Mark Fossum, of 2421 W. 177th St., was taken to the hospital Monday after he collapsed while working on a loading dock. He had been shot in the chest, police said.

Investigating officers said Fossum was working at J & D Sales, Inc., at 526 W. 182nd St., when the attack occurred.

Several persons in the area told police they heard the shot, which officers believe may have been fired from a passing vehicle.

A witness to the shooting said he was talking with the youth, who suddenly turned away and put his hand over his chest. The witness said Fossum said nothing about being hit for a minute or two.

Fossum is in the intensive care unit at Harbor General Hospital.



THOMAS C. RUPERT  
City Treasurer

## Court Orders City to Halt Election Plan

A Superior Court judge is scheduled within six months of the date petitions are submitted.

Judge Nutter will hear arguments for a permanent injunction Nov. 10 in Department 65 of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Mayor Albert Isen expressed hope that the "issues would be tested on legality—rather than procedures" when the hearing is held. Isen said he believes the measure is invalid.

MOSLEY is a property owner in the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project area. Mrs. Shelbourn, now a member of the city's Planning Commission, served on the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Improvement—the body which has served as an advisory group to the council for the redevelopment project.

Fate of a 55-cent tax override issue, which councilmen voted to place on the special election ballot at a meeting called last Saturday, apparently will depend on the outcome of the Nov. 10 court hearing.

The latest development in the complicated urban renewal squabble came about as Mayor Isen leveled charges that the federal government had left "the city in a row-boat trying to bail themselves out with a tin cup."

ISEN SAID the city had met every condition of the renewal program and had "signed a valid contract" for financing of the massive redevelopment project.

The Department of Housing and Urban Affairs in San Francisco froze all funds for the Torrance project last week after the council voted to call the special election. Following conferences Thursday, the council decided to postpone until the next general election if it

## Trio Gets \$200 Cash In Robbery

A Torrance man was robbed at gunpoint late Saturday night in the alley behind his apartment at 3922 Emerald St., Unit 117.

Henry D. Beichner told police that he was walking his dog when he came upon two young Negro men and a young Negro woman who claimed they were having car trouble.

One of the three thieves pulled a gun on Beichner and ordered him to hand over his wallet, which contained about \$200 in cash. The three then drove away.

## Investments Earn City Extra Cash

Rupert set about to change all that, petitioning the City Council to start an investment program under his office.

ARMED WITH a copy of the Wall Street Journal and daily statements from every bank in town, Rupert now makes it his business to invest city funds in time deposits and federal securities. Earnings from these investments average out to about \$13 per day per \$100,000 invested, which adds up to about \$503 every day.

This "free money" is earned by taking committed city money and channeling it into bank and federal investments.

Every day, Rupert figures out exactly how much money the city has and exactly how much the city will need to lay out for payroll and other expenditures. Excess cash that is not immediately needed is invested so that it will not merely be standing idle, drawing no interest.

THE GOVERNMENT controls the type of investments a city may make so that Rupert may not buy common stocks, for example. All Torrance money is either in local banks or federal securities.

At banks, arrangements are made for high interest "time deposits," Rupert explained. A time deposit simply means that the city agrees not to withdraw certain funds for a specified number of months. This way, the bank is able to use that money for its own investment purposes, enabling them to pay interest back to the city.

Every local bank has some Torrance money, Rupert explained, noting that he prefers to keep Torrance money in Torrance. Only if federal securities offer a substantial

## 'Beautiful Children of Asia'

# Famed Author Asks Aid For Rejected Children

The "very beautiful children" of Asia, disowned and abused, were the subject of a talk by world-famous author and humanitarian Pearl Buck when she spoke Monday night before a capacity crowd in the gymnasium at Harbor Junior College.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author, best known for her novel "The Good Earth," told her audience that many of those present were the grand-children, cousins, and half brothers and sisters of those beautiful children—and she called upon them to help her in giving these children the break they deserve.

Miss Buck, who is now 75, recently established the Pearl S. Buck Foundation to educate Amerasians—the children of American servicemen and Oriental women. There are thousands of these youngsters from Japan to Vietnam, she said, estimating that one GI in ten fathers such a child while stationed in the Far East.

Amerasian children are "caught between two cultures" from the moment they are born, and rejected by both, Miss Buck underlined. Frequently, they have no rights because they have no father to fend for them. They cannot go to school. They cannot even get a passport because they have no citizenship. No country recognizes them.

The mortality rate for these Amerasian children is very high, she added.

"It's no small matter to have hundreds of thousands of these children growing up, belonging nowhere," Miss Buck said. The beautiful children of Asia are not only lovely to look at, she emphasized, but

are self-supporting and able to care for themselves and their Amerasian children.

Pearl Buck was brought up among the Chinese people by her missionary parents and was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature for her "rich and generous epic description of Chinese peasant life and masterpieces of biography."

She is the most widely translated American author in the world.

The Pearl S. Buck Foundation is seeking to tackle this problem by setting up a program of funds to educate the children and make them feel that someone cares. The program would see a child through elementary school and send him on to college if he showed the potential.

Amerasian children brought to the United States for college studies would be asked to promise to return to their native lands for at least three years to give a helping hand to younger Amerasians.

Another important function of the program is to rehabilitate the mothers of these beautiful children. Miss Buck explained that these women are often trapped in a tragic situation.

They usually come from the country, daughters of farmers or shopkeepers. The young men they would have married were killed in various wars or captured by the Communists. Unable to find husbands, these girls choose an American serviceman and stay with him until he is transferred out of the country.

Occasionally this serviceman takes financial responsibility for the child he has fathered. Usually he does not, Miss Buck said.

The Pearl S. Buck Foundation seeks to help these mothers find employment, often providing capital for a small business venture. Soon they



**DRIVER INJURED...** A Lomita man, Floyd Paul Johnson Jr., was injured Saturday afternoon when he apparently fell asleep while driving in the 2900 block of Pacific Coast Highway, Police said. Johnson, 37, of 25844 Pennsylvania Ave., lost control of his car, crossed the highway and crashed into the Whittlessey Motors building at 2955 Pacific Coast Hwy. He was driving east on the highway. Johnson was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital following the 4 p.m. crash and sent home. (Photo by Ray Deurloo)

## Mattress Fire Kills Boy

A 4-year-old boy who had been scolded for playing with matches earlier was killed Monday when he apparently set fire to a mattress. Mark L. Petrics, 1121 W. Lomita Blvd., was pulled from his bedroom by firemen, who attempted to revive him by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Donald E. Petrics, the boy's father, said he had sent Mark to his room as punishment for playing with matches. Firemen said the fire, confined to the one room, did about \$400 in damage to the home.

## New Street Completed

A half-mile section of Maple Avenue, connecting Sepulveda Boulevard and Monterey Street, was scheduled to be opened today, according to Arthur Horkay, city traffic engineer. City forces have been working to complete the project for the past two weeks. The new two-lane roadway has been constructed so that it may be widened when it becomes necessary, Horkay said. The street is expected to provide some relief for already over-crowded north-south arteries in the city, he added.

## New Judge Takes Bench

Auten F. Bush, appointed to the South Bay Municipal Court by Governor Ronald Reagan last month, was scheduled to be sworn today in ceremonies slated for 11:30 a.m. at the Southwest Superior Courts Building, 825 Maple St. Judge Bush, former city attorney for Palos Verdes and El Segundo, was named to the bench to fill a vacancy left by the death of Judge Otto B. Willett. The term expires in 1970.