

# Leaders Map Five-Point War Against Delinquency

A five-point plan to combat juvenile violence was formulated and unanimously approved Monday by mayors, civic officials, and law enforcement officers of Southwest Los Angeles County.

Meeting in an emergency district-wide session called by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the officials called for immediate action to:

- 1) Strictly enforce 10 p.m. curfew laws in cities and unincorporated territory.
- 2) Request school authorities and directors of recreation areas to promptly notify law enforcement when there are actual, anticipated or even rumored possibilities of juvenile gang activity.
- 3) Request full cooperation from the general public — including responsible junior citizens — to enlist police assistance when gang-type trouble is anticipated.
- 4) Instruct the probation department to delve into all known gang activities and stress to leaders and members of gangs that hoodlum activity will not be tolerated. (Further, a meeting will be arranged between probation department officers and gang leaders to discuss problems between rival youth cliques.)
- 5) Request judges to take a stricter attitude toward convicted juveniles and young adults so youths will realize that transgressions of the law will be fully prosecuted and that they or their parents will be sternly disciplined in cases of bodily harm or property damage.

Hahn called the five-step program "emergency action to put out the fire in the recent outburst of violence."

He also called for a long-range plan initiating closer co-operation between the Probation Department, school administrators, police authorities and Community Coordinating Councils to get at the root of the problem of "gangism."

This program would emphasize education and be designed to show youths the need to respect authority in our democratic way of life.

"Within this program a

## Forces Armed

Army Spec. 4 Paul A. Love, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Love, 152 E. 215th St., recently participated in Grand Slam I, a five-day Central Army Group (CENTAG) exercise in Germany.

A lineman in the 25th Signal Battalion's Company A in Knielingen, Specialist Love entered the Army in March 1960 and was stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga., before arriving overseas in September 1960.

Love attended Banning High School in Wilmington. Before entering the Army, he was employed by Meyers & Sons, San Bernardino.

Army PFC James D. Howard, 25, whose wife, Sylvia, lives at 14909 Budlong, Gardena, participated in Exercise Mesa Drive, a joint Army-Air Force training maneuver, at the Yakima (Wash.) Firing Center, May 7-21.

Howard, a driver in Combat Support Company of the 4th Division's 12th Infantry at Fort Lewis, Wash., entered the Army in September 1960.

He is a 1955 graduate of Narbonne High School, Lomita. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Howard, live at 21126 Ravenna, Torrance.

Army PFC Louis R. Lee, 19, son of Mrs. Lois L. Lee, 909 Amapola, recently participated in Grand Slam I, a five-day Central Army Group (CENTAG) exercise in Germany.

Lee, a medical corpsman at the 7th Evacuation Hospital in Darmstadt, entered the Army in March 1961, completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and arrived overseas last August.

He attended Torrance High School.

Laban R. White, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. White of 3810 W. 225th St. is serving aboard the attack cargo ship USS Seminole, a unit taking part in the joint Navy-Marine Corps amphibious operation dubbed Operation Pelican Hook off the coast of Southern California.

film would be useful to depict standards of personal conduct and offset the influence of a drifting attitude among young people, which characterizes the unsponsored gang group," Hahn said.

PRESENT at the meeting were Mayors Raymond Creal of Hawthorne, Thomas L. Thorpe of Lawndale, L. Pete Jensen of Gardena, Del Clawson of Compton, Ralph Dorsey of Manhattan Beach, City Ad-

ministrator Walter Hahn of Inglewood and City Manager Wade Peebles of Torrance. Chiefs of Police and their representatives of these cities also attended. Speakers included Inspector Harold Stallings of the Sheriff's Department and Superior Court Judge H. Eugene Breitenbach, presiding judge of the Juvenile Court.

Judge Breitenbach said the problem of gang activity is "world wide" but involves only a small percentage of youth in

Los Angeles County. "There is no excuse for violence, anytime or anywhere," he said, "and I assure you the courts will give fair but firm treatment of juvenile offenders."

Judge Breitenbach praised the orderly manner in which the emergency meeting was conducted.

"THE EASY thing to do is get stirred up and hysterical," he said. "There is none of that

here. This is the reasonable, rational approach."

He added that the core of the problem is parental control. "If there is no discipline in the home, you can't expect to have it in the community."

Suggestions for quelling the wave of juvenile violence ran from taking driving privileges from any young person convicted of a crime to holding parents responsible for the acts of their children in all cases.

Hahn called the five-point plan a "logical and firm stand to teach teenage trouble-causers that the public will not stand for unlawful and violent acts."

He pointed out that unification was the key to the program. "Hoodlums chased out of one city must not be able to find a more acceptable ground for their activities in another city."

meeting after the savage beating of 17-year-old Ronald Barnett by a gang of toughs in Hawthorne, and after other outrageous acts of teenage violence in the district.

AMONG THE 200 persons who jammed the Sportsman's Park Community Building for the two-hour session were:

Jefferson Garner, superintendent of the Centinela Valley Union High School District; Dr. Harold Santee, superin-

tendent of the Inglewood Unified School District; Mrs. Fay Bass, member of the Planning Committee for Delinquency Prevention Coordination; Dr. John Abbott, principal of Gardena High School; G. E. Dart, superintendent of the Lennox School District; Wilson K. Jordan, principal of Washington High School; Paul Gruendyke, director of Community Services for Los Angeles County; and other civic and school officials.

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