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— BULLETIN —
Superior Judge Kenneth Chantry late yesterday ruled that the city's controversial curfew ordinance had withstood the test of constitutionality. Ruling on petitions filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the Congress of Racial Equality, Judge Chantry denied their request for a preliminary injunction, dissolved the temporary restraining order, and discharged the orders to the City of Torrance to show cause why the injunction should not be issued.

Attorney A. L. Wirin for the ACLU immediately announced he would take the ruling to "the highest court."

City Prosecutor Charles Catterlin will appear before Judge Chantry at 1:45 this afternoon to seek an injunction limiting the pickets in the Southwood tract.

Council Asks Picket Curbs At Southwood

Overriding objections of Mayor Albert Isen, the City Council Tuesday night reaffirmed its instructions to the city attorney to seek an injunction limiting the number of pickets which can be used at one time by integration groups in their dispute with subdivider Don Wilson in the Southwood Riviera tract.

Authorization to employ attorney Charles Catterlin, the city prosecutor, to press for the injunction was voted by members of the City Council following a short closed door meeting near the end of Tuesday's regular meeting of the councilmen.

ALTHOUGH Mayor Albert Isen had reportedly said the city had dropped plans to seek the injunction other members of the City Council vigorously denied they had been consulted, and insisted that the city proceed as ordered last week. The closed-door meeting was called to confer with Catterlin and the authorization for the attorney to proceed with the request was voted quickly when the councilmen returned to their seats.

Tuesday's action came on the heels of a series of arrests in the tract for violation of state trespass laws and for aiding and abetting the commission of a crime.

et captain for the Congress of Racial Equality, and Susan Akerstein, 19, were among the 84 persons arrested for trespass and were tagged with additional charges of aiding and abetting the commission of a crime by counseling those who were active as sit-ins. The pair also have been charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors by counseling teenagers among the sit-in demonstrators.

SIXTY-NINE of the demonstrators arrested Saturday and Sunday will be in Judge William B. Keene's municipal court here tomorrow. The 15 arrested Tuesday afternoon have been released on bail to appear again next Tuesday morning.

In the meantime, officials of the demonstrating group have given little sign that they plan to relax the picketing and sit-ins, which have now become a daily practice.

Rumors, which could not be

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RODEO TIME . . . Down comes a hapless cowboy, from Blue Bell, top bucking bull owned by Andy Jauregui from Newhall, Calif., whose outlaw stock will be seen in the Torrance Mounted Police-sponsored rodeo on Saturday and Sunday as part of the Rancho Days celebration. The action was snapped during the National Finals, rodeo's year-end title playoffs for the world's championships. This weekend's Rodeo Cowboy Assn.-approved event will count toward championship points.

Pair Jailed For Passing Bogus Checks

Two men, jailed here following three days of investigation by Torrance detectives, face preliminary hearing Monday on four counts of forgery plus charges of burglary which may end what police called a fast-moving forgery ring operating throughout much of Los Angeles County.

Jailed by officers James Davis, James Bell, and Eugene Erbetta were Ernest Frank Blank, 39, a Redondo Beach painter; and Leonard Robert Jones, 27, unemployed mechanic of 1527 1/2 W. 206th St. Two other men arrested with Blank and Jones have been released because police lacked sufficient evidence to prefer charges.

IN REPORTING the arrests, Det. Lt. Don Hamilton said the two men under arrest may have cashed bogus checks totaling as much as \$15,000 since last March.

Leads to the pair were obtained by detectives when a clerk at a Carson area liquor store questioned checks drawn on the J & S Mobile Homes Co. at 2416 Carson St. The clerk noted that two checks offered to him for payment last weekend were different in color.

DETECTIVES found that one of the checks was a legitimate payroll warrant, the other was drawn on a business account check which was among 150 blank checks stolen from J & S on July 16.

The forged check was traced to the suspects through an alias used as payee on the check, Hamilton said.

The chief of Torrance detectives said the gang also had been purchasing cashier's checks from markets in amounts of \$8.30 and altering them to show \$80.31 before cashing them elsewhere. As many as 30 of these altered cashier's checks may have been passed, he said.

OTHER CHECK blanks found in a Redondo Beach trash container were being passed by the gang, officers charge.

Blank and Jones were arraigned before Municipal Judge William Keene Tuesday, and preliminary hearing has been scheduled in Judge Keene's court on Monday.

Victim of Shooting Dies Here

A 59-year-old Negro who was found 20 days ago in a Redondo Beach field with a bullet in his brain died Monday night in Harbor General Hospital.

Chauncey Mitchell, whose last known address was 15219 Normandie Ave., Gardena, was discovered by police lying in a field just inside the Redondo Beach city limits with three bullets in the back of his head. Mitchell, who never regained consciousness during the 20 days he fought death, was found with a .38-caliber revolver under his body. The gun had been fired three times but only one bullet penetrated his skull.

Detectives remain puzzled by Mitchell's case and no theory, either murder or suicide, has been ruled out. The puzzle remains because Mitchell was active in gambling and his body was found approximately one mile from the Southwood Riviera Royale tract that is currently the scene of racial picketing.

Petitions Circulating

Circulation of petitions for the incorporation of the Carson area began this week, according to R. B. Keith, chairman of the incorporation committee.

The committee also released figures on the property value of the two-square-mile area. A total of 3,628 property owners are affected, and the area has a valuation of \$11,161,390.

A legal description of the area and a map of the proposed city boundaries will be attached to the rolls. Persons signing the petition will sign directly on the tax roll in order to simplify computations.

A Penny for your Thoughts

With summer almost half over, the Pennies Photographer asked five Torrance women, "Where are you going and what do you plan to do on your vacation?"

Mrs. James Kimble, 4249 Darien St.
"My husband and I plan to take our two children to Yellowstone Park with a stop-over in Las Vegas. We've never been there before and we plan to take plenty of pictures to remind us of this vacation."



Mrs. H. F. Heinlein, 2362 W. 234th St.
"We are taking our vacation in fits and starts. Because of my husband's business, we're taking several weekend jaunts. So far we have been to Palm Springs and San Francisco and we now plan to go to the Santa Barbara Fiesta."

Mrs. Leone Warne, 2802 Onrado
"Our vacation has already come and gone. We spent one week at a resort on the Colorado River and then used the rest of our time sightseeing in Los Angeles with out-of-town company."



Mrs. Robert Sleeth, 23251 Los Cordona
"Right now, we are waiting to see how our boy's team does in the Pony League All-Star playoffs. If they go all the way to Washington, Penn., that is where we will take our vacation. Even a playoff out-of-state would give us a nice trip."



LEADS PICKETS . . . Actor Marlon Brando joined integration pickets at the Southwood Riviera tract here Saturday afternoon to protest what leaders of the Congress of Racial Equality claim is discrimination against Negroes by the tract developer, Don Wilson. Brando was joined by television actor Pernel Roberts on the picket line. (Herald Photo)

Board Will Meet Here On College

A decision by the State Board of Public Works to visit the proposed Peninsula site for South Bay State College has again held up a decision on the site.

Hale Champion, state director of finance and chairman of the board, said he felt the board should visit the site before acting on the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the California State Colleges.

THE PUBLIC works board is acting under a new procedure enacted into law by the legislature in 1960. Prior to the new law, the public works board selected state college sites. Under the 1960 act, the board can only approve or reject the site selected by the trustees of the colleges.

CHAMPION SAID the question of the Palos Verdes site still is controversial. The board is also selecting a site in San Bernardino on which, he says there seems to be general agreement.

Mayor Clifton told the board her city needs the SR & D land for its tax base. She also read a letter from the Palos Verdes School District welcoming the college to the Peninsula, but warning that the taxable SR & D (Continued on Page 3)

Council Delays Final Okay on Downtown Plan

A hearing on the proposed Municipal Parking District No. 1 has been continued by the City Council until Aug. 27. The matter was under discussion for almost an hour at Tuesday's council meeting.

Several property owners in the area had protested the proposed district and assessment, but the council found that they constituted less than half of the property owners in the area.

The major reason for continuance of the hearing was a proposal that the land acquisition program be altered. Current plans call for the purchase of four lots on Post Ave-

ue and two lots on Sartori Street. A new proposal, which would put the larger parking area on Sartori Street, is now under study.

In finding the protests were less than half, councilmen voted to continue plans for the district, originally designed as part of the downtown improvement project. The council did, however, agree in principle to the changes proposed and ordered notices of intention to modify the land acquisition program prepared and mailed to property owners in the district.

The hearing on the modification will continue at 8 p.m. Aug. 27 in the council chambers.

Rancho Days Celebration Begins

Carnival days are back in Torrance this week, as the eighth annual Rancho Days celebration begins its second day this afternoon at the Del Amo Shopping Center. Carnival rides and booths will be open on the midway from 4 p.m. to midnight today and tomorrow. Sunday, the midway will run on a noon-to-midnight schedule.

Some 15 service organizations are manning booths which will taunt and tease some, and make others glow with pride. Profits from the booths will be used by the service clubs for their charity work during the year.

ADMISSION to the rodeo is \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for the youngsters, according to Lt. D. C. Cook, rodeo coordinator. The annual fracas is sponsored by the Torrance Mounted Police, who will have advance-sale tickets. Tickets

may also be purchased at the gates. Reigning over the festivities this year is pretty Miss Rita Hancock, a 16-year-old sophomore at South Torrance High School. Joining Miss Hancock to provide the beauty on the

midway are Miss Gaye Kirkland and Miss Charleen Forsythe. The four-day celebration will wind to a close when the midway booths lock-up at 10 p.m. Sunday.

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