

YOUTHS BEAT UP LOCAL WAITRESS

Three unidentified youths beat up a Torrance waitress this week when she refused to serve them liquor.

Assaulted were Rose Myers, 28, of 3128 W. 185th st. and Jose

Geneva, 42, of Lawndale, who told Lennox sheriff's deputies that the incident took place in a bar at 15234 Crenshaw blvd. Monday morning.

According to deputies, Geneva, a bartender, reported that he refused service to three youths who appeared under age and who failed to produce identity cards. Angered by the refusal, they threw a glass at the waitress and began to break all the glasses on the bar.

When the two employees attempted to stop them, the youths knocked Miss Myers down, kicked her and fled.

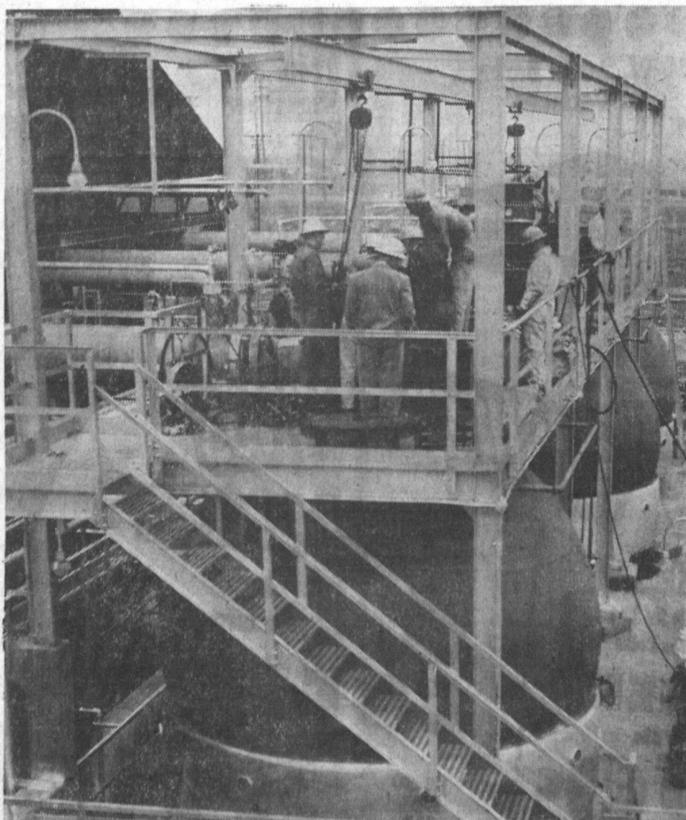
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LAST STEP in filling the new catalytic reformer at General Petroleum Corporation's Torrance Refinery is taken by C. W. Hall who carefully guides platinum pellets evenly around the reformer. He wears snowshoe-like shoes to keep from crushing the valuable platinum pellets. This is a rare photograph because once the vessels are filled and the reformer is in operation, the catalyst will be changed at infrequent intervals.

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This was another step toward the eventual going "on stream" of General Petroleum's Torrance catalytic reformer.

The platinum catalyst, which is in the form of rice-like pellets, was poured into each of the three reactors. This was a 24-hour operation which involved lowering a man into one of the spherical vessels to spread the catalyst. So the valuable pellets wouldn't be crushed, the man inside the reactor had to wear snowshoe-like foot coverings.

The reformer's purpose is to improve the straight-run gasoline by treatment at high pressure and high temperatures in the presence of the platinum catalyst.

The 12,000 barrel-daily reformer is part of an \$8,000,000 expansion program which began at the Torrance Refinery in September, 1956.

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