

## Arrests by the Busload

# Seek to Limit Pickets

Torrance city council moved last night to get an injunction limiting action by racial pickets in the Southwood tract.

The councilmen unanimously voted to order the city attorney's office to go into court to seek to restrain CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) pickets in numbers, time space between pickets, and time of picketing.

The CORE group resumed demonstrations Saturday against builder-developer Don Wilson in the city's Southwood Riviera Tract.

More than 150 pickets, with Marlon Brando, TV's Pernel Roberts, five ministers, and numerous students, began marching Saturday afternoon, followed by several sit-ins.

Torrance police arrested 69 persons over the weekend, and 15 more last night, bringing the total to 84 arrests, including about 15 who were arrested twice. A number of the CORE group had been in the earlier arrests in which charges were dismissed July 12 at request of Wilson.

The racial truce has since

been lifted, and CORE threatens to picket and sit in daily, "around the clock." Several of the CORE leaders were arrested on charges of counseling others to break the law. Woodrow Coleman, 29, of Los Angeles, a picket captain, was arrested twice on that charge, and again last night with an additional charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Four juvenile boys were in the 15.

Susan Akerstein, 19, of Los Angeles, and Buzz Graham, 18, of Beverly Hills, were also charged with counseling, and Miss Aker-

stein with contributing. Sunday four other CORE officials were charged with counseling, a form of conspiracy. All other sit-ins were charged with trespassing after they were ordered to leave the Wilson property or be arrested.

The first group of sit-ins will be arraigned Friday at 9 a.m. in Torrance municipal court. The second group goes to court next Tuesday.

Judge Kenneth Chantray in Inglewood has delayed a decision on the attempt by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to obtain a permanent injunction

against the city's curfew ordinance.

He said he has grave doubts about its constitutionality, but also has grave doubts about actions of the CORE group in disturbing the peace of the Southwood neighborhood and creating tensions.

**Wilson Would Sell**

The picketing and sit-ins resumed after Wilson denied the purchase application of Odus B. Jackson, Negro attorney, on grounds that Jackson's credit wasn't good enough, and after Jackson's \$500 deposit check had been returned by the

bank. Wilson said he would still sell to a qualified Negro buyer, but that Jackson was the only Negro who offered to buy a Southwood home since Wilson's June 28 statement that he would not discriminate.

Wilson said there are deposits on the few remaining homes in the tract, but that quite often these are withdrawn or the buyer doesn't qualify. Homes are still being shown, and several Negro "lookers" were treated courteously over the weekend. None offered to buy, however.



**SHE'S PROUD GIRL**—Connie Thrash did a good job of upholstery on a job that husband Frank built nights and weekends. For a report on how a dream came true to a very fine Torrance couple, turn to Page A-14.

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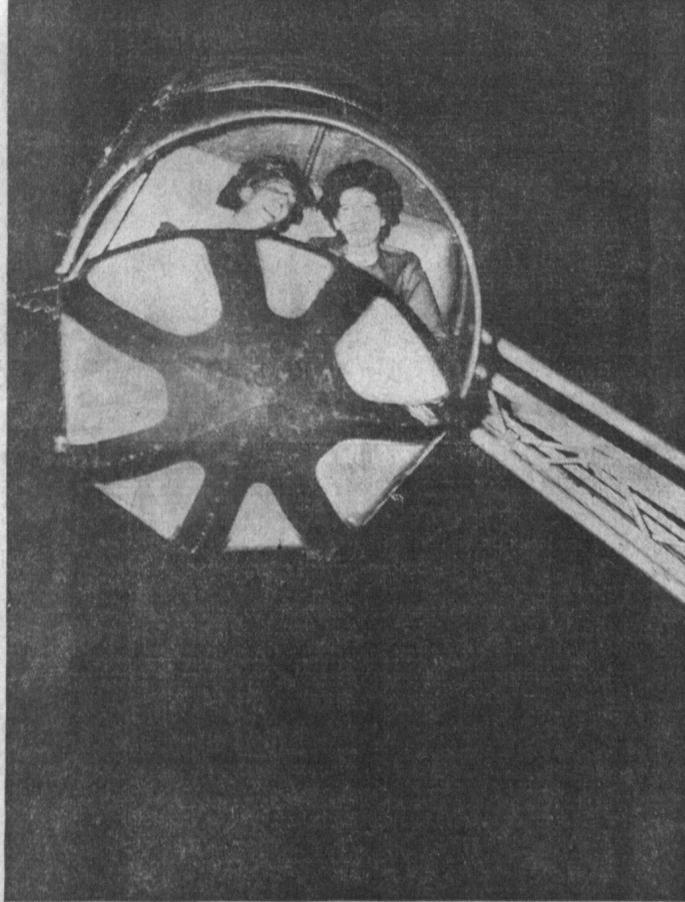
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**YOUNG CORE PICKET** Buzz Graham, 18, of Beverly Hills, is handcuffed and placed face down in back seat of police car yesterday afternoon. Gra-

ham is charged with aiding and abetting others to trespass. It was his third arrest in Southwood tract.  
PRESS photo by William Schell Jr.



**HIGH IN THE SKY** go these two young ladies at carnival ride that will be one of attractions of five-day Rancho Days fete that opens today at Del Amo Center field, Sepulveda and Hawthorne. Booths, carnivals, games and rides will be open 4 p.m. to midnight today, tomorrow and Friday,

noon to midnight Saturday and Sunday. RCA Rodeo will be staged at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to wind up gala fete. Torrance Junior Chamber and Torrance Mounted Police are co-sponsors of ninth annual civic, non-profit benefit funfest.

## Oops! College Site Hits the Fan Again

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned—so it is said—and a tall, angry beauty has stalemated the state college board of trustees in its bid to put the area's new state college on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Mayor Teena Clifton of Rolling Hills Estates, a stately redhead, persuaded the state board of public works this week to hold up action on acquisition of 175 acres of land on the PV Peninsula, a good chunk of it in her city's prized SRD (Scientific Research and Development) zone.

**Hearing Due**  
Chairman Hale Champion said a hearing will be held in the Los Angeles area sometime in mid-August on the request of the trustees to purchase the Peninsula land in an area bounded roughly by High Ridge Road, Crest Road and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Rolling Hills Estates had previously endorsed the college for the Peninsula, providing the SRD land wasn't encroached upon. She flew to Sacramento for Monday's hearing to battle the trustees' proposal which would

undermine her city's tax base. In addition, she cited Nortronics' threat to move out if the SRD land is used for a college, as the electronics firm had earmarked some of the land for development.

Torrance officials immediately became optimistic that increased opposition on the Peninsula—first reported in The Press two weeks ago—would force the state to swing back toward Torrance as the logical college site.

**Bid Draws Favor**  
Councilman Nick Drake said that he had talked with Champion by telephone, and that the question was still open. Drake also said response to a letter sent to Palos Verdes, Inglewood and El Segundo, asking for support for the Torrance site—also first reported in The Press—was meeting with favor. Addition of these communities to the list would mean that every city in the college's service area would be lined up in support of Torrance.

So — don't give up yet, folks — and give credit to that redhead from Rolling Hills Estates.

## RED LOCKWOOD WILL WRITE FOR THE PRESS

Red Lockwood, former editor of The Press, will be writing a regular weekly column for The Press' popular new Friday editorial page.

Watch for the first column Friday in Red's new series, entitled "The Art of Living." A series of timely brief thoughts, "Idea for Today," by the same lively writer, will also appear.

Red Lockwood will, in addition, occasionally write feature articles for The Press. The first is on Page A5 of today's Press, and describes Red's impressions over the weekend as he observed the racial demonstrations in the Southwood tract.



**THIS PERT MISS** performs an arduous task—swimmingly. For more about her, turn to Page C1.  
—PRESS photo

## BIG BEAR FOODS JOINS PRESS FAMILY

The Press rapidly is becoming the marketplace of this area.

Big Bear Foods this week joined the growing list of businesses advertising in The Press. Readers can be more sure each week that they will be aware of the best buys in all fields of merchandising by reading The Press.

Big Bear Foods' giant supermarket at Sepulveda and Hawthorne, near Ocean Ave., is an experimental venture in food stores, according to the parent Lucky chain.

The store will be open from noon to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. More than 5,000 low-priced items will be available in every department of this complete supermarket.

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## Southwood Residents Assail CORE

Southwood Riviera Homeowners Assn. has issued a statement charging that Southwood residents have been singled out by CORE (Congress of Racial Equality), as "targets for more harassment, picketing and demonstrations."

William Uerkwitz, 23136 Anza, acting president of the association, and spokesman for the more than 600 families in the tract, reflected sentiment of the residents in this statement.

**'Painfully Obvious'**  
"It is painfully obvious that CORE does not in fact stand for what they say they stand for. They certainly don't seem to be genuinely interested in either civil or human rights. They agitate, demonstrate and disrupt for the sole purpose of keeping a normally quiet residential area in a constant state of turmoil. Many of our neighbors are in a state of near-panic.

"Baby sitters refuse to accept jobs in the area where all night lie-ins take place. Expectant mothers are ner-

vous, upset and distraught. Our wives and daughters are afraid to go out after dark, not only because of the demonstrators, but for fear of the trash they attract as well . . . Nazis, gangs of teenage bums sniffling for trouble, sneak thieves and others of that ilk. Our children are being taught that disobedience and disorder is the way to attain goals and that law officers represent evil. If these are the aims of CORE, then they have certainly been successful.

"The homeowners of this area have been plagued by these demonstrations and the publicity seekers they attract for a full year. We are fed up with them and with their tactics. We want for ourselves the same civil rights they claim to be demonstrating for. We want to be left alone to enjoy our homes and our families. Is that too much to ask?"

"We are not wealthy people. To many of us, our homes represent most of what we own and hold dear. Many in the area have made substantial sacrifices

to purchase homes in this neighborhood. Now we want to live in them in peace. We respect the civil and human right of every individual, whatever his race, creed or color and we ask that our own rights be respected as well.

**Jackson Assailed**  
"The CORE demonstrations at the Torrance tract after a one-week-end respite when the \$500 deposit check of Negro attorney Odus B. Jackson Jr. was returned from his bank marked 'insufficient funds.' This fact made it obvious that he never intended to purchase the \$31,500 home. If he had, he would not have issued a worthless check. If he was a serious buyer, he would have made his financial arrangements in advance, just as would anyone who was planning the purchase of a house.

"All of these factors have convinced the 600 homeowners in the Southwood Riviera section that it is not Don Wilson being demonstrated against, but the individual residents themselves."



**ACTOR MARLON BRANDO** (arrow) explains to Press editor Bob Lupo (extreme right, dark glasses) his view that "discrimination is useless." Brando marched two and a half hours Saturday with CORE pickets, said his legs "felt wobbly" after siege in hospital. He said he was "making appearance," would not sit in.  
PRESS photo by Gordon Akers

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