

# HOME TOWN

## Lady Cops Stage Pitched Battle in a Man's World

By GEORGE ROSS

Two lady detectives watched the husky gent snatch a pair of pants off the rack of a big San Jose department store yesterday, roll them into a tight bundle, and head for the door.

The gals caught him outside the store, put the arm on him on the corner of First and Santa Clara—busiest intersection downtown—and tried to drag him back inside to submit to peaceful arrest. He wouldn't come.

So for full five minutes, while dozens of strong male heroes stood idly by to watch the fun, the two gal cops fought the ferocious pilferer in the interest of law and order.

They tugged, pushed, pulled, and shoved. He wouldn't budge. They threw on arm locks that wouldn't lock, finger grips that wouldn't grip, tried body slams that failed to slam. He was a tough one.



Lady Cop Ina Barton got a collar hold on the man's sport jacket, but he jerked and tugged and left her with fingers full of ripped coat.

Lady Cop Helen Powell fastened onto the man's maroon nylon shirt, but he pulled away violently and left her with shredded panels of shirt.

One of them snatched the purloined pants just in time as the shifty shoplifter—by now completely bare from the waist up and displaying a colorful array of tattoos fore and aft—broke away and ran through the crowd up Santa Clara Ave. to freedom.

Not a male hero so much as laid a hand on him, though several smiled sympathetic smiles to the frazzled ladies as they retrieved the trousers, straightened their skirts, and marched back to their posts to keep peace in this man's world.

### Poles Apart in Livermore

The quickest way to start a town fracas in Livermore is to suggest removal of the 104-foot flagpole standing in the middle of the busy intersection of Livermore Ave. and West First St.

The thick-trunked pole is a landmark, a symbol of quiet pastoral life, and a rallying point for "progressive" versus "conservative" debaters on community development.

The "down with the pole" group says the thing is a hazard to traffic and is going to get in the way of a big truck some day and crush half a block of business buildings when it comes down.

The "over our dead bodies" faction says the thing is painted white, can be seen for miles, and any motorist who hits it should be arrested for reckless driving.

This is all back in the news today, though not expected to cause a new wave of name calling.

The pole was indeed hit by a truck the other night—a pint-sized Crosley pickup—but the driver quietly backed away, steered his mangled midget down the street and hasn't registered a complaint yet, indicating he's either a convinced "save the pole" man or is simply dedicated to peace in our time.

### The Stone Playhouse

Movie tough guy Jack Palance, now that his newest picture is "in the can," sends an appreciative note to tell a troupe of 300 bit players:

"I have never worked with a more cooperative bunch of extras... have never been treated with greater respect and courtesy... never encountered a greater presence of sensitivity..."

The highly talented, respectful, courteous, sensitive troupe? The inmates of San Quentin Prison, walled set for "House of Numbers."

### Hot Safe, No Cold Cash

Crime did not pay the guys who went through a real workout Tuesday night to burgle the U-Save Market in Berkeley, haul a bulky safe to a quiet—and cold—spot in Hayward, rip and tear the steel off the door to get at the locking device to trip the tumblers and get it open. It contained valuable papers, priceless records—and not one thin dime in cash.

# Many Towns in South Flooded

## President Declares Emergency; Disease, Food Shortage Faced

By the Associated Press

Numerous towns in the Appalachian Mountain coal-mining area lay prostrate today, stunned by floodwaters that took 12 lives, left thousands homeless and caused untold millions of dollars damage.

The floods, sweeping out of the mountains into southeastern Kentucky, West Virginia, southern Virginia and east Tennessee, may be the worst in the region's history.

President Eisenhower already has designated flooded eastern Kentucky a "major disaster area" and ordered use of whatever federal funds are necessary for relief.

The President acted in response to a telegram from Kentucky Gov. A. B. Chandler. Gov. Cecil Underwood of West Virginia also joined with Chandler in asking for immediate aid.

Kentucky has eight dead; West Virginia has three, and Virginia reported one fatality. The Army, Red Cross, Civil

Upstream towns such as Barboursville and Hazard in Kentucky, Pound, Va., and Logan, W. Va., took the worst licking. Evacuees in these places began the grim task of digging out the mud and clearing ruins.

S. C. Van Curen, managing editor of the Harlan, Ky., Daily Enterprise, one of the first newsmen to reach Hazard, told of small children crying for milk and drinking water.

He described the Kentucky River city, a coal center of about 7,000 population, as dark and wet. He said the homeless stood in mud to their knees, gazing at the ruins of once priceless possessions with no place to go, little to eat and only the clothes on their backs.

The city listed five dead: Weather forecasters warned of new rains today or tomorrow and again Saturday or Sunday. Leaden skies stretched from the Kentucky and West Virginia border to Tennessee.

Forewarned, towns downstream on the Kentucky and Cumberland Rivers in Kentucky, the Clinch in Virginia and Tennessee and Tug and Guyandotte in West Virginia, were expected to cope with the rushing waters.

But hundreds of homes were vacated as a precaution. Radio station WRIC at Richlands, Va., relayed an appeal from flood-besieged Grundy, a village of 2,000 where all communications were out on roads were impassable. The report said 100 homes in Grundy were demolished.

Before deciding on federal aid, Gov. Thomas B. Stanley called upon state authorities for a survey of the 12-county tip of southwest Virginia where more than a thousand persons were reported homeless.

Civil defense officials also left Washington for an aerial inspection today of the entire four-state area. Senators Cooper and Morton, Kentucky Republicans, said they had been promised a quick decision on Kentucky's eligibility for federal assistance.

Other Kentucky cities to report major damage included Whitesburg and Pikeville. Both cities feared contamination of water supplies and appealed for typhoid serum which was rushed in by helicopters.

Teams of Kentucky health department physicians and army doctors left an emergency medical center at London, Ky., to set up vaccination programs in affected cities.

United Mine Workers hospitals at Pikeville and Williamsburg, W. Va., were surrounded by high waters. Tired staffs worked overtime to provide care for patients moved to upper floors.

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