

# California News Centers on Highwaymen, Politics, Search

**By United Press International**  
 Sacramento—A band of highwaymen who terrorized motorists throughout the Southwest during the past five months by posing as police was broken up at week's end when their illiterate leader was caught in Lancaster, Calif., because he refused to dim his car headlights.

Barrel chested Elton H. Hale, 42, an ex-convict and hog rancher, admitted leading the "red light" marauders during the raids in California, Arizona, Texas and Arkansas, during which several women and a 12-year-old girl were raped and motorists beaten, chained and robbed.

Hale, who drawled "I hate people" after his arrest by California highway patrolmen, identified his accomplices as E. J. Minor, 31, and Leroy Coates, 27, of Yuma, Ariz. They were arrested in the Arizona city.

**Another Sought**  
 Another man was being sought in Livermore, Calif., where Hale had a hog ranch which he left in May, telling his wife and six children he was going "to pick cotton."

Since that time, investigators said, there were increasing reports of roadside gangs attacking and robbing motorists after forcing them to stop by using a red spotlight and siren.

That was the same technique used by executed "red light bandit" Caryl Chessman, who died May 2 in the San Quentin gas chamber for his Los Angeles attacks 12 years ago.

Hale was arrested with his 17-year-old son Robert as they drove on Highway 138 near the desert community of Lancaster. He refused to dim his lights when he met a highway patrol cruiser. The cruiser turned around to warn him when officers noticed the car was sought in an all points bulletin.

**Pistol Found**  
 Hale—as did his accomplices—gave up without a fight. Officers found a .45 caliber pistol in the car along with a red spotlight that could be rigged up with a special wiring under the dash. Hale admitted serving time in Arkansas for cattle rustling and robbery.

The boy was cleared of any implication in the highway crimes.

"What they say I've done is true," Hale told his son after confessing to deputies. "I don't want you to do nothing like this. The cops will have to hold you here for a while, but afterwards I want you to go home and take care of your mother and brother and sisters and work hard."

Elsewhere, there were these developments:

Lodge: Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican candidate for the vice presidency, stumped California for votes for the Nixon-Lodge ticket. The former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations told a crowd of 5,000 persons on the steps of the State Capitol that the Soviet Union lied to the world and owes an apology to the United States. Lodge said Russia "admitted that they were not telling the truth" about the downing of a U.S. RB 47 reconnaissance plane. He said Russia's veto of his proposal for an impartial investigation of the downing proved this.

Brown: Gov. Edmund G. Brown went east to remind voters of some New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's attacks on the Eisenhower administration defense program. Brown told a news conference in Washington, D.C., he felt he should campaign in the East for Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Democratic presidential nominee, if Rockefeller is to campaign in California for Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the Republican candidate.

Search: The Coast Guard called off its air and sea search for the missing skipper of the fishing boats Steelhead and Coho II. Officers said in San Francisco they were waiting for a report from the FBI on the wreckage found in the Monterey area where the Steelhead last was seen. The sea mystery started a week earlier when Steelhead skipper E. A. Davisson radioed his last message, "Coho II shot me. It's been a good life. So long, boys."

The Coast Guard said it could not substantiate the statements, but a search was started which uncovered only debris floating in the area where the Steelhead was last seen. When Coho II skipper Ted Bean, 48, of Bakersfield and Benicia, was being escorted in for questioning, he disappeared over the side of his boat just outside the Golden Gate.

Solons: The Sacramento Solons baseball team of the class AAA Pacific Coast League was put up for sale. The team's board of directors voted 7-0 to dissolve the club. One director abstained. The Solons, who have operated in Sacramento every year but three since 1903, thus appeared destined for a new home next year. The club lost an estimated \$75,000 last year.

that she is reacting to Ed's coldness, but it would be no more possible to prove which negative reaction set in first than it would be to prove the chicken came before the egg.

As things stand, Mrs. R. T. claims she wants her son-in-law's friendship. Therefore, the responsibility of achieving it rests mainly on her. She cannot simply pat herself on the back and point out that she tries "to draw him into the conversation." If she really wanted him in the conversation she would talk about things that interest him. He would find it hard to stay out.

As we get the picture Mrs. R. T. would like to soundly thrash her son-in-law, verbally at least. Fortunately, she has enough self-criticism or restraint to avoid that, but she is ready to push her daughter into doing it for her. Unless she changes this basic attitude she has little hope of getting her son-in-law to see her in a different light.

Until she is ready to meet her son-in-law with warm and friendly feelings, we think Mrs. R. T. should shorten and limit her visits, confining them to hours when he is not at home.

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## The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. R. T. — Dora should have it out with her husband.  
 Dora K. — I can't do a thing with him.

Mrs. R. T. — I am a widow, mother of one married daughter and a single son, with whom I reside.

I visit my daughter once or twice a week at most. I usually come over late in the afternoon. We have dinner together and then sit around talking. Sometimes we go to a movie or visit one of the neighborhood women.

Certainly this could not be considered interference in my daughter's married life. Yet I notice that my son-in-law is always resentful of these visits. He shuts up like a clam and gives me dirty looks when I try to draw him into the conversation. I feel that if Dora had it out with him he wouldn't act like that.

Dora K. — My mother thinks I can make my husband behave differently by just giving him a lecture. Well, he isn't that sort of man.

Ed never argues, never complains about anything, but he does whatever he pleases and he tells me to do whatever I please. He told me he had no objection to my mother coming over, but not to expect him to be part of the conversation because he can't talk about the things that interest her—people, clothes, cooking.

I tell Mother to pay no attention to Ed. That's the way he is and he'll never change. Mother says I'm too easygoing with him, but I honestly don't know how to do a thing with him.

The Council: Few mothers-in-law think of themselves as "typical," yet many men feel they have mothers-in-law who conform to the pattern.

Mrs. R. T. is sensitive about her son-in-law's attitude toward her, but she shows no sensitivity about hers toward him. She shows a critical attitude, hardly designed to make man or beast warm up to her. Ed's actions sound as though he feels very much on the defensive.

She may argue, of course,

## Dr. Walker Named Delegate From State

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