

# KAPPA HEAD A MAN OF DESTINY

Los Angeles City Councilman Tom Bradley has earned wide recognition in multiple careers and the story of his accomplishments is packed with all of the 'boy makes good' essentials that carried him from obscurity to a prominent place in law enforcement circles, in politics, as an attorney, in government and the financial field.

Actually, the Texas-born public official lifted himself up by his own bootstraps by preparing for and taking advantage of the opportunities that arose after he left college to make his way. And perhaps the most significant turning point came when he joined the Los Angeles Police Department. That was in 1941.

ONE OF only a handful of Negroes on the Police Department roster at that time, Mr. Bradley, who is six feet three inches tall, set about early in his law enforcement career to gain a reputation as a dedicated, efficient public servant. It has been said of him that he was so effective and yet tactful in doing his job, he even made friends of people he had to take into custody. When he was on the Vice Squad, he once arrested a man as a bookmaking suspect and this man turned out to be one of his most vocal supporters when Mr. Bradley later ran for Councilman.

The one-time Polytechnic High School and UCLA athlete worked his way up the promotional ladder to the rank of Lieutenant of Police. Meantime, he studied law at night and won his degree at Southwestern University in 1957. The same year he passed the bar examination and was admitted to practice in the state.

COUNCILMAN BRADLEY retired in 1962 after 21 years of police service and opened his own law office. At the time of his retirement, he was Commander of the night watch at Wilshire Station. When a vacancy occurred in the office of City Councilman in the 10th District, Mr. Bradley was one of several persons who sought appointment to that position. Ironically, 20 months afterward, he defeated that man who won the appointment, being elected to the Council at the Municipal Primary on April 2, 1963.

Councilman Bradley had been in office only a few months when the Baldwin Hills dam-break disaster occurred. It cost five lives and damage ran to many millions of dollars. At the time, that section of Los Angeles was in his Council District. He demonstrated his capability beyond question when he was able to bring about the payment of insurance claims to constituents who suffered property losses within a minimum time by cutting red tape and securing cooperative effort by departments of the City, State and Federal Governments. Even before rehabilitation began, he was holding conferences to bring this about. And his efforts were speedily and effectively rewarded.


ONE OF THE most popular officials in City Hall, Councilman Bradley is Chairman of the important State, County and Federal Affairs Committee of the Council. He also is a member of the Traffic Committee, the Police, Fire and Civil Defense Committee and also serves as Chairman of the Public Works Priority Committee, as well as Chairman of the Committee on Proposed Legislation. Mr. Bradley also is on the Sister City Committee. Among his other affiliations are: Chairman, Conference of Negro Elected Officials; member of the Crenshaw Coordinating Council, and he is on the Advisory Committee of the Feather River Project Association. The Councilman also is on the Committee on Home Rule of the Southern California Division of the League of California Cities, he is a member of the Executive Board of the National Pan Hellenic Council, holds membership in the Mexican-American Political Association, and is a Director of the United Nations Association of Los Angeles. Mr. Bradley also is a member of the Academy Selection Committee of the 31st Congressional District Human Rights Committee. Another organization he is active in is the Intergovernmental Council on Urban Growth, being a member of the Governor's Council.

MR. BRADLEY is one of three Texans sitting in the City Council. The others are Councilmen Billy G. Mills, and John C. Holland. His folks moved to Los Angeles when he was seven years old. He grew up in the general area he now serves as City Councilman. He is married and has two grown daughters: Lorraine and Phyllis. The Councilman, who is a parishoner at the First AME Church, has a broad background in community service, including much experience in

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youth work and in the realm of human relations in general. While with the Police Department, in addition to pounding a beat, he had tours of duty in the Juvenile Bureau, the Detective Bureau, Administrative Bureau and in the Department's Public Information Division. In addition to the law studies he carried on while a Police Officer, Councilman Bradley also took special courses at the Loyola University Human Relations Workshop, the University of California Western Training Laboratory and the Police Community Relations Institute. He also found time to take the California teacher training course.

THE COUNCILMAN is continuing his interest in civic affairs as a member of the Board of Directors of the Avalon Community Center, Grand Polemarch (National President) of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and the Leimert Community Democratic Club, among others. He also is on the Advisory Board of the Community Relations Conference of Southern California. Furthermore, he holds membership in the NAACP and in the Urban League. He also has been a Boy Scout Commissioner.

Late in 1965, a strong movement developed in the Democratic Party to draft Mr. Bradley as a candidate for Secretary of State. After giving it much thought, however, he declined, saying that he had committed himself to a full term as a City Councilman and he intended to keep his word. He has long been active in Democratic circles and serves on the Democratic State Committee and the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee. As a City Councilman, however, he is nonpartisan, as are all elected municipal officials in Los Angeles.

THE 10TH Council District which Mr. Bradley represents takes in an area from Rodeo Road and Jefferson and Adams Boulevard west to Fairfax Avenue, to Olympic Boulevard and 9th Street on the north. The eastern boundaries are the Harbor Freeway, Western Avenue (Adams to Jefferson Boulevards) and 8th Avenue and Welland.

Mr. Bradley made his debut into the financial field in 1964 when he became one of the founders and Director of a new Los Angeles bank--the Bank of Finance, located at 2651 South Western Avenue. Thus he added another milestone to a diversified and interesting career that few men can match, and which still has a long way to go.

MR. BRADLEY discovered not long after taking office that his time in public life is never his own. He keeps long office hours. Moreover, he attends dinner meetings that run late and often has to arise early the next morning for a breakfast meeting with another group. As he once told a friend: "There's no 40-hour work week in public life. But I wouldn't trade it for anything."

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# CLARENCE RAY NEW VOTERS LEAGUE PREXY

Clarence Ray was elected President of the non-partisan Voters League, Monday night at a scheduled Election of Officers meeting.

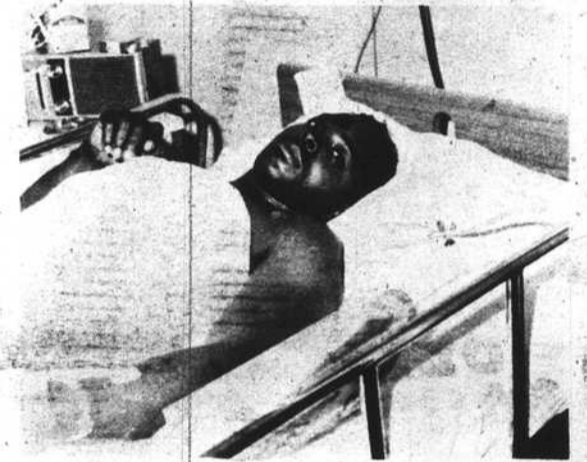
The Voter's League which was reactivated several months ago has been operating with temporarily elected officers in order to function in registration and member recruitment drives while awaiting a nominating committee's report.

Attorney Robert Reid had served as temporary head of the organization and was a candidate for the permanent position, but was defeated by Ray. Other officers elected were Mrs. Sarah Ann Knight, vice president; Mrs. Otis Harris, Secretary, and Woodrow Wilson, Treasurer.

The Voters League invites West Las Vegas residents to attend the next meeting, Monday, August 15 at the Elks Lodge, 'F' and Jackson streets at 8 p.m. Monday night's meeting will be taken up with a report from the committee for constitution amendment, and discussion of endorsement of candidates in the Primary election.

Later in the month, there will be scheduled a Candidate's Night to which the public will be invited to come to hear and see Candidates seeking election.

# COUNTING BLESSINGS



Early Wednesday morning, August 3, Fred Ware of Las Vegas began a determined struggle for survival after being thrown from a rolling, crashing 1966 Corvair he had borrowed from a friend.

Ware was returning from the Mercury plant where he had taken his wife, Rebecca to work. Southeast of Lee's Canyon, he lost control of the vehicle while rounding a curve. The car rolled over and over, and Ware was thrown onto the highway where he tried in vain for nearly two hours to drag himself from the pavement. Finally an ambulance arrived, and he was taken to Southern Memorial Hospital, where he was listed as extremely critical. Suffering from multiple cuts, bruises, and broken bones Ware's chances for survival were considered doubtful. However, by Saturday his determination began to show results, and his condition was improving rapidly.

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vention has been set for April 8-14, 1967. The document also claims that President Kennedy was supposed to meet secretly with "southerners dedicated to the peaceful restoration in the Fort Worth Press club after his breakfast at the Texas hotel." It states that he did not keep the appointment. He was assassinated shortly after the breakfast in Fort Worth.

The secession proclamation closed with this statement: "Let the South now hear and arise in peaceful secession."

Coming concurrently with a reorganization of the Klan in Texas, there seems to be some connection here.