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# Klan Rally Flops; Fowler, Glendale Man Jailed

The self-styled "Grand Cyclops" of the California Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Rev. William V. Fowler of La Crescenta, and a Glendale man were arrested Saturday night by San Bernardino police.

Fowler was jailed in Montclair on a battery charge for allegedly hitting a Negro mar-

ket employe he accused of throwing away KKK literature. Fowler was released on \$276 bail.

Later, he was arrested again while playing a tape recording of a speech after he had been denied a permit to speak at the San Bernardino Courthouse. He was charged with staging a pub-

lic assembly without a permit, failure to disperse and inciting a riot, police said.

Sheriff Frank Bland of San Bernardino had warned Fowler he would be subject to further arrest if he attempted to hold a Klan rally that night shortly after he was arrested the first time.

Bland had canceled a parade permit issued in the name of the "Covenant Church of Jesus Christ" when he learned it was to be used by Fowler and other KKK members.

When Fowler appeared Saturday night before a gathering of 65 persons, 11 of them in Klan robes, he was taken to the San

Bernardino County jail and held until he posted bail.

Three of Fowler's apparent adherents were arrested as they paraded in front of the jail protesting the action against Fowler. They were charged with unlawful assembly and highway robbery and were also freed on bail, police said.

The men were identified as William Stewart, 44, of Glendale, Lewis Cross, 29, of Los Angeles, and Fred Harry, 23, of Bell Gardens.

The KKK rally which had been scheduled for Saturday night on private land in the San Bernardino Mountains was the second "fizzle" for the cyclops.

The rally which was canceled by Bland was to begin at 2 p.m. From 4 to 6 p.m. KKK members and sympathizers were to have a picnic supper and then rally again from 6:30 to 9 p.m., according to a Klan leaflet announcing the meeting.

Parking for 4,000 cars was to have been provided near the rally site just off U.S. 395.

The rally was an attempt to muster and regroup KKK constituents after the abortive Angeles Crest Forest meeting in September. Fewer than 100 Klan sympathizers came to the meeting. They were outnumbered three to one by Sheriff's deputies, highway patrolmen and anti-Klan pickets.

Superior Court Judge Paul H. Nutter granted court permission in September for the Klan to reactivate in California on the grounds that "people have a constitutional right to be stupid."

"I'm not condoning or approving the organization's policies," Nutter said, "but if they want to put sheets over their heads and act like little children, they have the right."