

Interracial Couple

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Gets 'KKK' Warning

Police have ordered extra patrol protection for an interracial Glendale couple on the heels of an attempted cross burning and a written warning to the couple to get out of town, apparently by the Ku Klux Klan.

An envelope delivered to the News-Press early today contained a message scrawled on a triangular-shaped piece of white paper warning: "Nigger. Get Out of Glendale before Saturday night KKK meeting."

The note, addressed to the edi-

tor, said "last night (sic) cross burning was just the beginning."

The cross referred to was apparently a rag-wrapped, kerosene-soaked, six-foot wooden cross found lying in the street in front of the couple's apartment at 2 a.m. Thursday.

A neighbor who found the cross apparently interrupted the cross-burning by his appearance, police said. No suspects were seen.

The interracial couple, Richard A. Larson, a Glendale contractor, and his wife, Dr. Myr-

tle Caton Larson, a Negro, said today they were unaware of the cross or the written warning until notified by the News-Press today.

The couple has been fighting eviction from their El Rito Ave. apartment for several months and are scheduled to appear in Los Angeles Superior Court today to obtain an injunction against the eviction until a final decision is rendered.

A suit on behalf of the couple against their landlord and her Glendale property manager has been filed by the State Fair Employment Practices Commission under the Rumford Act.

The alleged KKK warning delivered to the News-Press today referred to a scheduled KKK rally in Hollywood Saturday night at which the Imperial Wizard of the Klan is to speak. William Fowler of La Crescenta, leader of the KKK in California, is also scheduled to speak.

The written warning referred to the rally as the "Last Day" the couple could maintain residence here.

A shaken Mrs. Larson said today she was surprised at the warning.

She said she and her husband have received numerous letters from Glendale residents offering assistance and defending their right to live in the apartment.

Other than a few "crank calls," she said, the response from Glendale residents to their presence and eviction fight has been favorable.