

Santa Claus Emerged From the Sea



—Photos by Robert Edkin

SURFERS AND COAST GUARDSMEN BROUGHT YOUNG OUT OF WATER
He was paid \$750 for the jump and got a swim to boot

A parachuting Santa Claus wafted past a waiting crowd in a Pacifica shopping center yesterday and plopped into the Pacific Ocean 800 yards offshore.

He was paddled ashore on a surfboard as the crowd, which had pursued him down to the beach, cheered the "Surfing Santa."

Then, as Santa staggered to his feet before a cluster of wide-eyed toddlers, his water-soaked red woolen trousers fell to his ankles.

Some 800 happy parents and children waited expectantly at the Eureka Square shopping center as Santa tumbled from a



RONALD YOUNG

northbound single engine plane at 11:30 a.m.

They lined up confidently as the jolly red-garbed man drifted down from 5,000 feet on a pre-arranged southeasterly course.

But at 1,000 feet a gust

of wind from the east caught the parachute and carried it away from the shopping center, over Sharp Park Beach, a quarter of a mile away, and out to sea.

The crowd crossed the Coast Highway and watched in amazement as the kicking, struggling Santa dropped into the water and his nylon \$500 parachute silently billowed down onto the waves about him.

Four surfers raced out to the rescue as a Coast Guard helicopter hovered above. They were Guy Giedzinski, 18, of 220 Buckingham Way; Frank Baratta, 18, of

2495 32nd Ave.; Roger Allen, 19, of 80 Willits St., Burlingame and Bill Greeley, 14, of 1457 South Mayfair St.

Santa, an experienced skydiver named Ronald Young, 25, of Alameda, clambered onto Giedzinski's surfboard minus his beard, wig, gift sack, parachute and padding. He was beached cold and wet but otherwise uninjured after half an hour in the water.

Young, who was paid \$750 for the jump and who often parachutes as the "Sky Viking," changed into a dry costume and launched into the shopping center Santa routine as scheduled.

100 Million More for Schools?

Special to The Examiner

LOS ANGELES—The California Teachers Association urged here yesterday that California's educational spending pot be sweetened by a \$100,000,000 special appropriation next year.

Year Term for Paint Tossing

BOSTON — (AP) — A 21 year old insurance salesman was sentenced to a year in jail yesterday for throwing two cans of paint out of his apartment window because he "didn't want to dirty the landlord's trash barrel."

John Doran of Boston's Back Bay was charged with assault and battery. The paint cans went through a window of a New Haven Railroad train last Sept.

Confusion on Housing Act

The current controversy over a proposed initiative measure designed to negate the California Fair Housing Act has caused confusion over terms of the act and the possible affect of the repeal measure.

of housing or mortgage lending. The act specifically exempts housing operated by religious, fraternal or charitable organizations as non-profit ventures and sales of privately financed, single-family homes not involving a real estate agent.

Children See Dad

Lawyers