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A picturesque, swaggering bandit, feared by the early inhabitants of Southern California—stealing, killing, terrorizing—yet often seen in the role of a Robin Hood, only to finish his career at the end of a rope in 1875. That is the graphic picture we have of the notorious outlaw Tiburcio Vasquez.

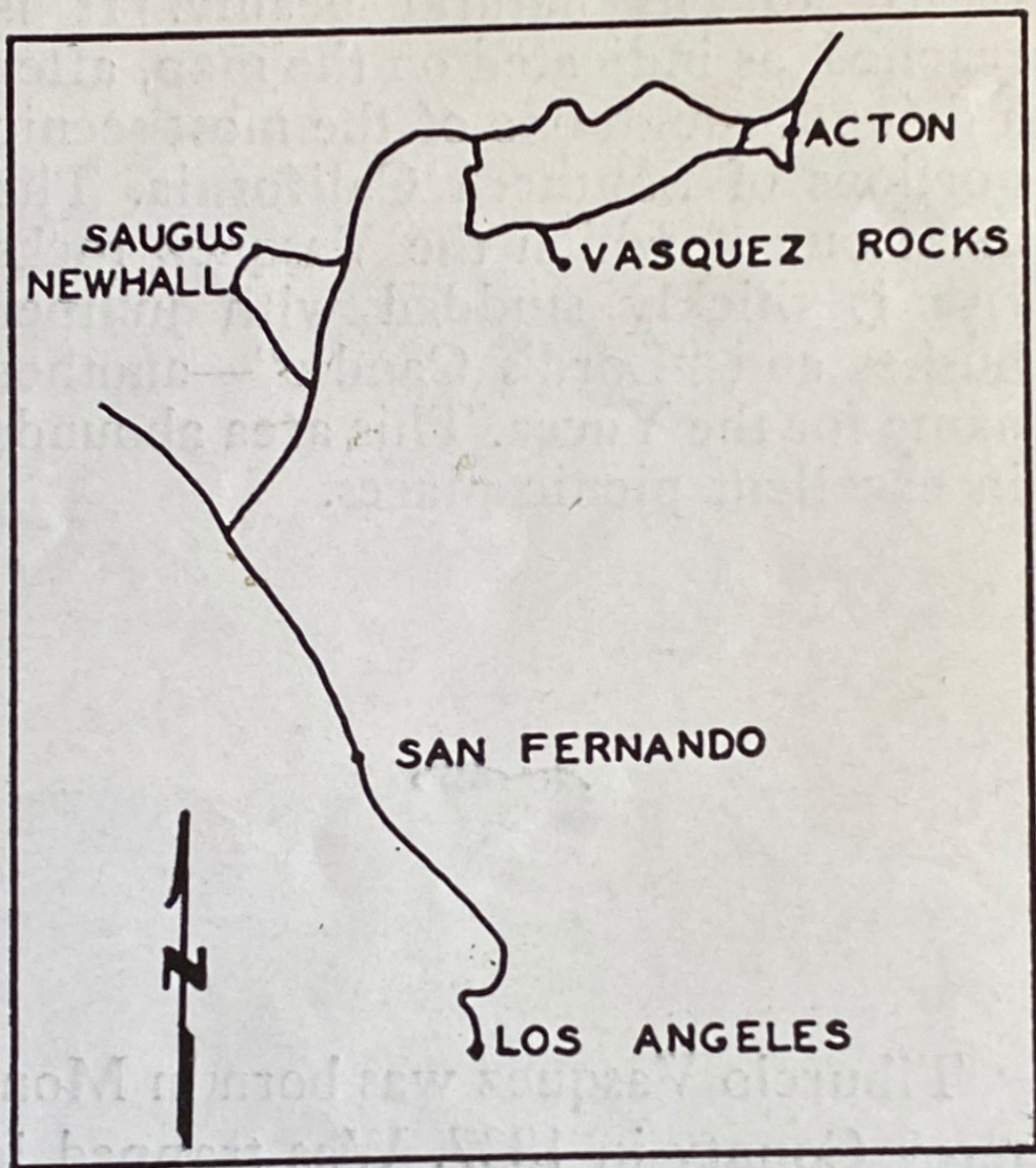
Often when capture threatened, he would retreat to his stronghold among the rocks three miles east of the Mint Canyon Highway—safe as if he had vanished from the face of the earth.

Here may still be seen the smoke-blackened rocks, mute evidence of hidden campfires around which the bandits gambled and drank, toasting their chief.

Today this spot, rich in romance, is famed for its natural beauty. It is reached, as indicated on the map, after a drive through one of the most scenic portions of Southern California. The mesa out of which the Vasquez rocks rise is thickly studded with juniper bushes and "Lord's Candle"—another name for the Yucca. This area abounds in excellent picnic places.



Tiburcio Vasquez was born in Monterey County in 1837. Was trapped in Greek George's place in Cahuenga Pass, was taken to San Jose, was tried, found guilty and was hanged in 1875.



(ROUND TRIP 110 MILES)