

Clemency Bid By Chessman Turned Down

Red-Light Bandit To Die Friday

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown today refused to save the life of Caryl Chessman, kidnaper-rapist and best-selling author who is scheduled to die next Friday in the San Quentin Prison gas chamber.

"I have used the power of clemency before," the governor said in a formal statement, "and in proper cases I will use it again. I do not believe this is a proper case."

World-Wide Controversy
Chessman, who wrote a best-seller called "Cell 2435, Death Row" during his almost 12 years in the shadow of the gas chamber, has become the object of a world-wide controversy between those who oppose the death penalty and those who feel his long series of crimes deserves the maximum punishment.

Failure by the governor to grant clemency means that the doomed man's final hope to escape the gas chamber will be the U. S. Supreme Court where a petition now is pending seeking a last review of his case.

The Supreme Court petition and the governor's clemency decision were about the only chances for life left the infamous bandit, kidnaper, rapist, psychopath, and author.

Asked by Brown at the clemency hearing what legal avenues remained for his client, defense attorney George T. Davis mentioned only the Supreme Court appeal — the 10th in Chessman's 11-year battle against death.

Delay Till Nov. 18th Asked
The petition to the high court asked first of all for a stay of execution for Chessman until Nov. 18. This was to give Chessman's attorneys the full deadline limit until Nov. 4 to appeal a state Supreme Court decision plus two weeks.

The stay was to permit a full Supreme Court review of the case. The petition took six typewritten pages just to index the constitutional violations claimed by Chessman as a result of his trial, 16 lower court appeals and the nine Supreme Court actions.

Brown said his decision in the clemency hearing was whether society would best be served by sending Chessman to the gas chamber or permitting him to live the rest of his life behind bars.

Chessman himself, through his attorney, said he did not want the clemency hearing. He claimed he was innocent and wanted either vindication or death. Brown said he personally was convinced that Chessman was guilty of all the

Local School Superintendent To Attend White House Meet

Harvey Carter, principal of La Grande Junior High School, has been selected to represent Union County at the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

The local committee announced that the conference was being held at Washington, D. C., March 27 to April 2 of 1960. Carter has received special leave of absence from his school administrative duties to attend the confab.

A special study on youth needs in Union County has been made by the group here and its report forwarded to Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield's state committee. His group will, in turn, send the local report to Washington.

Assistance Needed
Mrs. Robert McPhetridge, finance chairman of the Union County Committee, said that it is the responsibility of the local group to finance the county representative's

trip to Washington.

"We believe our representative's attendance at the national conference is of vital importance to all parents and the young people in Union County. We also feel that all parents here are keenly interested in the future of young people. We shall all benefit from the progress made in this conference," Mrs. McPhetridge said.

The local committee also has extended to people in Union County the opportunity of helping finance the delegate's trip to Washington. It was advised that any financial assistance planned by individuals could be done so by making all checks payable to the finance chairman, Mrs. Robert McPhetridge, 802 H Ave., La Grande.



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crimes for which he was convicted.

These include 17 felony counts involving kidnaping, robbery and bodily harm. The three violations together called for the death penalty in two of the cases under California's "Little Lindbergh" Law.

Similarity of Cases
Davis made the point in the clemency hearing that these two cases were similar to two others in which Brown already had commuted the death sentence of two convicts.

The incidents of bodily harm included forcing female victims to commit unnatural sex acts.

With an IQ of 136, the convicted rapist is in the genius class. His books, written during his record-breaking tenure in Death Row, earned him praise by book critics as an accomplished author plus more than \$150,000 in royalties.

LIKE ORDERS INJUNCTION

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower today ordered the Justice Department to seek a back to work injunction to end the steel strike.

The chief executive acted a few hours after his special fact-finding board told him labor and management were hopelessly deadlocked in the 97-day-old strike.

"It is a sad day for the nation," Eisenhower said.

Closing Date On Fellowship Nominations

Dr. Roy L. Skeen, Eastern Oregon College campus representative for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, today announced Oct. 31 as the closing date for nominations.

According to Dr. Skeen, the chief purpose of the fellowship program is to offset the critical shortage of qualified college teachers by encouraging college seniors and graduates of outstanding ability to consider college teaching careers.

1000 Fellowships
The Wilson Foundation annually awards 1000 fellowships for first year graduate study at any university of the recipients' choice in the United States or Canada. These fellowships carry a stipend of \$1500 plus full tuition and fees, and, in the case of married Fellows, a dependency allowance for wives and children.

Dr. Skeen emphasized that candidates for the award must be nominated by a faculty member, but there is no limit on the age of the candidate or the number of years he may have been out of college. The program is open to college graduates in the natural and social sciences and in the humanities. Both men and women are eligible.

LANZA'S BODY ARRIVES

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—The body of tenor Mario Lanza was flown here quietly Sunday for his funeral Wednesday. Mortuary officials were the only persons at the airport to meet the jet plane. In Philadelphia Saturday, about 12,000 persons had filed by the tenor's glass-enclosed casket.

Man Will Get Sight At Moon's Dark Side

MOSCOW (UPI) — Man may get his first look this week at the mysterious back of the moon which has never been turned toward the earth.

The Russians said photographs of 40 per cent of the lunar surface, made by the Soviet Union's Lunik III moon satellite, were transmitted Sunday when the satellite skirted the earth, 29,515 miles above the Solomon Islands in the Pacific.

The official Soviet Tass news agency said the pictures, taken about 11 days ago when the satellite was reported being processed by Soviet scientists. It said the information would be made public.

One Soviet scientist predicted

STRIKE OVER 'MARRIAGE'

LONDON (UPI) — Britain's latest wildcat strike involved 1,500 men who walked off the job because a newly married welder switched to day work to please his Irish bride.

Tom Stevenson, 25, sparked the strike at the British light steel pressing factory by asking for a transfer from his night welding job to the day staff.

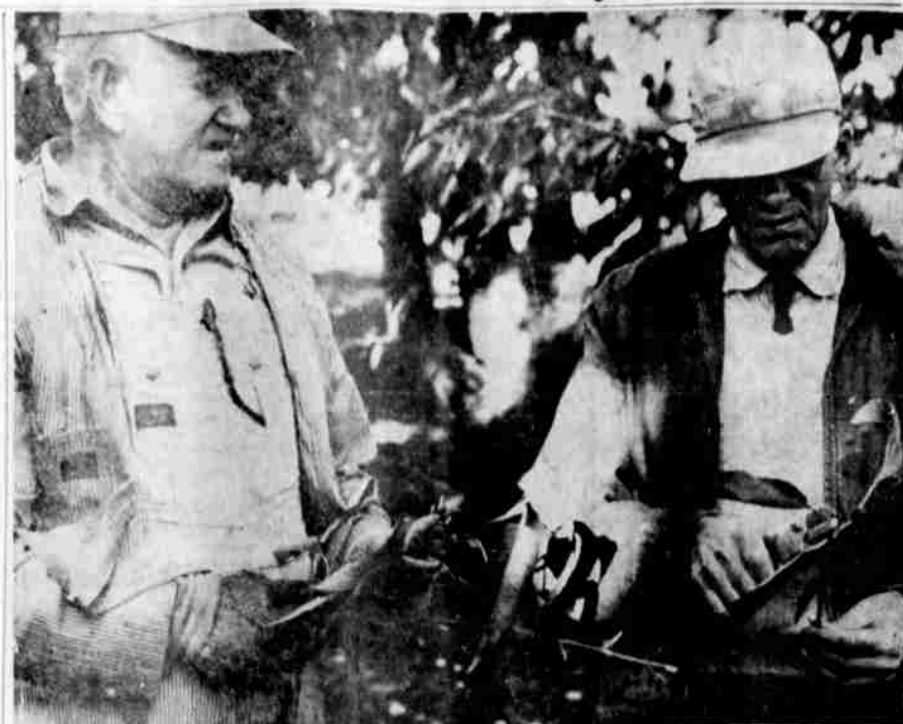
He got his transfer. Shop stewards called the strike, arguing Stevenson's switch to day work would mean an extra man in the welders' pool and a consequent cut in the pool's bonus share plan.

Retaliate By Kicking Out Soviet

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Republican senator says the United States should retaliate against the Russians by expelling a Soviet Embassy official unless they apologize for the ouster of an American spy charges.

Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky, a former U.S. ambassador to India, said Russia committed "an awful affront" by their expulsion of Russell A. Langelle, U. S. Embassy security chief in Moscow.

The State Department already has denounced the spy charges as phony and accused the Russians of abducting Langelle in an unsuccessful effort to gain American secrets.



EXAMINING CENTENNIAL CHERRY TREES

August Erickson (left) of May Park, and John Ryan, La Grande, are examining bud wood (new growth) of Centennial cherry trees in Erickson's orchard. The bud wood will be sent to Oregon State College where it will be propagated and sent back to Union County to be used as pollinators for Royal Ann cherries.



CUTTING BUD WOOD — John Ryan, La Grande is cutting off some of the bud wood from Centennial cherry trees in the August Erickson orchard at May Park. Erickson has one of the few orchards in the state where the popular Centennial tree is found.

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Public Is Told To Have Patience With Television

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The chairman of the Federal Communications Commission said today the public should have "patience" with television's growing pains, including fixed quiz shows.

John C. Doerfer said it wasn't necessary and perhaps dangerous for the government to step in and tighten its regulation of the industry.

Schilling Hunting Victim

James Schilling, 80, of 1203 U Ave., La Grande, was fatally wounded yesterday morning in a hunting tragedy about 15 miles west of La Grande in Little Dark Canyon.

Schilling was hunting with his son-in-law, Gordon Gustafson, and his grandson, 10-year-old David Gustafson, Milwaukee, when the mishap occurred.

State Police said the boy was walking on the right side of his grandfather with his .22 rifle on "safe" when he stepped into a hole, losing his balance. The rifle fell to the ground and discharged, killing the elder man.

20th Hunting Death
Schilling's death is the 20th hunting fatality of the current deer hunting season including deaths by heart seizure. It was Oregon's ninth hunting death by gunshot.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, 2 p.m., at the Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. E. W. Kasten officiating. Burial will be in the City cemetery.

Schilling was born in Bavaria, Germany, Oct. 6, 1879, and had been a resident of La Grande for 73 years. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Louisa Schilling, La Grande; three sons, Charles and William Schilling, Portland, and Willard Schilling, Hood River; three daughters, Mrs. Helen McPherson, Watsburg, Wash., Imogene Gustafson, Milwaukee, Irma Tracy, Redwood City, Calif.; one brother, Charles Schilling, Aloha, Ore.; two sisters, Mrs. Queenie Sippel and Mrs. Kate Moore, Portland, and 17 grandchildren.

FLOODS HIT MEXICO
MEXICO CITY (UPI)—Floods caused by 10 days of heavy rain in the south Mexican states of Tabasco and Chiapas have killed at least two persons and driven 10,000 from their homes, it was reported today.

New Fire Pops Up Near LA

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Embattled firemen fighting the nearly week-old Los Angeles foothill fire today had to contend with a new brush fire which already has blackened 3,000 acres.

U. S. Forestry Service spokesman Elmer Osterman said the new blaze—about 20 miles from the giant foothill fire—was being investigated to see if it was deliberately set. Both fires were in the smoky Angeles National Forest.

No Homes Threatened
Some 500 men had to be pulled off the giant foothill fire to battle the blaze in watershed and grazing land about eight miles northwest of Castaic. No homes were threatened by the new blaze.

The foothill blaze has burned a black scar in 13,800 acres of brush just north of the suburban communities of La Canada, Altadena and La Crescenta. Perimeter of the big blaze was estimated at 45 miles.

More than 100 residents in the La Paloma and Vogel Flats areas in the big Tujunga Canyon above the tip of La Crescenta had to remain away from their threatened homes during the night.

Osterman said the blaze was slowly working its way down Mt. Lukens to the homes, but he was hopeful firemen would be able to save them.

Nike Site Threatened
Also threatened was a Nike missile site in the foothills. Flames earlier roared within 300 yards of the site and fire officials said they planned to mass men and equipment there for the rest of today.

Imbler Man To Chairman Farm Bureau

Ben Robinson, prominent Imbler farmer, has been elected to the chairmanship position of the La Grande Farm Bureau Center. Robinson, in his speech of acceptance, stressed the importance of Farm Bureau to its members and called for strong local support. The incoming officer also cited the need for thorough policy study in this off-legislation year.

Others chosen to serve the 1960 term include: vice-chairman, Harold Speckhart; secretary, Mrs. Vee Fager; director (2nd year), Sylvan Rasmussen; and director (1st year), Ronne Sands.

Head Up Women
The women's activities will be chaired by Mrs. Guy Spence and Mrs. Harvey Bergeron. They will be responsible for the yearly committee books and other functions.

Speaker for the evening was Dr. Douglas Spear. He talked on the ABC's of International Relations. Musical entertainment was provided by Harold Hilyard and his mother during the dinner hour.

The next meeting, important to all Farm Bureau members, is scheduled for Oct. 22 when the annual Union County Farm Bureau meeting will take place at the hall.

Charles Coburn, 83, Weds 41-Year-Old Gal

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Charles Coburn, monocoed 83-year-old actor who believes that "sex appeal, like smooth brandy, improves with age," leaves today for a week-long honeymoon with his attractive 41-year-old bride.

The chipper and gracious actor refused to reveal where he and Winifred Gean Clements Natzka planned to spend their first week of marriage.

They were married in a surprise civil ceremony in Las Vegas, Nev., Sunday and returned here Sunday night for a reception at the home of his bride's sister, Mrs. Lawrence A. Dysart.

Report Of Farm Bureau Scheduled

ISLAND CITY (Special)—Discussion on community betterment, taxation, natural resources and international affairs featured the recent Union County Farm Bureau meeting here.

It was announced that the report of the farm program will be given at the annual county meeting set for Thursday. It was also announced that there would be a regional organization confab at Baker tomorrow to be conducted by Lester Van Blokland.

Other meetings coming up include the board of directors and state resolution session at Salem, Oct. 28-29, with Gene Stockhoff and Roy Leonard, county officers, to attend.

Plans were made for the 4-H leaders banquet on Oct. 23 at Island City hall under sponsorship of the bureau. Bath Becker, Cove, will serve as chairman. This will be the second year of such sponsorship for the banquet.

Loyalists Capture Anti-Castro Rebels

VINALES, Cuba (UPI)—Loyal troops captured three of a band of five rebels against Premier Fidel Castro's regime after a brief weekend gunfight near this western mountain town, it was reported today.

Havana reports which said a soldier was wounded in the skirmish were denied here.

Capt. Zenen Hernandez, adjutant of the 6th Infantry Regiment, said in an interview that ex-Cpl. Luis Lara Crespo, who was captured, was the leader of the anti-Castro band.

FIRES SWEEP SAXONY

HANNOVER, Germany (UPI)—A series of brush fires swept Lower Saxony Sunday, damaging more than 100 square miles of forest and heathland but causing no known casualties.

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ENTOMBED MINERS ALIVE?

Rescuers Probe Earth In Try For Three Trapped By Cave-In

TONOPAH, Nev. (UPI)—Rescue crews probed into the earth in several areas today searching for three men trapped by a cave-in four days ago at the famous old Mohawk Mine.

The missing miners comprised the overnight crew at the old-time silver producer, which was opened only two weeks ago. They were James Robertson, 33, Mina Samuel Sikes, 45, Tonopah, and William Dolorme, Redding, Calif.

The cave-in was discovered Friday when the day shift arrived to relieve the men, who were working at the 200-foot level. Since that time, 40 experienced miners have worked in relays both manually and with power equipment to reach the trapped men.

Some Hope Remains
Jim White, a spokesman for the U. S. Mining and Mining Company, said Sunday there was still

hope the men were alive and well if they had warning of the disaster.

However, the rescue crews reported Sunday night that the cave-in was more extensive than first believed.

"They aren't committing themselves now about when they might reach the place where we think the men could be," White said. "If those men got to this one place they could still be alive and well—it's big enough and could hold enough air to keep them going."

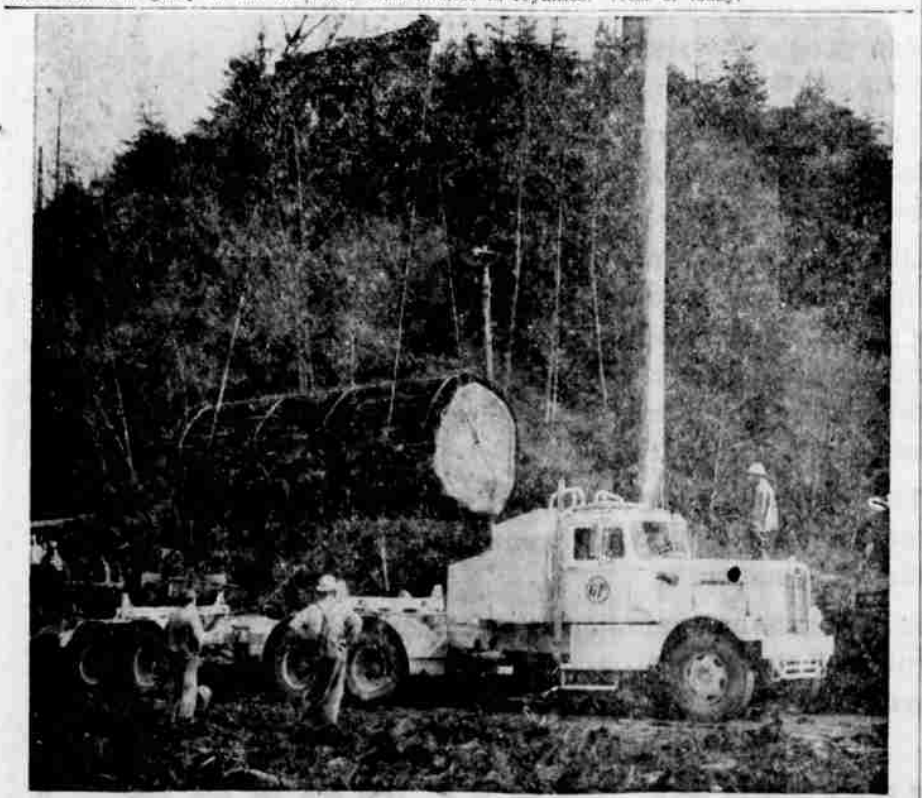
Meanwhile, it was disclosed that five miners walked off the job at the ill-fated mine less than two weeks before the cave-in, claiming the mine was unsafe.

closed there was "Nothing wrong with that mine," located 50 miles west of here.

Main Entrance Blocked
Rescue crews first tried to bore through the rubble blocking the main entrance to the mine. They were blocked by boulders "As big as a car."

Then they hauled equipment up the mountainside to the top of an abandoned shaft. Men were lowered into the area and began digging side drifts. White said they ceased blasting and were digging by hand as they neared the possible "safe" area.

White said the Sikes family, including two teenage boys, was at the mine. "The boys wanted to help," he said, "but we couldn't let them—we need experienced miners because of the dangers."



PASSES THROUGH THIS AREA — Residents of La Grande, Haines, North Powder and Perry will be afforded an opportunity to witness this across-the-nation exhibit Tuesday morning when the "rolling redwood" truck passes through. The redwood exhibit is being displayed by the Georgia-Pacific Corp. It will make stops in Haines at 8:45 a.m.; North Powder, 9:15; La Grande, 10:30; and Perry 10:40.