

McGranery to Check Delayed Prosecutions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General James P. McGranery launched his own version of the government's anti-corruption campaign Tuesday by ordering federal district attorneys throughout the country to make full reports of delayed prosecutions.

In office exactly two weeks, McGranery assembled the field staff here to issue his instructions personally.

He asked for immediate—and continuing—reports on cases which have been pending over-long without action, mentioning six months as an example of "an unreasonable period."

Delays in prosecutions, the attorney general said, must be explained to him at once.

Also, he indicated that private law practice by public prosecutors—permitted in cases where government interests are not involved—is going to come under close scrutiny.

"The United States Attorney and his staff," said McGranery, "should be available 24 hours each day for decisions and opinions in order that the processes of justice may not be hindered or delayed."

Five Perish in Plane Crash

GREEN RIVER, Utah (AP)—Five persons bound for their Colorado homes from an uranium mining camp in Southeastern Utah's wilderness met death Tuesday in the flaming crash of their chartered plane.

A fourth of a mile from where the small craft took off in an almost uninhabited area, it fell and killed all aboard—three men, a woman and an infant boy.

The husband of the woman victim and two other men saw the crash.

The victims were identified by Ralph S. Dunn, a mining man, as Thomas Moore, 20 to 30-year-old pilot from Grand Junction, Colo.; Mrs. Mabel Ragsdale, 45, Nucla, Colo., and her nine-month-old grandson, Samuel Beatty; Stanley Graybeal, about 31, Nucla, and John Young, 47, Fruita, Colo.

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Mrs. Pandit Accepts Red China Regime

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Mrs. Vijalalakshmi Pandit, reporting to Parliament on the recent cultural mission to Communist China of which she was a member, said Tuesday "whether we agree or disagree, the Chinese Communist government has come to stay."

Mrs. Pandit, sister of Prime Minister Nehru and former Indian ambassador to the United States, avoided political questions in this first report to Parliament on the cultural mission.

Red Leaders Silent at Trial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ten of 14 accused California Communist leaders declined Tuesday to present evidence in their own behalf on charges of conspiring to teach and advocate violent overthrow of the U. S. government.

The surprise move came after Federal Judge William C. Mathes refused to grant a defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal. The judge held that government attorneys had presented sufficient evidence to indicate that the Communist party advocates violence in achieving its ends.

In a public statement, the 10 said they did not think a case had been made against them.

The four who did not rest their case said they wished a chance to refute what they called "fabrications, libels and slanders" against the Communist party advanced by the prosecution.

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Gas Chamber Outside Prison Walls Favored

Placing the Oregon Penitentiary's lethal gas chamber just outside the prison walls was proposed to the Board of Control Tuesday by prison Supt. George Alexander.

The board expressed sympathy with the idea, but withheld final decision until Alexander submits detailed plans.

Alexander said that prisoners become disturbed during executions, and that moving the chamber outside the walls would have a good psychological effect.

The chamber now is located in the prison yard just inside the wall. It was moved there recently from the second floor of a Cell block, where it had been for all 13 of the gasings that have been held in the penitentiary.

Alexander said he also is considering whether to hold executions at undisclosed times. The law allows him to hold them at any time during a specific day, so he could do it secretly, and at times when the convicts wouldn't know what is going on.

For many years, executions have been held at 8:30 a.m.

The Capitol Planning Commission asked the board to hire Francis Keally, New York, the architect who designed the State Capitol, as consulting architect for future development of the state buildings here. The board took no final action, but indicated it agreed.

PAPER MILL STARTS
DUNCAN BAY, B. C. (AP)—British Columbia's newest paper mill began operating Tuesday, turning out 2,000 feet of paper a minute.

Acheson Asks Swift Approval Of Reich Pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary Acheson Tuesday urged swift Senate approval of the German peace contract and the related agreement to back Western Germany in case of Communist aggression.

Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as

the leadoff witness for the pact, the secretary spoke of the "great importance" for fast action.

The discussion tied that plea up directly to American politics, and by implication to France's reluctance to see Germany rearm without prior guarantees of her own security.

Sen. Wiley (R-Wis) asked Acheson if Europe feared there "might be a break in our foreign policy" after the next election and if that was another reason for speed.

His point obviously was that if action does not come now before the November voting, Britain and France—and Germany herself—

TO OPEN SULPHUR PLANT

NEW YORK (AP)—Shell Oil Co. of Canada announced Tuesday the opening of a new sulfur plant at Jumping Pound, Alberta, Canada, to produce 30 tons of 99.9 per cent pure sulfur a day for Pacific Coast pulp and paper manufacturers.

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