

'SLOT MACHINE JUSTICE'

Chessman Denied Stay of Execution

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman, assailing "nickel in the slot justice," has turned down another plea for a stay of execution by convicted author Caryl Chessman.

Judge Goodman rejected Chessman's plea for a stay and a writ of habeas corpus on grounds the transcript of his original trial was faulty. He ruled that other courts had already decided the issue.

'ROUND ROBIN'

Asserting that Chessman's appeal on this question has become a "round robin" in the courts, Judge Goodman asked:

"When does the wheel stop turning; what must the citizen think of our nickel-in-the-slot administration of criminal justice?"

Chessman's attorney indicated he still has a couple of more rounds to go. He said he will ask the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for a certificate of possible cause for appeal, and if rejected there, he will take the case back to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Judge Goodman pointed out that Chessman's legal maneuvers to escape the gas chamber include one appeal and three applications for habeas corpus to the California Supreme Court, five applications for habeas corpus to the U. S. District Court, one appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and five applications of the U. S. Supreme Court.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM

Chessman, whose revealing autobiography, "Cell 2455, Death Row," won him critical acclaim throughout the nation, is scheduled to die in the San Quentin Prison gas chamber Jan. 14 for kidnapping.

He was convicted of a long series of abductions and rapes in Los Angeles in 1948.

McCarthy Hits Farm Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said Wednesday that unless something is done to boost farm income, the Republican Party may face disaster in the 1956 elections.

He told newsmen: "Victory (for the Republicans) in 1956 will depend on whether we can bring the farmers close to 100 per cent of parity," he said. "If the farm income keeps dropping, it can't help but get us into a depression. It is at the lowest point now since 1941."

McCarthy has been critical of a number of aspects of Eisenhower administration farm policy—particularly of the decision by Secretary of Agriculture Benson to lower price supports on dairy products last April to the lowest level permitted by farm law, 75 per cent of parity. The maximum is 90 per cent.



Fiddle Player Says Hormel Bought Marijuana Cigarettes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The bass fiddle player in George Hormel II's night club trio has testified that he and Hormel paid a parking lot attendant \$20 for a roll of marijuana cigarettes.

It was Hormel's money, added the player, Robert (Iggy) Shevak, 35.

He testified for the prosecution Tuesday in the Superior Court jury trial of Hormel, 26, jazz pianist and meat-packing fortune heir, on charges of possessing marijuana.

Shevak testified that last Sept. 19 the night club parking attendant, Mark Lamb, 21, gave him one marijuana cigarette and he and Hormel smoked it. He said Hormel then gave him the \$20 and they bought a roll of the cigarettes from Lamb and divided it, Hormel getting approximately 13 cigarettes.

Shevak also testified that Hormel put the cigarettes above the sun visor of his convertible and drove away.

Narcotics officers previously said they followed Hormel to his home, found cigarettes on the sun visor and arrested him.

On cross-examination by Samuel Picone, Hormel's attorney, Shevak admitted he has known one of the arresting officers, John E. O'Grady since 1951 and that an hour before the parking lot

transaction he had telephoned O'Grady at police headquarters. "Is it not a fact that you put the 13 cigarettes on the sun visor of Hormel's automobile?" Picone asked. Shevak denied it.

NO LIPSTICK, PLEASE

LONDON (AP)—An East End dentist posted this notice outside his office Tuesday:

"Lipstick. I will not attend to any woman with this filth on her lips. I am tired of getting it on my fingers and instruments. Before I attend to you, go home and scrub it off."

Bricker Amendment To Be Offered Again

NEW YORK (AP)—Sen. John W. Bricker (R-Ohio) says he'll try again to get Congress to approve his amendment limiting the President's treaty-making powers, which was defeated in the last Congress.

He said in an interview in the current issue of Newsweek magazine he would be willing to discuss "alternative language" with the President.

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Scandinavian Nations Plan Joint Market

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The three Scandinavian countries are planning to bolster their economies by creating a joint market for their 14 million inhabitants.

The project envisages the gradual breaking down of customs and other barriers to free trade among Sweden, Norway and Denmark. It is expected eventually to double the "home market" of Sweden and could enlarge the "home markets" of Norway and Denmark four times.

TO HIKE COMPETITION

One of the most important aims is to increase the competitive capacity on the world market by facilitating specialization and mass production.

Last autumn, the Scandinavian prime ministers' meeting appointed a joint cabinet committee to survey the economic fields where the joint market could be established most rapidly and with the greatest advantage to all three countries.

'JOINT ACTION'

The fields of production to be examined include iron, steel, metals, chemicals, lumber, wood pulp and ores. Pharmaceutical industries, electrotechnics and a large number of semimanufactured products also will come under survey.

One aim is the starting of joint Scandinavian industries and enlargement of existing industries "by joint Scandinavian action."

New industries would be started as joint projects when the national market of only one of the three countries would be too narrow to make them profitable. No date has yet been set for the opening of the joint market. Nor is there any indication as to what its actual scope will be. But there is agreement in principle among the three countries.

Dulles Wants Post Filled

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department was reported Wednesday to be searching for a top Democrat to fill a high diplomatic post in the interest of foreign policy bipartisanship.

Secretary of State Dulles was said to be anxious to name a leading Democrat to replace David K. Bruce, who is expected to resign soon as special U.S. representative to the six-nation European Coal and Steel Pool. Bruce, a Democrat, is returning to private life.

So far, the search reportedly has been fruitless. Officials said Senate Democratic leaders consulted on the matter have not yet come up with the name of anyone who Dulles believes would be effective in helping draft foreign policy and sell it on Capitol Hill.

Democrats mentioned in informal talks, officials said, include Guy Gillette, Iowa senator defeated for re-election; former Connecticut Gov. Chester Bowles, who was replaced as ambassador to India when the Republicans took over in 1952; and Thomas K. Finletter, former secretary of air under President Truman.

Benefits Extended To Federal Workers

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Employment Compensation Commission announced Tuesday that it is accepting claims from former federal employees, who now are eligible for benefits.

About 18,000 federal workers in Oregon now are covered by unemployment compensation.

The commission said that in 1954, it paid a record \$24,000,000 in benefits to workers insured under the state law, plus \$1,200,000 in federal funds to Korean veterans.

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Housing Boss Rules Against Alcohol, Dogs

HOPEWELL, Va. (AP)—Ernest J. Connelly, a book-loving Sunday school teacher who manages a federal housing project here, said he felt the 76 families in the project needed "someone to take care of them."

So Tuesday, he sent them a letter forbidding them to drink alcoholic beverages on the premises, keep pets or light their apartments with light bulbs larger than 60 watts.

"Just last year there was a murder here," said Connelly, former librarian and history instructor at Chowan Junior College of Murfreesboro, N. C. "Some of these occupants are very immoral."

Drinking by the tenants violates a clause in their leases banning "illegal and immoral" conduct, Connelly declared.

And, he said, pet dogs had been digging holes around shrubbery planted to beautify the project. Thomas Rolfe Court, excessive use of electricity was overloading electric circuits; tenants had been guilty of "poor house-keeping and maintenance of the yard"; and their children had fired air rifles in the project.

Connelly said similar letters, outlining similar prohibitions, would go soon to 120 families of the Davisville project for Negroes.

Whether his action would stand appeared in doubt Wednesday. C. A. Reese, chairman of the housing commission to which Connelly is responsible, said the commission would consider Connelly's rules at a session set for Jan. 27.

U.S. Helps Turkey On River Plans

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—American experts are helping Turkey to plan river basin schemes like TVA. Eventually it's hoped to work out development programs for the Tigris and Euphrates basins. Both rivers have their source in Turkey.

Philip P. Dickinson, who was assistant regional director of the Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento, Calif., heads a 10-man team of Americans here from the bureau. Their work is part of the American assistance program to Turkey.

They are working with the Turkish ministries of public works and agriculture on a long-range program of water and power development.

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