



2 to 20 Years

Larry B. Garber, 19, convicted Colma, Calif., purse-snatcher, Wednesday was sentenced to a 2-to-20-year prison term by Judge Francis McCarty in San Francisco. The judge said he would continue the stiff sentencing "until my wife feels free to walk in the evening without being molested."

With Solemn Ceremony

Lutheran Groups Form New Church

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DETROIT — A new church was born Thursday in the largest merger of Lutherans in American history.

With solemn ceremony and song, four denominations joined forces to become one — the Lutheran Church in America.

"We rejoice with thanksgiving that the spirit has led us to this hour," was the prayer of about 7,000 Lutherans massed here for the occasion.

Communion Service

Rank on rank, they moved forward to kneel in communion around white altar tables stretching across the red-carpeted arena of Cobo Hall.

A huge cross was suspended above, with varicolored lights playing around it. At one point, in dramatic symbolism of the unification of the four bodies, the flames of four tall candles were brought together, fusing into a single, bright blaze.

Presidents of the four former denominations took part in the proceedings, formally consummating the merger.

'Epochal Event'

"An epochal, long prayed for event," said the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry of New York. The assembly included 1,000 official delegates, plus an outpouring of other Lutherans.

"There is jubilation here today," said The Rev. P. O. Bersell of Minneapolis. "At long last these four Lutheran bodies have come together because they belong together, because they have one Lord and one faith."

Their past divisions trace back to differences in national origin and languages. But these factors have faded on the American scene, leading to formation of the new united church.

3½ Million Members

Altogether, it has 3½ million members in 6,125 congregations, the sixth largest protestant body in the nation.

It "will provide a mighty witness for the faith in the midst of all the compromising, humanizing and secularizing tendencies abroad in the world today," said The Rev. Lavin H. Lundeen of Minneapolis.

He called it a step toward the "unification of all Lutherans" in America.

The merging denominations are the 2½-million-member United Lutheran Church, of German background; the 630,000-member Augustana Lutheran Church, of Swedish descent; the 35,500-member Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church; and the 25,000-member American Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Danish origins.

Senate Okays Kennedy's Sugar Bill

House Opposes Purchase Segment

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Kennedy administration has won its sugar fight in the Senate with overwhelming passage of a bill that would eliminate subsidies to foreign producers.

Passage Wednesday night by a 76-2 vote after 10 hours of debate sent the measure to a Senate-House conference. There it runs smack into a House bill which is in direct opposition to administration recommendations on foreign sugar purchases.

The conferees will be working under a tight deadline since the 28-year-old sugar law, which long has divided the American market under tight controls, expires at midnight Saturday.

Extension Suggested

Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., head of the Senate delegation, told a reporter he would not be surprised if there is a conference deadlock. He suggested a temporary extension of the present law might result.

Rep. Harold D. Cooley, D-N.C., who is expected to lead the House conferees, has called the administration bill wholly unacceptable on foreign purchases.

Both bills agree on increasing to 60 per cent the U.S. growers' share of the domestic sugar market. It now is 55 per cent.

They also are quite similar on the allocation to American producers of more than 60 per cent of the new growth factor resulting from increasing population, although the Senate measure is slightly more generous to U.S. beet growers.

Complete Disagreement

The two bills disagree completely on the method of handling the 40 per cent of American consumption reserved for foreign countries.

Besides following the administration lead in eliminating the premium subsidy price on foreign purchases, the Senate also knocked out all country-by-country allocations except for the long-standing obligation to the Philippines.

The House bill named 25 countries and gave them specific quotas.

The Senate accepted Kennedy's proposal that 2.58 million tons of the foreign share be allotted to Cuba if that country's Communist government is overturned. Meanwhile, the tonnage would go to friendly nations on a competitive basis.

The House version reserved 1.5 million tons for Cuba but parceled that out among all nations in the next year.

Second Child Born To English Actress

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—English actress Diana Dors Wednesday gave birth to her second child, a 10-pound, 2-ounce son and attendants at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital said both mother and son were getting along fine.

The platinum blonde star and her husband, comedian-actor Richard Dawson, said they have not yet named the baby. They have another son, Mark, 2.

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