

World Watches Mercy Death Trial Of Young Country Doctor

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(AP Newsfeatures)

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 20 (AP)—Dr. Hermann N. Sander, young country doctor accused of the "mercy" killing of a cancer patient, will draw international attention today, when he goes on trial for his life.

The state's accusation: That he willfully injected 40 cubic centimeters of air into the veins of Mrs. Abbie Borroto, 59, "well knowing the said air injection to be sufficient to cause death."

County authorities have quoted Dr. Sander as saying it was an act of mercy—that the woman's death was but a few hours away.

Newspapers from throughout the United States are sending representatives to the trial. Reservations have been made from as far away as London. The leading hotel of New Hampshire's largest city has been turning away requests for reservations for the trial date.

Dr. Sander, 41, a former Dartmouth college skier, has been in seclusion with his wife and three children since he pleaded innocent to the murder charge, Jan. 5. He is under \$25,000 bond.

Mrs. Borroto died in Hillsboro County hospital last Dec. 4. Dr. Sander's signed medical record brought about his arrest. County Prosecutor William H. Craig, a friend of the physician, said Dr. Sander noted on Mrs. Borroto's medical history that he injected four doses of 10 cubic centimeters of air into the woman's veins shortly before she died.

The wife of a Manchester oil salesman, Mrs. Borroto had cancer of the large bowel. She had been ill three months and had wasted from 140 to 80 pounds.

Upon his release on bail prior to his indictment, Dr. Sander said: "I am not guilty of a legal or moral wrong. Ultimately my position will be vindicated."

The case has drawn comment

from as far away as Rome. L'Osservatore, the Vatican's newspaper, cited the fifth commandment, "thou shalt not kill," in condemning mercy slaying and said: "The fact is, that the doctor (by committing a mercy slaying) changes his mission to an inhumane one of giving death."

Mrs. Robertson Jones of New York, vice president of the Euthanasia Society of America, said: "This is absolutely the best case yet for our cause. It is good because of the doctor's integrity and because he didn't hide what he did."

The task of prosecuting the case falls to Attorney General William L. Phinney, a rugged former FBI man who has one murder conviction to his credit since assuming office.

Superior Court Judge Harold E. Westcott will preside at the trial in the high-ceilinged courtroom in the old brick courthouse.



Is there justification for taking life under any circumstances?



Accused—Dr. Hermann N. Sander, who signed the medical record of death.



Victim—Mrs. Abbie Borroto, hopeless victim of cancer, whose death is issue.



The Judge—Harold E. Westcott, who will preside in the old brick courthouse.



Husband and Daughter of the Victim—Reginald Borroto has said the doctor has his complete confidence. How they testify may be important.



Defense Attorney—Louis E. Wyman, who heard the doctor plead innocence.

What right does a doctor have to hasten death when a patient in severe pain asks him to do so?

This question may be decided in the trial of Dr. Hermann N. Sander at Manchester, N.H. He is accused of injecting air in the veins of Mrs. Abbie Borroto who was dying of cancer. Her husband has said of the doctor, "He has my complete confidence." But the law of the land and of religion says, "Thou shalt not kill."

Judge Harold E. Westcott will have to decide the case, which is drawing attention from all the world.

Crowd Cheers Dr. Sander

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 20 (AP)—Townsmen cheered Dr. Hermann N. Sander today when he entered the courthouse and went on trial for his life on a charge of murdering out of "mercy" a patient on the verge of death from cancer.

His loyal wife, Alice, though ill with a cold, was at his side in the little yellow court room when his case was called to trial at 10:12 a.m.

Judge Westcott told the veniremen they were "entering upon a most important public duty."

"Each of you when examined will keep in mind the importance of your duty as an American citizen," the judge said.

"Under our American system of trial by jury, we do not determine the guilt or innocence of a defendant on hearsay from persons outside the court or from radio or newspaper stories, whose authors are not under oath."

Judge Westcott gave the veniremen some sample questions to consider. One was: "Do any of you expect to gain or lose by the results of this case?"

He also asked if any was related to Dr. Sander or to Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59, a house-

MERCY DEATH QUESTION

Proposed Euthanasia Laws Won't Offer Deaths Soon

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(Associated Press Science Editor)

New York, Feb. 20 (AP)—The law which euthanasia advocates want for mercy deaths is not likely to offer quick deaths to anyone. In fact, it would take quite a while, and possibly some red tape, to end life under euthanasia legislation.

According to Webster's dictionary euthanasia is the act or practice of painlessly putting to death persons suffering from incurable and distressing disease.

This law, advocated by the Euthanasia Society of America, would require the doctors' decision that death is the only pain relief, the patients' consent and then action by a court or more likely by a judge or other legal official specially designated to pass on the evidence.

There is nothing in the proposed legislation to prevent the patient changing his mind between the time he asks for death and the legal permission.

Such a change might be expected only rarely, but it is possible according to medical records. Once in the indefinite period known as a blue moon, pain might unaccountably drop.

But on the average the doctors know when pain of a person nearing death reaches the point where it will not ease off.

The American society is the second euthanasia group.

The first was organized in England, in the early 30s. The American society followed in the mid-30s. The membership of both is small, each one under a thousand, but members in both societies include leaders in thought, religion, medicine and law. In Britain a number of top military men are members.

The movement has been active in England for 50 years, with occasional pleas by prominent men for establishment of mercy deaths. The name euthanasia was coined by Sir Thomas Moore in his "Kingdom of Utopia."

The American society, with nearly 600 members, relies for its influence on the support of prominent persons whenever a mercy killing brings up the subject.

The American society also is working to introduce legislation for euthanasia in New York and other states. The society has hopes of action soon in Connecticut, and perhaps New Hampshire.

It is not clear from the records that Dr. Hermann N. Sander's attorney will plead

guilt, whom the state of New Hampshire charges the physician murdered by injecting 40 cubic centimeters into her veins.

There is no preliminary evidence that the air caused death, nor even that enough was given to cause death. Nor is there evidence as to why it was given.

Reports not in the available written records have stated that Dr. Sander told friends that he tried to save his patient pain. The official records leave uncertain how sharply mercy death may play a part in the trial.

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