

Man Found Innocent After 16 Years in Illinois Penitentiary

Rock Island, Ill. —(U.P.)—Roy E. Eaton, a man jailed almost 16 years for a crime he never committed, hurried from Illinois today to build a new life for himself.

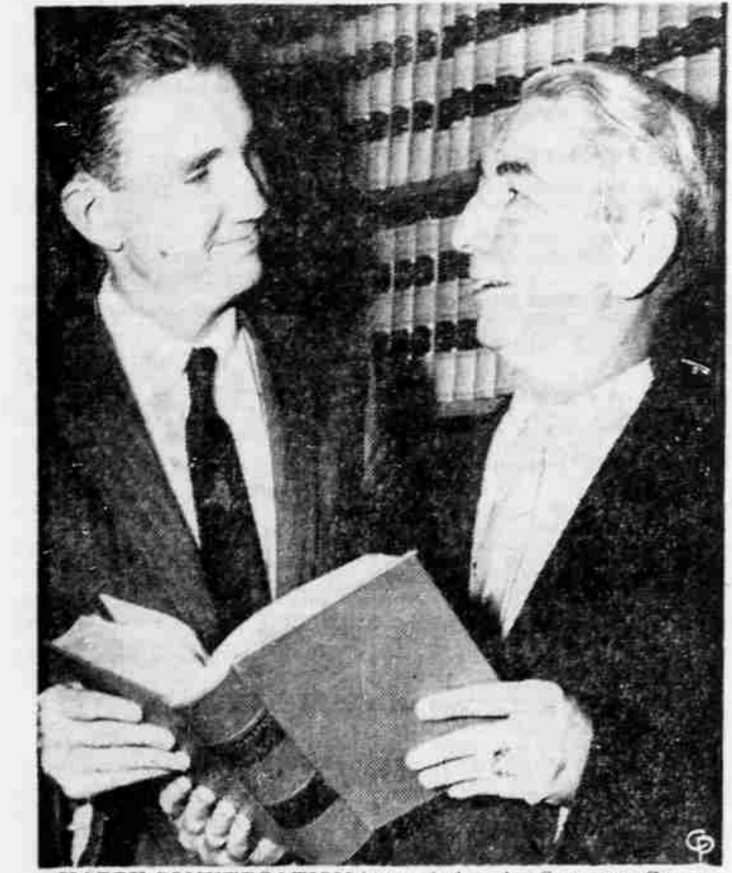
Eaton, 52, had never given up his battle to get out of Illinois' Stateville Penitentiary. He won the battle Wednesday in the same Rock Island court where he was given a one year to life sentence for robbery on June 28, 1940.

State's Attorney Bernard J. Moran, who became a leader in the fight to free Eaton, asked that the writ of error be granted admitting the state of Illinois was wrong.

Eaton was 1,700 miles from Rock Island when the robbery was committed, Moran said. And one of the men who actually pulled the robbery has confessed.

The end came just as Eaton wanted it. He could have won freedom on a parole or even a pardon as far back as 1954. But he wanted an absolutely clean record and he got it.

The mild, spectacled wearing ex-convict tearfully thanked Moran and his own attorney, Robert Gorman.



HAPPY CONVERSATION is carried on by Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark with son, William R. Clark, Dallas, Tex., after latter was admitted to practice before court during session in Washington. (International Soundphoto)

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Democratic Chairman Paul M. Butler on the Wisconsin primary: "The myth of Eisenhower's invincibility, which has been carefully cultivated by the Republican press for three years, is now being exposed by actual tests."

Washington—Republican Chairman Leonard W. Hall on the Wisconsin primary: "It seems to be a fad with Democrats to claim a 'victory' every time they are clobbered at the polls."

New York—Actress Grace Kelly on sailing for Monaco to marry Prince Rainier: "I hope I will be coming back to America very often. My family is here. My friends are here. Naturally I have a very great affection for my country but, like any girl, I am very excited. This is a big step and I'm very happy."

Washington—President Eisenhower on sending American troops to war in the Middle East or elsewhere without congressional approval: "Congress alone has power to declare war and I am going to observe it."

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington —(U.P.)—City folks look at a bunch of channels and find no quarrel with TV.

The folks in the woods buy a set and find themselves between channels. One channel fighting the other. Stuff like washboards over bumpers, a washboard, and something that resembles rolling Venetian blinds.

It's enough to make a man mad enough to turn in his set for a second hand lawn-mower.

A friend of mine, one S. D. Wooten, an inventor man from Memphis, thinks he has all of this business solved.

He has dreamed up a gimmick which will eliminate the jitters in your set if you happen to live in betwixt and between—out there in the hills.

Secret Box

Wooten has invented a little box, for which a patent has been filed, which he says will clean up the fuzz. The box has three buttons but Wooten won't tell

Bill To Seek Equal Shipbuilding Work

San Francisco —(U.P.)—Rep. William S. Mailliard (R-Calif.) plans to introduce a bill designed to let the Federal Maritime Board distribute shipbuilding work more fairly between East and West Coast shipyards.

Mailliard disclosed his proposed bill yesterday at the first meeting of Mayor George Christopher's committee on shipbuilding.

Since the end of the war, West Coast yards have had a hard time underbidding eastern shipyards, which are closer to supply sources.

Mailliard said his bill would require the maritime board to survey the nation's shipyards every year to make sure of hav-

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Largest Oakland Hotel Changes Hands

Oakland, Calif. —(U.P.)—Oakland's largest hotel, the Leanington, was sold for \$2,000,000 yesterday to a group of investors from Seattle, Canada and the Bay Area.

The buyers, headed by Ray Lemery of Seattle, immediately announced plans for its expansion. Lemery declined to identify others in the group, but said the syndicate owns other properties in the Bay Area and the Pacific Northwest, including the New Washington Hotel in Seattle.

Lemery said his group plans to spend more than \$1,000,000 acquiring additional land and adding about 200 rooms to the hotel, which already has 275 rooms.

The hotel was sold by Peninsula realtor William Greenbach, who bought the 20-year-old structure for \$1,250,000 in 1947. Its original cost was \$1,500,000.

Reuther Points To Power Overemphasis

New Delhi, India —(U.P.)—Labor leader Walter Reuther said today U.S. "overemphasis on military power in Asia has tended to trade reliable democratic friends for doubtful military allies."

Reuther told the Council on World Affairs he believes the American people support India's aspiration to annex Portuguese Goa, even if the U.S. government is inclined to side with its ally Portugal.

He said also that "racial discrimination and bigotry" continue to exist in the United States despite the American Revolution's "noble promise of equality and justice for all."

Not all of Reuther's criticism was reserved for the United States, however. The CIO leader, who once worked in a Soviet automobile factory and traveled extensively in Russia, said the Russians under Communism have "won more bread but not more freedom."

Offer Made To Buy C&O Railroad at GP

Grants Pass—(U.P.)—An offer to buy the California and Oregon Coast railroad for \$35,000,000 was made here yesterday as opponents of the city's proposal to abandon the line presented their case before an Interstate Commerce Commission investigator.

The city seeks to abandon the line which has not run for nearly a year and a half, claiming that the line loses money and the roadbed is needed for highway construction.

Yesterday's hearings heard arguments by shippers who contend that a rail line is needed. The \$35,000 offer made by shippers, who used the line before it was closed, is equal to the amount the city says it can get by salvaging the steel involved.

Both sides were given until May 14 to file briefs.

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