

Abbott Execution Sparks Move To Halt Capital Punishment

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The campaign to halt capital punishment in California grew by leaps and bounds Saturday in the wake of an obscure law-minute attempt to save the murderer Barton W. Abbott from the gas chamber Friday.

A bill to declare a moratorium on death sentences for a period of five years was already before the State Legislature at the time of Abbott's execution. But with the failure of Gov. Connelley to halt Abbott's death — failure by the vote of one minute — the bill became one of the most pressing in the legislative hopper.

Police Dropped — The police that released deadly cyanide gas into the San Quentin gas chamber were dropped at 11:18 a.m. PST Friday. At 11:19 a.m. the telephone rang a call from the governor's emergency office in Sacramento.

But it was too late for Abbott, a 27-year-old accounting student who went to his death for the slaying and murder of Stephanie Bryan, 19-year-old Berkeley, Calif., school girl in 1955. Knight, who was cruising off the California coast aboard the aircraft carrier Hancock, was attempting to determine whether the execution could be held up to allow Attorney George T. Davis a final desperation legal move on behalf of his client.

Statement Springboard — State Attorney General Edmund G. Brown used the Abbott death as the springboard for a statement backing the moratorium on the death penalty.

"Rather than being a deterrent, capital punishment has given official approval to the taking of life under certain circumstances," Brown said. "Those who have neither the money for continuing legal proceedings, nor the emotional publicity attractiveness of their cases, are summarily executed as a state matter."

He said the five-year moratorium on the death penalty would provide the state with a means to compare for the purpose of determining whether or not capital punishment is a deterrent to crime.

The sequence of events Friday also touched off a controversy between Davis and the governor, who labeled the attorney's efforts "a dramatic stunt."

Davis claimed that there was a 20 minute delay in getting through the telephone call to the governor that triggered the

call to San Quentin. The governor said that a line was held open to the ship solely for Davis's use.

"I did everything possible to give Mr. Davis every opportunity to develop anything new in the case. This he could not do,"

Reservoir Behind The Dalles Dam Forms Waterway

The Dalles — (U.P.) — A vast new inland waterway was formed behind The Dalles dam here Saturday as the reservoir behind the \$260-million hydroelectric project approached its permanent level of 155 feet above sea level.

At 10 p.m. Friday Army Engineers closed spillway gates in the dam and resumed the reservoir filling that had been started last week. The Columbia river was allowed to resume its flow toward Bonneville dam and the sea early Saturday morning but was closed again at 10 p.m. yesterday to fill the reservoir to its final level. Ceremonies marking first use of The Dalles dam navigation locks were scheduled Sunday.

Canoe Appearance — Dewey Short, undersecretary of the Army who was originally scheduled to keynote the observance, cancelled his appearance and Brig. Gen. L. H. Foote, division engineer from Portland, will represent the corps.

Govs. Albert Rosellini of Washington and Robert Holmes of Oregon were both scheduled to attend ceremonies at the locks that will lift river shipping over the dam.

Last week's stream closure raised the reservoir level behind the dam to 130 feet from a normal river level of 80 feet above sea level. At that time Cello Falls, historic Indian fishing grounds, and The Dalles-Cello canal were inundated. Sunday the river waters covered the archaeological sites in Petroglyph Canyon. Scientists report that their salvage work has been completed and the ancient Indian petroglyphs or rock picture paintings have been preserved for posterity. Two mammoth stone petroglyphs too large to lift out of the canyon by crane were fitted on rafts at the floor of the canyon and will be floated out as the waters rise.

said Knight. "In return he staged a dramatic stunt—with no legal ground to stand on—by waiting until the very last minute and the appealing for still another stay of execution."

Davis issued a detailed statement of his efforts to get through to the governor and then added bitterly:

"I have been informed that district attorney (Frank) Coakley, who prosecuted Abbott, was by coincidence also aboard the Hancock and a member of the governor's party. Very, very interesting."

Knight Statement — Knight also said in his statement Friday night:

"I desire to point out that in this case Burton Abbott and his attorneys had 112 days after judgement was affirmed by the State Supreme Court in which to appeal to any of the courts. All appeals were turned down."

Davis called a new conference today and said:

"I assume no responsibility and recent Governor Knight's indiscriminately charging me with the blame for any time situation in the Abbott case prior to March 7, 1957, which is the first time the case was brought to my attention as an attorney."

Committee Seeks Morgan Affidavit

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate Labor Rackets Committee decided Friday to seek additional information from a former Oregon Democratic official regarding his charges about a Republican governor.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) told the staff to contact Howard Morgan, former state Democratic chairman to see whether he could "clarify the record in any way" by affidavit.

In testimony before the committee Morgan quoted a gambler as saying the Teamsters Union considered the late Paul Patterson, then governor of Oregon, as "our pigeon."

The matter came up Saturday when Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) appeared before the committee to defend Portland, his home town.

Most of the testimony thus far has concerned vice and gambling operations in Portland. Neuberger said it is "a city of ethical, responsible and law-abiding inhabitants."

Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) suggested that Morgan be contacted again. Sen. Barry M. Goldwater (R-Ariz.) supported the move. He said he thought Morgan's comment about Patterson was "rather vicious" and politically-inspired.

Jury Finds Boxer Innocent of Charge

Portland — (U.P.) — A circuit court jury Friday found 20-year-old Portland boxer Amos Lincoln innocent of a charge of raping the 17-year-old daughter of a clergyman.

A jury of seven women and five men returned the verdict in the court of Judge David R. Vandenberg of Klamath Falls after deliberating for about five hours.

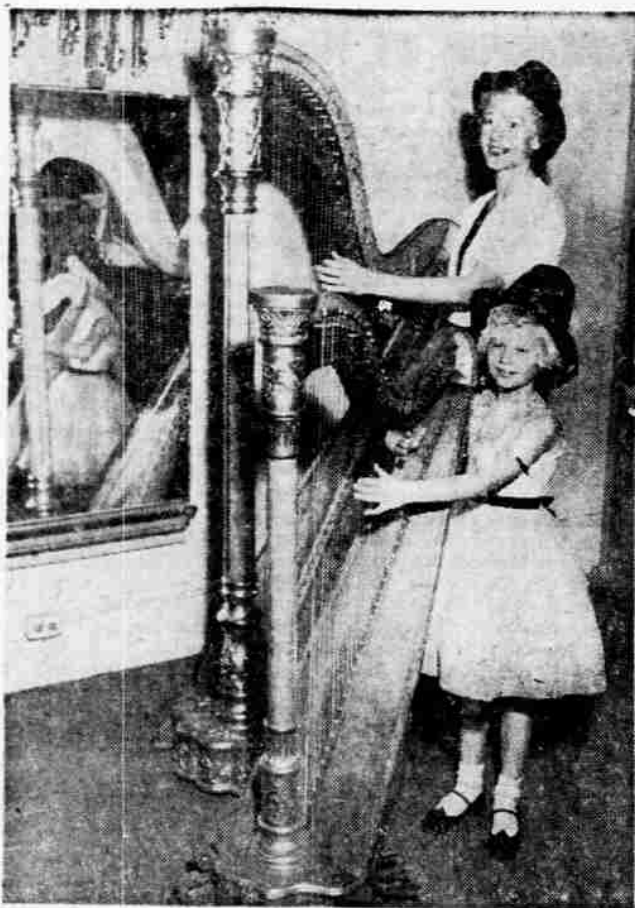
The verdict was the second acquittal of the Portland athlete on similar charges in recent months.

Five Oregon School Papers Are Recognized

New York — (U.P.) — Five Oregon high school newspapers received honors here Friday at Columbia University's annual Scholastic Press Association meeting.

Top honors of medalist went to the Pendleton Lantern and Madras White Buffalo. Reedsport's Umpqua Chief gained second place honors in its division as did Marshfield's Ma-Hi Times. Corvallis High-O-Scope gained first place recognition in its competition.

Portland — (U.P.) — The Corps of Engineers announced Saturday that seasonal repairs of the navigation locks at Bonneville and McNary dams have been completed and they now are open for navigation.



JUNIOR GRADE ANGEL—Seven-year-old Jennifer can plunk St. Patrick's Day tunes right along with her mother, Mrs. Emery Fields, on her junior size harp. The under-sized Harpo Marx prop was made specially for Jennifer by Acoma Music, San Francisco maker of musical instruments.

Evening Classes Scheduled to Start

Four evening classes sponsored by the general extension division of the Oregon system of higher education are scheduled to begin at Medford High school later this month.

A seminar on Africa, instructed by Dr. J. Cudd Brown, political science instructor for the University of Oregon, will be held Mondays, starting March 25, in room 205.

On Wednesdays, beginning on March 27, music fundamentals will be taught by Glenn Matthews, assistant professor of music Southern Oregon college, in room 223. On Thursdays, starting March 28, Dr. Bill Sampson, associate professor of education, Southern Oregon college, will teach school law and organization in room 244. Dr. Miles C. Romney, professor of education at the University of Oregon, will teach school building, Thursdays in room 242, starting March 28.

Tuition for the class in school law will be \$16 and two credit hours will be offered. Tuition for the other classes will be \$24 and three credit hours will be offered. All of the classes will be from 7 to 9:45 p.m.

Cottonseed meal is an excellent feed for cattle, but can be fed in only limited quantities to other farm animals.

200 Enroll for Adult Classes in Schools

Spring term enrollment for adult classes sponsored by the Medford public school system reached the 200 mark Saturday, according to Lindsay M. Vinsel, director of adult education.

Classes to begin this week include advanced cake decorating, lamp shade, water color painting, sculpture, creative writing, photography, supervisory training, rocks and minerals, practical nurse first aid, clothing and the Thursday night show card writing class.

The tailoring and driver training classes will begin March 26 and April 1 respectively. The adult education classes are self-supporting except for the use of school facilities and administration. This is made possible through the state department of education and vocational education, Vinsel pointed out.

KIND ROLE SOLVES PROBLEM

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Paul Fix said Friday he had solved the problem of the roles he acted in the movies overlapping into his private life. He said that when he began to have marital troubles and his old friends became distant, he simply asked for and got a different part. Fix, who had played the villain in some 100 productions is the kind old man in "The Devil's Hair-

CALLS FOR BIDS

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland district, Corps of Engineers, has called for bids for removal and disposal of the "Thompson No. 2," a sunken steel barge, from the Yaquina river near Toledo. Bids will be opened on March 25.

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ADMITS MURDER—Joseph Schwartz, 17, is shown in Chicago police station after officials reported that he had admitted the hammer slaying of Alvin Palmer, 17. Police said Schwartz told of jumping from a cruising car and attacking Palmer with the hammer. Four other youths are being held.

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