



CLAMORING FOR a Cuban rebel hero is part of a crowd, above, which stormed police lines on New York waterfront seeking to release Luis Miranda, Cuban rebel refused sanctuary in U. S. Miranda, being returned to Cuba, says he faces death. (International)

Pay Television Proposal Now Before FCC Members

Washington — The first application for pay-as-you-see television test broadcasts Saturday was up for consideration by the Federal Communications Commission.

The application was filed by the Philadelphia Broadcast Co., which plans to operate on ultra high frequency channel 29.

The FCC announced last Oct. 29 it would accept applications for subscription, or pay-as-you-see TV to operate on a limited basis but would not act on the applications until March.

Subscription TV is not to be confused with the closed circuit type of pay-TV programs in Bartlesville, Okla. TV programs there are carried by wire on a closed circuit. They are not broadcast and therefore do not come under FCC control.

The Philadelphia firm proposed to use the Skiatron system of pay TV. The subscriber would use punch cards to record his program selections.

The firm said it planned to

charge home subscribers an annual fee of \$30, plus one dollar for each special events program. A commercial firm using toll TV would be charged \$100 annually, plus \$5 for each special events program.

The application said a subscriber must attach either a converter-decoder or a simple decoder to his regular TV set. If a subscriber did not pay his bill—submitted in quarterly installments—the station would not send him a new set of decoder cards.

For the annual fee, a subscriber could receive basic sports coverage on the Philadelphia Phillies, Philadelphia Eagles, and Philadelphia Warriors—baseball, football and basketball. In addition there would be some of the sports schedules of various colleges.

Extra-charge special events would include stage presentations, major sporting events, current movies, symphonies and "other spectaculars."



SEEKING NEW TRIAL on basis of last-minute evidence, L. Ewing Scott (left), 61, found guilty by Los Angeles jury of first degree murder of wealthy wife, Evelyn Throsby Scott, 63, confers with Attorney Tom Williams after verdict. (International Soundphoto)

Atom Driven Ship Held on Plans

Washington — The Navy's second nuclear-powered aircraft carrier was reported Saturday to have been abandoned on the planning table of President El-

senhower's missile-heavy defense budget for next year.

Informed sources said that the Navy has agreed to hold off plans to begin full-scale construction of the giant ship in order to have funds to step up work on its missile-armed submarine fleet.

The move indicated a sharp Navy policy shift. Navy Secretary Thomas S. Gates, Jr., had said early this year that the atomic carrier held top priority in the Navy's ship-building program.

It had been planned to lay the keel of one new "flat-top" each year for 10 years.

This country's first atomic aircraft carrier already is under development for possible launching in 1961. At 85,000 tons and with four acres of deck area, it will be 25,000 tons heavier than the new oil-burning U.S.S. Forrestal and U.S.S. Saratoga. The eight nuclear reactors will drive the ship faster than 35 knots.

Budget officials were reported to have vetoed Navy plans to begin construction of the second ship in the year beginning next July 1.

There is an average of one mile of railroad track for every 7.8 square miles of land in the United States.

First commercial air conditioning plant in the U.S. was installed in a brewery in Alexandria, Virginia, in 1880.

Health Specialist To Make Survey Of Mouse Problem

Washington — Assistant Surgeon General Theodore J. Bauer Friday advised Sen. Richard Neuberger, (D-Ore.), that Alva R. Kinney, specialist from the U. S. Public Health Service communicable disease center in San Francisco would go to Klamath Falls Dec. 30 to study the mouse infestation in that area.

Kinney will survey the size and character of the rodent population, and continue the surveillance of tularemia found in rodents to detect other disease hazards and to recommend control measures to augment those already in use.

Bauer told Neuberger that about 200 live and dead rodents were collected by Fred Prince, chief of the San Francisco station, and Dr. Leo Kartman, a member of his staff. Bauer said "tularemia has been found to be killing off rodents from two or three localized areas. It apparently is being spread in the rodent population mainly by cannibalism at the present time."

Bauer emphasized that "no plague has yet been found and few flea vectors were seen on the rodents."

He said tests for plague are in progress at the communicable disease center on the animals and ectoparasites collected.

Lumber Price Index Shows Slight Drop

Portland — Crow's lumber price index report for a two week period ending Friday showed a drop of 25 cents due to softness in small squares and short timber items in Douglas fir.

The index also reported that standard and better green fir dimensions held their price ground, and some plants were asking a dollar or so more on 2x4 and 2x6. But demand was slow, the report said.

The word "maelstrom" came into English as the name of a celebrated whirlpool off the Norwegian coast. The vortex was once believed to suck in all ships within a wide radius.

Standards Claimed Okay For Salk Polio Vaccine

Oakland, Calif. — Dr. Jonas E. Salk says the standards he set up for the manufacture of

his polio vaccine two years ago were adequate to ensure a vaccine free of live virus.

Salk made this statement in a deposition introduced Friday in a \$365,000 damage suit filed against Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley.

The suit was filed by the parents of two children who contracted polio after receiving inoculations of Cutter-made Salk vaccine.

The children are Anne Elizabeth Gottsdanker, 8, Santa Barbara, and James Phipps, 4, Monrovia.

Melvin Belli, attorney for the plaintiffs, and Walter E. Sedgwick, lawyer for Cutter, went to Pittsburg, Pa., and took depositions from Salk last Monday.

A first, Salk was reluctant to testify in the case. However, he changed his mind after hearing that Dr. Howard J. Shaughnessy, a Cutter witness, said a "built-in" safety check devised by Salk proved to be wrong.

But Salk remained firm in his insistence that "live" virus, capable of causing polio, should not be found in his vaccine if it were made properly.

"Were the minimum requirements in 1955 safe and adequate?" Belli asked.

"Yes, if they were compliance with all provisions of the requirements," Salk replied.

The jury of eight women and four men heard two-thirds of Salk's deposition. It will hear the rest on Monday.

Urgent Orders Of Antibiotics Given for Birds

Portland — City officials here Saturday placed emergency orders with drug supply firms for any antibiotic that might save Portland's dwindling penguin population. Seven of the rare Antarctic birds have died in Portland of a fungus disease called aspergillosis. Two other birds have died in Baltimore, one in Vancouver, and one in San Diego, all of them part of the original 66 penguins captured in Antarctica by Portland Zoo Director Jack Marks.

Dr. E. M. Dickinson, head of the Oregon State College department of veterinary medicine, was one of several specialists summoned to Portland in a desperate effort to save the surviving birds from the fungus-type disease that apparently is spread by air-borne dust particles.

But Dr. Dickinson examined the temporary penguin quarters in Peninsula Park here and said they were adequate. "There is no possible source of infection locally so far as I can determine," he said.

The specialist commented that "as long as the area is sprayed with fine mist as Jack Marks is doing now and as long as we have high humidity and rain there is virtually no chance of aspergillosis spore being carried into Peninsula park."

While the antibiotics were ordered with no assurance that they would be effective, zoo officials were relying on the only known therapy—abundant food and vitamins to build resistance to disease.

Smuggled Dog Contacts Rabies

Hinsdale, Ill. — A rabid dog that bit eight persons before dying "was cute and playful, just like any other puppy," according to his coed owner.

Sue Ann Opler, 19, confessed she had no idea 2,000 college students would be affected when she smuggled "Freckles" into her room at the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority House at Florida Southern college.

Another sorority sister had given Sue Ann the dog as a Thanksgiving present, she said. For four weeks, the puppy escaped the attention of the watchful house mother, she said.

As for Freckles' habit of nipping people, it must have been "just in fun," she said. College authorities are notifying 2,000 students they may have been exposed to Rabies. Eight are already taking Rabies shots.

"I guess he was a mongrel—a nothing," the coed said. "But very sweet."

"He was never at my time mean or vicious. When I left for vacation, he had a little cold—that's all."



MEETING IN KOREA, Francis Cardinal Spellman, New York, and Comedian Bob Hope exchange quips at Camp Casey, U. S. Seventh Division headquarters. (International)

Four Youths Receive State Death Penalty

New York — Four youths, ranging in age from 17 to 22, stood before the bar of justice.

Each in his turn heard the same solemn words from Judge James P. McGrattan.

"This court sentences you to die in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison the week of February 10th — may God have mercy on your soul."

It was the first time in Queens County Court history that four defendants were sentenced to death for one murder.

The four were convicted Dec. 11 by a jury of 11 men and one woman for the holdup slaying of delicatessen proprietor William Boser, 61. The jury failed to recommend mercy making the death sentence mandatory.

Thomas Frye, 20, was the first to appear before McGrattan Friday for sentencing. He appeared calm but flinched noticeably as the grim-faced judge intoned the death sentence.

William Wynn, 17, whose widowed mother, Clara, was the only close relative of any of the defendants in court, gulped nervously when sentence was pronounced.

Ralph Dawkins, 22, seemed self possessed and maintained an outer calm.

Only Jackson Turner, Jr., 21, appeared blase. He strode into the courtroom grinning jauntily. He also was the only one to address the court before sentence was pronounced.

"When this trial first started we requested that Negroes be put on the jury," Turner told the court. "There were not enough Negroes called to be chosen and that, your honor, is a violation of my constitutional rights."

EGYPTION PROMOTED
Cairo — President Gamal Abdel Nasser has promoted War Minister Maj. Gen. Abdel Hakim Amer to lieutenant general, it was announced Saturday.

Amer negotiated the agreement in Moscow last month under which Russia agreed to loan Egypt 175 million dollars.

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