

Chessman Died Without Telling About Daughter

San Francisco—UPI—Caryl Chessman went to his death in the gas chamber without revealing the existence of a 17-year-old daughter, according to attorney George T. Davis.

Davis, who aided Chessman in his 12-year effort to escape the death penalty, said the convict-author refused to disclose the identity of the real Red Light Bandit because he feared his daughter would be harmed.

The convict-author was executed at San Quentin prison Monday morning for the Red Light Bandit crimes of kidnaping, robbery and rape. He was convicted in Los Angeles in 1948.

Ex-Wife Remarried
The attorney refused to give any more details about the daughter other than to say she was born to the wife Chessman married in 1940. The two were divorced in 1945, and Chessman's ex-wife remarried.

"It was a tough decision for Chessman," the attorney said Wednesday. "He was living there on death row where the code is different from yours and mine. After all on the one hand there was his own life—and on the other that of his daughter. And, even if he took the course that harmed his daughter, it might not save his own life."

Davis said he did not want to divulge the name of Chessman's daughter or where she was living "at this time."

"It would serve no purpose," he said.

Youth Trapped In Dry Well

Ironton, Ohio—UPI—Workers dug to within 10 feet of a youth trapped underground in a dry well today but loose sand and dirt poured into the hole to make the operation slow and heart-breaking.

At one point today rescuers thought that they would reach Warren Payne, 19, within an hour. But the sand and the dirt began sliding back into the hole faster than four men, working inside a pipe 12 feet in diameter, could dig it out.

Workers said that at times they were just keeping pace with the additional sand and dirt that sifted into the hole as each spade full was removed.

Payne, the son of a Negro minister whose church's shadow is cast across the hole where the youth was entombed, was trapped in the dry well Wednesday afternoon at his home in nearby Burlington, nine miles from here.

Diggers uncovered Payne's hand at one point, but the sand and earth began to fall into the hole, causing the workers to scurry to the surface lest they too be trapped.

Authorities said that Payne probably suffocated minutes after the cave-in occurred.

Payne was trapped in the well while attempting to brick in the sides.

Seaton Cites Power Function

Washington—UPI—Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton said Wednesday federal function in the power field "is to do only that which must be done in the national interest and then only when nonfederal agencies cannot or will not do it."

Seaton made his statement at the annual convention of the American Power Association.

"I will not support the falacious and dangerous proposition that the federal government has a 'public utility' responsibility," Seaton said. "The inevitable end... could only be a federal monopoly and a complete lack of local determination and control."

The secretary is the overall boss of such federal power agencies as the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Southern, Southwestern and Bonneville Power administrations.

Answering critics who say the administration has lagged in developing power resources, Seaton said annual power additions average more than 11,000,000 kilowatts during the seven years ending last Dec. 31.

Seaton said the country now has moved from a period of power shortage to one of plenty, "and a firm foundation has been laid for expanding requirements in the future."



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