

Episcopalians Urged to Work For End of Death Penalty

Washington — (UPI) — The Episcopal church has urged its members in every state to work for abolition of the death penalty on grounds that it violates Christian teaching, "brutalizes" society and fails to deter crime.

A 31-page compilation of theological and practical arguments against capital punishment was published by the church's national council for distribution to Episcopal dioceses throughout the country.

Urging Episcopalians to help create a climate of public opinion that will induce state legislatures to abolish legal executions, the document said:

"To agitate against the evil of capital punishment is part of the mission of the church."

Abhorrent to Conscience
Putting a man to death in a spirit of vengeance is abhorrent to the Christian conscience, it said, because all human life is sacred in the eyes of God and even the most depraved criminal continues

to be the object of God's redemptive love.

"It is not for man to cut short his fellows' possibility of redemption in this life," it said. "The death penalty is contrary to the whole Christian concept of life, as revealed in the New Testament, and is incompatible with it."

Nor can executions be justified on the basis that they are intended to "protect" society by deterring violent crimes, the document said.

"The overwhelming preponderance of evidence shows that capital punishment is neither a deterrent to crime nor a preventive. All the available statistics indicate that executions have no discernible effect on homicide death rates."

Hoover Criticized

The document criticized FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover for saying that opponents of capital punishment are protected people who are unaware of the horrors perpetrated by criminals.

It said this "unsupported assertion" by the widely respected FBI chief has had a "devastating effect" on intelligent discussion of the issue, and "in the eyes of politically minded legislators outweighs all the careful statistical studies that have been made of the question."

It listed these additional reasons why Christians should seek abolition of the death penalty:

1. Executions have a "brutalizing effect" on society. "The victim is killed on behalf of the citizens; morally they execute the prisoner. Any society is demoralized when the state, which professes to support the commandment 'thou shalt not kill,' itself takes life."

Unbearable Burden

2. Death penalty laws place an unbearable moral burden on judges, juries, and governors who must decide whether to commute sentences.

3. The criminals who actually are sent to the chair, gallows or gas chamber are not necessarily the most vicious; they are most often "the educationally underprivileged, the members of minority groups, the mentally deficient, those medically insane but legally sane." Defendants who have enough wealth and influence to carry on lengthy appeals rarely pay the ex-

treme penalty, whatever their crimes.

4. There have been "numerous" documented cases in which people were executed for crimes which, later developments proved, they did not commit. The execution of even one innocent man is a "colossal, irremediable and final offense which must haunt the Christian's conscience."

Generator for Copco's Iron Gate Is Ordered

Sunnyvale, Calif.—The Sunnyvale manufacturing division of Westinghouse Electric corporation has received an order from the California Oregon Power company for an 18,000 kilowatt hydroelectric generating plant, L. E. Hedrick, division manager, announced today.

The new Iron Gate generating plant will be located on the Klamath river near Hornbrook, Calif., just south of the Oregon state line.

The largest piece of Westinghouse equipment being produced for Iron Gate will be the generator, with a rating of 18,947 kilovolt amperes. This machine will be a "vertical umbrella type" in which the rotor structure re-

sembles the ribbed frame of an umbrella, supported from beneath by a single thrust bearing.

As at some of the dozen other Copco plants in the Umpqua, Rogue and Upper Klamath basins, Iron Gate will be a completely self-contained automatic station. Unattended it will be controlled from an existing plant several miles away. The East Pittsburgh, Pa., division of Westinghouse is furnishing the supervisory control equipment. The main power transformer will be built at the Sharon, Pa., division, and the switchgear at Sunnyvale.

Shipment of the various parts to the plant site is to be completed by July 1, 1961,

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when erection will begin. The Portland engineering and service department of Westinghouse will erect all of the electrical equipment.

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Attorney General Plans Crackdown on Crime, Price Fixing

Washington —(UPI)— Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy says he plans concentrated crackdowns on organized crime and price-fixing in the business world.

He also said that within the "next couple of weeks" the Justice Department, probably will propose legislation to empower federal agents to break up interstate crime communications, including dissemination of gambling information.

The attorney general said he no longer would press for creation of a national crime commission.

"I think we are now able to accomplish a good number of these things that I thought should be done through a national crime commission within the Department of Justice," he said.

"I think there is still some use for it and certainly would not be opposed to it," the former Senate rackets committee counsel said, "but I am not as strong for it as I had been in the past."

Boxing Target

Discussing his department's projects with Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N. Y.), Kennedy said he and his aides also are studying the tough problem of getting big-time criminals out of professional boxing.

He said Chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) of the Senate anti-trust and monopoly subcommittee suggested after an investigation of the fight game that the Justice Department had some authority to deal with the situation.

"I think that the danger in that is that we could become more of a regulatory agency than a department of justice—dealing with the administration of justice," he said, adding that "I think that it will have to be gone into with a good deal of care before we reach any decision about it."

But Kennedy made it clear his department will conduct a continuing, full-scale investigation of all price-fixing charges.

He said his department is investigating complaints from all over the nation — "I would think almost every major metropolitan area... including the city of New York and the state of New York, where rather important cases appear to be developing."

Eye on Mergers

He said in addition to an indictment returned in Florida recently in connection with the bread industry, the department is looking into alleged conspiracies dealing with prices of meat, milk, drugs and various kinds of electrical equipment.

The attorney general said his department also was keeping an eye on business mergers to make certain they do not destroy competition.

On other subjects, Kennedy said:

—His telephone calls to local officials have produced several cases of compliance with anti-discrimination orders of the federal courts, but in instances where there is no such cooperation "we of course have to move in."

—There is "certainly nothing to" rumors that there has been a rift between him and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. "Our relationship is of the best."

—The FBI will continue to spearhead the fight against Communism, and the administration currently has no plans for legislation in that field.

Vancouver — Salmon is the most valuable product of Canada's fishing industries.

Yreka Legion Post Observes Birthday

Yreka — The 42nd birthday of Ross Neilon Post American Legion was celebrated recently with a potluck dinner. The dinner was served by the auxiliary at the Veterans hall.

The birthday cake was presented to Commander Whiting by his wife, Helen, who is the president of the auxiliary. Lloyd Flock was presented a citation for his outstanding work with Boy Scout Troop 34, which is sponsored by the Legion. The presentation was made by Commander Whiting. A picture of the founder of the Boy Scout movement was presented.

Commander Whiting gave citations to F. W. (Hap) Thomas for work he has done for Ross Neilon post and to R. C. (Bert) Orr for work in membership for 1961.

At the business meeting it was voted to send money to the department to insure attendance by a local girl to Girl's State. The girl will be a junior from Yreka High school and will be selected this week. It was reported that two aghans and 39 pair of scuffles had been sent to the Veteran's hospital.

Ashland Senior in State Competition

Ashland-Jerry Burns, Ashland High school senior, will compete for state honors this week end in Ontario, after winning the Southern Oregon District scholarship of \$250 in the annual Elks Foundation contest.

Burns will compete with nine other Oregon district winners for the \$600 Elks National Foundation award and for the prize of \$950 given by the Oregon Elks association. Qualifications are based upon scholarship, extra-curricular activities, personality and leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness as well as financial need.

The Ashland winner is president of the National Honor Society at AHS and is rated second scholastically in the graduating class of 170. He has won numerous forensic honors and recently was one of four students to represent southern Oregon in the state debate tournament. He also won three first trophies at the Linfield college speech tournament. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burns, 121 Bush st.

BILL CONDEMNED

Portland — (UPI) — The Multnomah Labor Council's legislative committee unanimously approved a resolution Wednesday that condemns the Senate bill which would give the Board of Dental Examiners regulatory power over the professional conduct of dentists.

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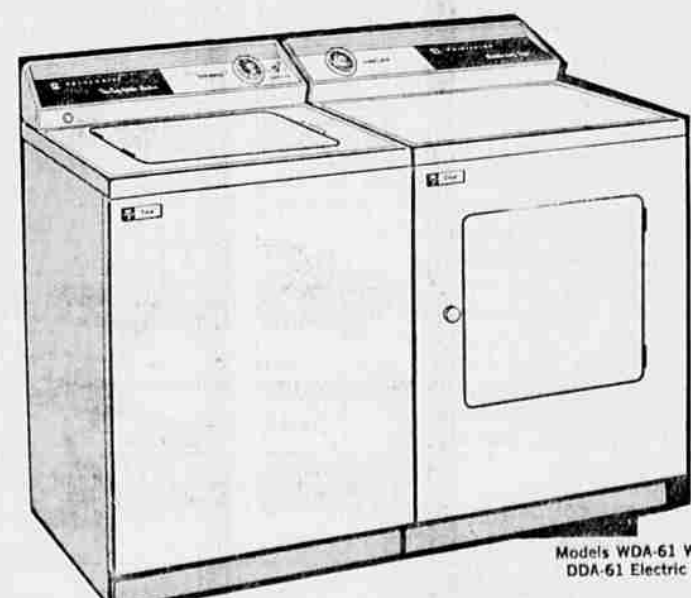
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