

Civil Rights Panel Witness Testifies He Was Tortured Twice by Southern Police

Washington - AP - A civil rights panel Saturday planned to hear more integrationists' stories of suffering they said they received at the hands of southern police.

A number of witnesses Friday told the two-day hearings set up by Congress of racial equality that integrationists, whether white or Negro, faced torture, beating, trumped-up charges and other illegalities in the southern legal process.

The panel includes such prominent figures as Eleanor Roosevelt and Socialist leader Norman Thomas.

Real Feeling

"We have to awake this country," Mrs. Roosevelt said. She said she thought the South would "respond to real feeling among the people of other parts of the country."

One witness, Eric Weinberger of Norwich, Conn., claimed police in Brownsville, Tenn., tortured him with an electric shock probe and wrist clamps because he helped

evicted Negro sharecroppers earn a living.

The 30-year-old teacher said he was tortured twice this spring, and once Sheriff Tip Hunter operated the wrist clamps.

Wrist Clamps

In Tennessee, Hunter immediately denied that Weinberger was tortured. He said wrist clamps had to be used to try to get Weinberger's fingerprints. But the sheriff said Weinberger was so "uncooperative" that even with the clamps they were unable to obtain clear prints.

Weinberger charged that the Brownsville police "used a high-voltage electric shock probe - the type they use to make cattle move" - on sensitive parts of his body.

"I was beaten by Deputy Anderson and four others, some in blue uniform, some in plainclothes," he said. "The wrist clamp was screw-

ed down to the screaming point and shaken.

Passed Out

"My fingers were bent back, my pants slashed or torn off and a high-voltage electric probe applied," Weinberger told the panel.

"During the beating I passed out two or three times, but was revived each time by slaps so that the torture could continue.

"On Saturday, with the sheriff present, I was again dragged from the cell, and tied face down on the floor in an adjacent cell. The wrist cuff was applied again, plus pliers to hold the fingers."

Weinberger, who still is teaching the sharecroppers to make tote bags but does not risk leaving his workshop, said his sight was temporarily impaired by a punch in the eye and the back of his hand was partially numbed from the clamps.

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Counties Ask Aid In Starting Local Mental Clinics

Salem - AP - State mental health director, Joseph Treleven, has announced that 13 applications have been received from counties and others seeking state funds for creation of local mental health clinics. Six other counties are interested.

Twelve of the applications are from counties, or groups of counties. They include Coos and Curry together, Crook-Deschutes - Jefferson combined, and Clackamas, Benton, Marion, Yamhill, Lincoln, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Tillamook and Washington.

Private Group

The 13th application is from a private group in Portland, the Community Child Guidance Clinic.

A 1961 appropriation of \$200,000 for such community health clinics will be available starting July 1. The \$200,000 is for the second year of this biennium, which starts the first of July.

Other counties that may submit applications, Dr. Treleven said, include Linn, Clatsop, Polk, Lane, Multnomah and Columbia.

The director said that if clinics are established in all of the areas applying, nearly 80 per cent of all Oregon citizens will be close to a local mental health clinic.

Treleven's mental health division was created by 1961 act, under the State Board of Control.

Woman Overcome By Butane Gas

Bend - AP - A Portland woman, Mrs. Herman Kerchar, was overcome by fumes from a butane camping stove at South Twin Lake, 30 miles south of here Saturday.

She was taken to a Bend hospital where her condition was not immediately known.

State police said she was discovered in her tent by her husband and sons after they returned from a morning fishing jaunt. Artificial respiration was applied by a state policeman who was called.

State GOP Leaders To Attend Meeting

Portland - AP - Oregon Republican Chairman Phillip J. Roth said Saturday about a dozen state GOP leaders and candidates will attend a Republican National committee meeting in Seattle June 11-12.

Aim of the meeting will be to shape campaign strategy.

Roth said likely delegates include himself, GOP vice chairman Mrs. Paul Daughtry of Portland, secretary Mrs. Forrest Hedges of Grants Pass, and treasurer Joseph Burns of Hermiston. They also include GOP national committeeman Lowell Paget of Portland and national committeewoman Mrs. Collins Moore of Moro.

Marilyn Takes Swim in The Buff in Movie Scene

Hollywood - AP - Marilyn Monroe, who gained national prominence as a nude calendar girl, enhanced her standing as Hollywood's No. 1 glamour girl last week by splashing in the altogether for a swimming scene in her latest movie.

The blonde glamour girl stripped to the buff on orders from George Cukor for a swimming pool scene in "Something's Got To Give."

Something did - Marilyn's flesh-colored swim suit.

"I had been wearing the suit, but it concealed too much," she said. "And it would have looked wrong on the screen."

Close Their Eyes

"It's the first time I've ever worked in a movie without any clothes on. The set was closed, all except for members of the crew who were very sweet. I told them to close their eyes and turn their backs, and I think they all did."

Cukor, a calendar fan, said Marilyn's figure was better than it was at the time the calendar was published. "She has a beautiful body, better than ever."

Martin Absent

Miss Monroe, giggling like a school girl, said it took almost

most all day Wednesday to shoot the scene. Her costar, Dean Martin, was absent.

"I think he was out playing golf," Marilyn said.

Asked if she was embarrassed by her over-exposure, Marilyn laughed again and said, "Actresses are always embarrassed when they are acting."

"I was a little embarrassed by the fact I don't swim very well. I only dog-paddle but I'm buoyant and I can float. I only went under once, but I popped right back to the surface."

"There was a lifeguard on the set to help me out if I needed him, but I'm not sure it would have worked. He had his eyes closed too."

Head State Capitol Guide to End Work

Salem - AP - The most familiar figure to visitors of the Oregon Capitol building, Gene Vandeneys, is retiring, the Oregon Highway Department has announced. He heads the Capitol guide service.

Vandeneys, 65, has been the Capitol guide since November, 1953. He has shown the Capitol to tens of thousands of persons.

When he first joined the guide service, it was under the secretary of state's office. The service was shifted to the travel information division of the highway department in 1959.

Melvin Cleveland, director of the Oregon Civil Service commission, said that recruiting is in progress for a successor. The salary range is \$3,500 to \$4,500 a year.

The guide is not only responsible for showing visitors through the Capitol, but delivers talks about the exhibits, history of the building, and history of the state.

Applications will be received through June 8.

Goldberg Hopes for Shipping Settlement

Portland - AP - Labor Secretary Arthur Goldberg is hopeful a settlement will be reached in the west coast maritime dispute, but if not, he made it clear the government will act.

"It is important and imperative that the parties make settlement . . . and I urge them to do so," he told a news conference Friday night.

Three west coast seagoing unions who struck earlier this year are now working under a Taft-Hartley injunction that expires this summer.

"We of course will do everything we have to do and are empowered to do to protect the national safety," Goldberg said.

Hatfield Charged With Making a Deal to Veto Two Labor Measures

Salem - AP - An employer spokesman said Saturday that a 3-way workmen's compensation bill will be introduced in the 1963 Legislature and there will be "no compromise" on guts of the proposal.

A similar plan caused one of the hottest controversies of the 1961 session. The heat was so great that it - and a lot of other legislation in the final hours - died.

At the same time the spokesman, Attorney Keith Skelton of Eugene, charged that Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield made "a deal to veto two bills if they got to his desk."

One of these was 3-way and the other was the "Little Landrum-Griffin" labor bill, Skelton said. Little Landrum-Griffin also perished.

turn for Hatfield's opposition to 3-way and Little Landrum-Griffin, labor agreed to support Hatfield in the election this year.

"Labor will now lay off on this" in November, Skelton said.

Hatfield did not support the 3-way bill in 1961, but he had his own "2-way" proposal. This died also.

Skelton Sponsored

Last year Skelton was counsel for the Committee for Competitive Workmen's Compensation, the wheelhorse and

sponsor of the 3-way bill. He said that while he would be counsel for the committee again this session, he represents some firms "interested in such a plan for improving workmen's compensation" and therefore will have a role in the 1963 effort.

At present the state has all but a monopoly in workmen's compensation insurance, through the Oregon Industrial Accident Commission.

Better System

A number of Oregon employers say that 3-way is the only answer to a better system. The three ways would let an employer insure his workers through: (1) the state, (2) a private carrier, or (3) self insurance.

Opponents of 3-way say this can be done under existing laws, but Skelton insists it cannot.

The 1961 legislation is now being reviewed and modified by the employer committee. Skelton said it will be submitted in 1963 with modifications in such areas as funding.

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