

Witnesses Cite Reasons to Abolish Death Sentence

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Salem - (UPI) - The halting, quietly-spoken testimony of a reporter who had watched 16 executions in Oregon's gas chamber highlighted a hearing Friday before the Senate Judiciary committee.

Almost a score of witnesses during the 2½ hour hearing cited reasons why the death penalty should be abolished. Rep. Philip Lang (D-Portland) a former state policeman, was alone in favor of capital punishment. He said it was a deterrent to murder. Paul Harvey Jr., Salem cor-

respondent for Associated Press for 26 years, was subpoenaed in a rare action to appear before the committee. Harvey quietly answered questions asked by committee chairman Sen. Thomas Mahoney (D-Portland). He said he had witnessed the executions "in the line of duty, certainly not by choice." He said all 16 had been rep-

resented by court appointed attorneys. **Facial Contortions**
"Unconsciousness came about five seconds after they took a breath of the gas. It must have been quite painful, judging by the facial contortions. Some of those executed did not wear masks. It was difficult to witness." At Mahoney's prodding,

Harvey related details of a mentally retarded 17-year-old Mexican who was executed. The youth had killed three members of an Oregon farm family after escaping from a California institution out of fear he would be identified and returned to the institution. He told of another case in which the execution took

place even after the judge, district attorney and jury petitioned the governor to commute the sentence. Harvey termed the death sentence "vindictive justice." He also argued against arbitrary imposition of long sentences, and said "I know of outstanding cases of rehabilitation."

He cited the "Bird Man," Robert Stroud, as an indication of potential loss to civilization by the taking of human life. Stroud became recognized as a world authority on birds after serving decades in solitary confinement after his death sentence was commuted.

Gaddis called for leadership on the part of Gov. Mark Hatfield "to act, not hang back on this issue." Hatfield has stated publicly he opposed capital punishment, but would grant commutations only in cases of judicial error. Dr. Hugo A. Bedout of Reed college agreed with Harvey's views on limiting parole and said "I can document that parole boards make few mistakes."

Legislature Faces Busy Week Of Hearings; CD Due Again

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon Legislature will get off to a fast start next week with hearings Monday on medical care for the aged, truth-in-lending, and farm picketing. Civil Defense will come up again Monday night when Ways and Means subcommittee has planned another work session to resume consideration of its proposal to chop the budget for the state CD agency.

Several bills of some substance made advances last week. A few others came to the end of the line. **Killed Increases**
The House Planning and Development committee voted to let the controversial Sunday closing bill die in committee. The Senate killed increases in minimum pay for teachers.

The House refused to approve a memorial endorsing the social security approach to hospital and nursing home care for the aged. The Senate passed and sent to the House measures calling for a study of automation, providing for certification of psychologists, and asking the federal government to keep hands off legislative appointments.

Singmaster Resigns From Association

The House approved and forwarded to the Senate bills revising boat registration laws and authorizing local cat control programs. The House also approved a committee report that is a first step in revising some of the procedures surrounding the Basic School Fund.

Appeared Certain
An investigation of the State Game commission appeared certain after the House Fish and Game committee approved a Separate-passed resolution. A Senate bill to strengthen the anti-pollution law and authorize local programs cleared committee and went to the Senate floor.

The Ways and Means subcommittee on education voted to limit higher education's building program for the next biennium to \$20.6 or less by considering only the 12 top priority items. The House Military Affairs committee decided to take a lead in fighting for Civil Defense.

3rd Management Conference Set In City April 9

The third annual Southern Oregon management conference will be held Tuesday, April 9, under sponsorship of the Medford Chamber of Commerce at the Rogue Valley Country club.

The conferences are arranged by the chamber in cooperation with the school of business administration, University of Oregon, and the general extension division of the Oregon state system of higher education.

Frank Bash, chairman of the education committee of the chamber, will open the conference at 9:15 a.m. Dean Lindholm, coordinator, will introduce the speakers. Speakers listed for the meeting are Dr. Donald Watson, professor of finance and assistant director of business research; Dr. R. W. Lindholm, dean of the school of business administration; and Norman Smith, assistant professor of marketing, University of Oregon.

Other Instances Of Maltreatment Turn Up at Trial

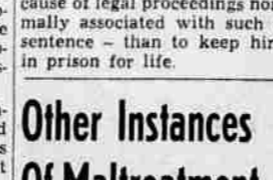
San Diego, Calif. - (UPI) - Court-martial proceedings against a Marine drill instructor accused of maltreating recruits disclosed Friday that three other sergeants also were charged with improper treatment of the men.

The proceedings, therefore, were continued until Monday. The defense attorney for Sgt. Carlton L. Slay, 33, San Diego, won the continuance in order to have more time to study the charges.

Slay was accused of 18 counts of maltreatment or cruel and unusual punishment involving 15 recruits. The charges included punching and shoving his men. The Marines disclosed Friday that in addition to Slay and another senior drill instructor, two junior instructors were involved. All were assigned to the 2nd Recruit Training Battalion at the Marine Recruit Depot.

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Officers elected to serve with Windsor are Clyde Dickerson, leading knight; Ardis Warren, loyal knight; James Akerill, lecturing knight; Richard Thorpe, esquire; William Slack, assistant esquire; Ernest Childreth, inner guard; C. M. Brown, chaplain; Roy Hartley, tyler, and Bill Beeson, organist.

Jack Weaver was reelected secretary of the lodge, and E. E. McLaughlin was reelected treasurer. James Madison was named alternate to Grand Lodge.

Newly elected board member is Homer Bissell. Others on the board are Ewald Bostand, Richard Herndobler, R. L. Mullin, and L. F. Rude. Clint Baughman, W. H. Wenner, and Orson Wray were reelected directors of the Butler Fund committee.

Structure Covers Park, Shop Lot

The final painting has been completed on a structure which covers 20 parking spaces in the Park and Shop lot at the intersection of Central ave. and Fourth st. The structure, of steel, was installed as an experiment. Park and Shop official Fred Robinson explained. It is principally to provide shade during the summer. If it proves to be popular, similar structures may be installed on other lots, it was explained. It is believed that this is the first time such a structure has been installed on the west coast in a public parking lot, according to officials.

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