

Dennis Saved From Chair By Last-Minute Reprieve

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 16 (AP)—Andrew W. Dennis, scheduled to enter the lethal gas chamber this morning for the strangulation of his mother-in-law, was saved by a zero hour order of the state supreme court.

The court agreed to call a hearing to determine whether Dennis' trial was fair, and directed Warden George Alexander not to carry out an order of execution.

The court ordered Dennis to appear next Tuesday so the court may determine whether Dennis should be sent back to Portland for resentencing, the order directing Warden George Alexander not to carry out the execution.

Legal Technicalities
The failure of Multnomah county officials to send a death warrant to Alexander, and the failure to remove Dennis to the prison within 20 days after the supreme court mandate in his case had been handed down, were the legal technicalities which saved Dennis. Dennis was brought here 36 days after the supreme court mandate.

Dennis also contended he did not have a fair trial, but the reason for the supreme court's order were the legal technicalities. The delay probably will give Dennis a chance to appeal for commutation to Governor Earl Snell, who will be back on the job in another week. Acting Gov. Howard C. Belton denied commutation yesterday.

Dennis' attorney, Edwin D. Hicks, asked the court for a habeas corpus writ in order to give time for the hearing. Hicks backed his plea with letters from trial officials—Judge Martin H. Hawkins; James R. Bain, who was prosecuting attorney in the case and is now circuit judge; and Tom Handley, deputy district attorney at the trial and now district attorney.

Not First Degree
The letters asserted that the crime was not first degree murder because it was not premeditated, and charged that the jury was prejudiced by the way in which the defense was conducted.

Bain wrote that, as district attorney, he offered to accept a plea of second degree murder, but that the defense attorney, Leroy Lomax Jr., refused. That, Bain said, left the jury with only two choices: first degree murder or acquittal. The letters were directed to the acting governor, who refused to commute the sentence. The effect of yesterday's

Jap Prisoners Of War Go Home



Japanese captured on Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Guam and in the Philippines shuffle aboard the army transport Sea Flasher at San Francisco. The ship will carry them back to Japan. (AP Wirephoto)

supreme court order will be to postpone Dennis' execution for at least 30 days. Regardless of any action taken at Tuesday's hearing, Dennis will have to be sent back to Portland to be resentenced by Judge Hawkins, as supreme court attaches said the high court does not have power to fix a new date for the execution.

Dennis had his "last meal" today of fried Olympia oysters, which Warden Alexander had a difficult time finding. Dennis had told the warden yesterday he wanted to eat them just before he was to die at 9 a. m. today. The warden decided to give them to him, anyway.

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News Notes and Comment

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The "Melody Lane" formal is tonight in the girls' gym up at the high school Job's Daughters were decorating for the dance all day. The dance will begin at 8:30 and last until 11:30. Baldy's Band will play.

Little Theatre Plays
Three plays will be presented in the Little Theatre off Mon Claire Monday and Tuesday for the benefit of the KUHSS students. Students will be allowed to see the shows during study hall periods for 10c admission. The plays are entitled "The Wonder Hat," "Whose Husband," and "Idlings of the King."

The cast of "Whose Husband" is as follows: Mrs. Ruggles—Gloria Mayfield; Mr. Ruggles—Pat Wilkins; Mary Nolan—Nancy Ballentine; Mr. Frisbie—Lew Harper; Mrs. Frisbie—Betty Jennings.

"Idlings of the King" has Bob Pluss as King; Rosemary Davis—Queen; Launcelot—John Ogle; Merlin—Lee Good; Modred—Owen Moore; Pages—Violet Griffith, Gwyn Beckley, Mercedes Collins.

The actors and actresses aren't the only ones putting a play over; the staff is always in the background unseen but doing plenty of work. The staff for these plays is Jim Meyers, Chuck Blackstone on the business end, Dennis Knowles, house



Joan O'Neill

Body Of Late Oregon Congressman Will Lie In State Saturday

SALEM, Nov. 16 (AP)—The body of the late Rep. James W. Mott, who died last Monday in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., will lie in state Saturday from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. in the house chamber in the capitol, where the funeral will be held at 2 p. m.

Mott's body is expected to arrive in Portland about 7:30 a. m. tomorrow, and will be brought to Salem by hearse.

9 Planes Left At Portland Air Base

PORTLAND, Nov. 16 (AP)—Although transient army, navy and marine corps traffic still keep personnel occupied, Portland army airbase has only nine planes of its own remaining, officials said today.

Huge fleets of bombers and fighters that covered the field when it was a training center have disappeared. Most planes from the airbase, now a separation center, have flown south to huge storage bases.

The army plans to retain the base permanently. Oregon's congressional delegation has reported.

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