

Jews Name New Leader

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The American Jewish Congress has for its new president a German-born rabbi, N. J. rabbi who links Vice President Nixon's riotous reception in South America to segregation troubles at home.

Dr. Joachim Prinz was elected national president yesterday at the end of the AJC national convention.

The organization, which takes pride in making strong stands on controversial issues, fought over a watered-down resolution voicing its concern over nuclear weapons tests.

But it swung hard on race, Southland bombing and Middle East policy, issues which were the main concern of the AJC throughout its convention. It went on record, by unanimous votes, with criticism of the Eisenhower administration on these issues.

Prinz, who succeeded Dr. Israel Goldstein of New York as president, said in an acceptance speech: "The events in South America point clearly to the fact that we have failed to understand that Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela, are but a stone's throw from Little Rock, Ark., and that our fight for civil rights here in America might well be understood in terms of the foreign policy of the United States and in the battle for the souls and minds of the untold millions of yet-uncommitted peoples in the world."

Prinz is rabbi of the largest Jewish congregation in New Jersey, Temple B'Nai Abraham. He also has an international reputation as a Jewish leader and is prominent in the World Jewish Congress.

For 12 years, until the Nazis threw him out in 1937, he was a rabbi in Berlin.

Want To Die On Gallows Says Grocery Clerk Killer

POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN, Utah (AP)—"I want to die, man. I'm fed up with it all," said Barton Kay Kirkham, 21, a cocky killer scheduled to hang June 7.

If his death sentence isn't commuted at a final hearing June 4, the 200-pound youth will die on the gallows for killing grocery clerk David Frame, 50, in a \$50 holdup in Salt Lake City in August 1956.

Mrs. Ruth Webster was also slain in the holdup, but Kirkham was tried only on the Frame killing.

Kirkham has refused to appeal for clemency.

"I don't want life. My parents are the ones who want me commuted. They think you can be rehabilitated in prison . . . but rehabilitation comes from within."

The stubble-haired youth wore a fixed smile and seemed unaware that he was wringing his hands during an interview at Utah State Prison. Despite an occasional lapse into pop talk, his conversation showed evidence of the reading he has done in his 16 months in death row — medical journals, psychiatric texts and legal briefs on his case.

"I guess I'm just a rebel," he said, grinning.

The eldest of five children raised in the Mormon faith, Kirkham said he turned from the church and quit school in the 11th grade. After 18 months in the Air Force, he went AWOL, committed a robbery in Colorado and was given an undesirable discharge while serving nine months in a reformatory.

"I was out five weeks on parole when I shot those people," he said. His rebellion extends into prison. After letting his hair and beard grow for 13 months, he recently shaved his head and face bald to irk prison officials who ordered his hair trimmed.

His execution will be Utah's first hanging in 46 years.

"I chose hanging instead of the firing squad because of the publicity . . . the novelty . . . to put the state to more inconvenience," he said.

Kirkham spends his last days listening to radio music, reading books and scanning newspaper clippings about his case which he keeps pinned to the wall of his cell.

Is he scared?

"Not particularly. When you live

with the thought of dying so long, you get used to it. I may get shook up at the last minute, but I don't think so."

Does his religious upbringing

provide solace now?

"There's too much hate in me to accept religion. If I were going on a religious kick, I'd have done it long before now."

Any reason why he turned to crime?

"I'm lazy. Three psychiatrists said I don't feel normal emotions, but they say I'm legally sane. I

knew it was wrong to kill . . . but I don't feel any remorse.

"I can't say I have any beef about my environment or parents or anything."

But how did society wrong him? Why did he kill?

Kirkham grinned again, threw up his hands and shrugged.

"Man, I don't know . . ."

Stassen's Chances May Be Hampered By Light Voting

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The prospect of a light vote may hamper Harold Stassen's chances of winning the Republican nomination election tomorrow.

A light vote in a Pennsylvania primary traditionally favors candidates backed by state political organizations.

Stassen is running against the Republican organization candidate, Arthur T. McGonigle of Reading, head of one of the largest pretzel firms in the country. Williams S. Livengood Jr., former state secretary of internal affairs, also is making an independent bid for the GOP gubernatorial nomination.

Pittsburgh Mayor David L. Lawrence, 68, is the Democratic organization candidate for governor.

His chief opposition is Lt. Gov. Roy E. Furman, running on an independent ticket.

Rep. Hugh Scott (R) of Philadelphia is running with McGonigle for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by the retirement of Sen. Edward Martin (R) next January.

Weldon B. Heyburn, former state auditor general, is Stassen's running mate for the Senate. Heyburn has been inactive since he suffered a slight stroke at the beginning of the campaign. Livengood is running alone.

Gov. George Leader is the Democratic state party choice for the Senate nomination. Clarence P. Bowers, Reading battery manufacturer, is opposing him on the Furman ticket.

Stassen, 51, was governor of Minnesota three times. An issue during a listless campaign has been his Pennsylvania residence. He also was President Eisenhower's disarmament aide and in 1956 he strongly opposed Vice President Nixon's bid for renomination at the Republican National Convention.

The state GOP leadership looks favorably on Nixon as a 1960 presidential candidate and a Republican governor would wield great influence over the direction the Pennsylvania delegation takes in 1960.

McGonigle, also 51, was tapped by the state leadership as a new face to spark a GOP rally from defeats in the 1954 gubernatorial election and the 1956 senatorial election. He has never run for political office before.

Alaska Bill Defeat Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Speaker Sam Rayburn was quoted Monday as expressing fear the Alaska statehood bill may be beaten when it comes up in the House later this week.

Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) said Rayburn had advised him he believes the bill may be sent back to committee but the Californian added, "I don't think so myself."

Engle, chairman of the House Insular Affairs Committee, made his comment during the course of a presentation to him by Ralph J. Rivers of a trophy making the Californian a member of the 49ers.

Rivers, Alaska's unofficial representative in Congress, said the award was in recognition of Engle's efforts to make Alaska the 49th state.

Author Dies

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Death has claimed F. Hugh Herbert, 60, author and playwright. He died of lung cancer Saturday in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

Among his Broadway plays were "Kiss and Tell" and "The Moon is Blue." Both were adapted later to motion pictures.

Herbert's widow, Mary, and two daughters survive.

Man Uses Head To 'Shoot' Thief

DENVER (AP)—A young sick man flailed an elderly man on the head with the butt of a gun last night. The weapon fired, fatally wounding the bandit's accomplice.

The red-haired victim, between 18 and 21, was not immediately identified.

The gunman tried to arouse him, then fled in a car before a half-dozen witnesses.

The intended victim, Emil Myers, 66, was treated at a hospital for a severe head cut and released. He told officers the pair had accosted him outside his home and demanded money.

Man the Fenders!

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (UP)—Heavy river boat traffic gave two local residents a cool idea.

Louis Aten and Louis Ellis took out a "shanty boat" license and opened a river boat drive-in refreshment stand.

Dog Rips 4-Inch Wound On Girl, 4

DALLAS (AP)—Audrey Lee Helms, 4, stooped to pet a shaggy black and white dog while visiting her grandparents yesterday.

Before bystanders could rescue the screaming child, her father said, the animal ripped a four-inch wound near her right eye, and gashed both cheeks, her scalp and right shoulder.

The father, Edward Ray Helms, pulled the dog away while his wife snatched up the little girl. They were here from Euless, Tex., to visit the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McQueen.

Police took the dog to the pound for rabies observation and ticketed its owner for a leash law violation.

Red Threat Banned By Egyptian Papers

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's newspapers gave banner headline play Monday to Russia's warning to Western countries to keep out of Lebanese Crisis.

The newspaper Al Akhbar carried the story under a big, red headline:

"War If America Intervenes In Lebanese Crisis."

Al Ahran's headline said: "Danger Hovers Over Lebanon."

The Soviet News Agency Tass said in a dispatch from Moscow Sunday said outside intervention in Lebanon could have serious consequences throughout the Middle East.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL

LONDON (UP)—Mrs. Barbara Atolankiewicz and her four children were determined to have a beach picnic Sunday.

But one of the children fell out of the train taking them to the beach and broke his leg. The family finally held their picnic on the lawn of a London hospital.

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