

Olson, Opponent of Capital Punishment, Has Reprised 17 Condemned Men in Six Months

By UNITED PRESS

Governor Culbert Olson, long an opponent of capital punishment, will allow executions to take place in only the most flagrant murder cases, it appeared today from an examination of the chief executive's record in clemency matters.

During the six months Olson has been in office he has issued 17 reprieves to postpone impending executions and no prisoner has gone to San Quentin's new lethal gas chamber during that time.

The governor's views on the subject are strong, and as a state senator in the 1937 legislative session he voted for a bill which would have abolished the death penalty entirely. But his confidants explain that having sworn to uphold all the laws of the state Olson feels he cannot logically commute sentences of condemned criminals to life imprisonment unless there are adequate extenuating circumstances.

With this outlook, the governor is carefully scrutinizing each application for executive clemency but giving each man the benefit of every doubt. Four men have already had their scheduled executions permanently cancelled in favor of life imprisonment and many others undoubtedly will receive similar treatment during the present administration.

There will be some executions, however, and the first may be Claude David, who tied a robbery victim to a tree and unmercifully beat him to death. Governor Olson issued one reprieve to David to give time for further investigation of his case but is represented as feeling there are no legitimate grounds for clemency in this case.

Another murderer who is given virtually no chance of escaping death is Charles Augustine McEachan, convicted of attacking and beating to death a six-year-old Los Angeles girl.

At the present time there are 41 persons in death cells at San Quentin and Folsom prisons whose fate the governor will be called upon to decide within the next few months.

Rotary Demotion Party Tonight at Lakewood Club

With 110 reservations already booked, the annual demotion installation dinner dance of Torrance Rotary club to be held at Lakewood Country club tonight promises to eclipse in attendance any such affair ever held by the pioneer service group.

Besides an almost 100 percent attendance of Rotarians, many Kiwanians and other guests will be present to enjoy the fun and feast which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Comedy, songs and dancing will make up the evening's entertainment, the usual serious portion of the weekly program being omitted, to give full sway to the humorous skit arranged to denote retiring president Harry M. Abramson. At the conclusion of the dinner program, President-elect Harold E. Appenzeller will be given the gavel to adjourn the meeting.

The committee in charge to the party include: Grover C. Whyte, chairman; Charles V. Jones, Sam Levy and George Peckham.

Lingerie on Clothes Line Destroyed

Apparently the work of some degenerate, according to police reports, a clothes line of women's lingerie was ripped and torn to shreds in the backyard of an Arlington avenue home Sunday night. The garments had been ruthlessly destroyed but no trace of a clue could be found, investigating officers reported.

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Newspaper advertising of the Southern California Edison Company Ltd. has been awarded national honors in the annual Better Copy Contest of the Public Utilities Advertising Association. The Southern California Edison won the award of merit for public relations newspaper advertising and the premier award for merchandise newspaper advertising for electric companies in the 1938 competition with several hundred other utilities.

R. G. Kenyon, advertising manager of the Southern California Edison company received the two certificates of award for his company at the annual convention of the association in New York City. The company's newspaper advertising, selected from four thousand entries in the nationwide contest, was exhibited as one of the features of the convention. The Edison company has used newspaper advertising as its principal medium for many years and each year since 1934 has been awarded prizes for the excellence of its advertising.

Ten Patients Enter Hospital

Ten patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. Mrs. Helen Atkinson, Hermosa Beach, entered July 5 for medical care; Mrs. Jennie Burket, 1222 1/2 Arlington, Tuesday for surgery; Mrs. Lilah Creighton, Redondo Beach, Friday for an appendectomy, and Mrs. Mabel d'Agay, Manhattan Beach, Sunday for surgery.

Frederick Fischer, 67, of 1608 1/2 S. street, Tuesday for medical attention; Mrs. Grace Neibarger, Wilmington, Friday for surgery; Mrs. Esther Palmer, Redondo Beach, Friday for an appendectomy; Claude Taylor, Inglewood, Wednesday for surgery; Mrs. Effie Hull, Redondo Beach, last Thursday for medical attention.

Sheriff Cautions Against Phony Solicitations

Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz this week broadcast a general warning to all citizens and business people against improper and unlawful solicitation of money by persons representing themselves as agents of some charity or other worthy cause.

"My office has recently received reports indicating unusual activity on the part of unethical solicitors who try to get money from citizens and business houses to pay for so-called advertising in a variety of short-lived magazines and publications," Biscailuz said. "One of the most common methods is to have the solicitor call by phone and arrange for a contribution, after which a messenger is sent to pick up the money and advertising copy. It is nearly impossible to successfully prosecute this type of law violator because it cannot be proved in court who the original phone speaker was and phone voices cannot be introduced in evidence."



PINE SKIING ... Win Patterson rests after a run down the new 800-foot Pine Needle Slope at Hollywood, covered with tons of pine needles shipped in from the High Sierra mountains. Devotees say slide is as fast as snow.

and Mrs. Maxine Thompson, Wilmington, Friday for surgery.

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Father Serves U. S. Flag, Family's Without Country

VANCOUVER, Wash. (U.P.)—Because of a tangle in immigration laws that occurred 20 years ago, the three sons of Private Charles H. Simpson are faced with the prospect of becoming "men without a country" despite the fact that their father is a citizen and a soldier in the U. S. army.

During the World War, Simpson quit a construction job here to join the Canadian army. He went overseas when he was 18 with the famous Princess Patricia's light infantry. He did not realize that he was losing his United States citizenship by joining the army of another country.

While he was abroad, Simpson married an English girl. They had two sons, Jasper and Gerald. In 1919 he brought his family to Canada to get his discharge from the army.

Subject to Deportation
One of the first things Simpson did on his return was to ask the American consul in Toronto the status of his American citizenship. The consul told him he could regain his citizenship simply by re-swearing allegiance to the United States, and that since his sons were under 16 they would automatically become citizens when this was done.

Three years later the Simpsons' third son, Charles, was born. Simpson and his family entered the United States in 1928. Four years later he enlisted in the U. S. Army. He took the oath of allegiance, as required.

Recently, while stationed with company K, of the 7th Infantry, at Vancouver Barracks here, Simpson encountered immigration authorities. They told him he was not a citizen, and that since he was not repatriated before his sons reached the age of 16, all three of the boys were subject to deportation as aliens. Apparently, Simpson should

have taken his oath before an immigration officer as well as an army officer, the authorities, in a dilemma themselves, told him. Meanwhile, Simpson's sons had scattered, all thinking they were citizens. The youngest, Charles, who is now 17, ran away from home.

Son Joins Army

Jasper, the eldest, was detained by immigration authorities in Seattle, but later paroled to Louis E. Starr, Portland attorney handling Simpson's strange case, which is still being investigated.

Gerald, like his father, is in the army. He is attached to Company I, 29th Infantry, at Fort Sill, Okla., and is married.

May Go to Mexico

The elder Simpson was repatriated on March 16 and is again a full-fledged citizen.

Starr said he learned unofficially that if the boys were deported they could go neither to Canada nor England, since they were not citizens of either.

"It may develop," he said, "that they will all three have to go to Mexico and re-enter the United States under the quota, pay the head tax and be naturalized."

Western congressmen are working on the case in effort to save their citizenship.

Men Proved Camera Shy
SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.)—Photographs of 200,000 people taken at the Golden Gate International exposition reveals that men are camera-shy and women just love it.

Chips Fly at Fast Clip
AUGUSTA, Me. (U.P.)—Perry Greene is justifiably proud of his wood-chopping prowess. He recently chopped through an 8x8 kiln-dried hard pine timber in 15 3/5 seconds.

LUNCHEONERS ...

Gloria Vanderbilt, daughter of Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt and heiress to millions, was thrilled like any other 15-year-old girl when she lunched with Deanna Durbin, the young movie star, at Universal's Hollywood studios. After lunch Deanna invited Gloria and Mrs. Vanderbilt to witness recording of a song for newest Durbin picture "First Love."

Yugoslav News Man Visits Here

Continuing a reportorial swing around the U. S. for his newspaper, "Politika," largest daily publication in Central Europe, Momchilo Yoych of Belgrade, Yugoslavia took a day off from "covering" the motion picture studios of Hollywood to visit his friend, Nick Perovich at 2067 Carson street recently.

Yoych, who is spending about 10 days in the cinema capitol, will go from there to the San Francisco Exposition. He told Perovich that he toured the New York World's Fair and obtained interviews from Mayor LaGuardia and other noted New Yorkers.

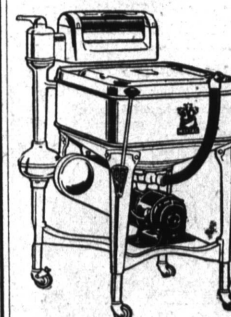
However, the highlight of his assignment to date, was a personal visit with President Roosevelt, whom Yoych says is greatly esteemed in Central Europe and hailed as the "greatest figure for peace in the world today."

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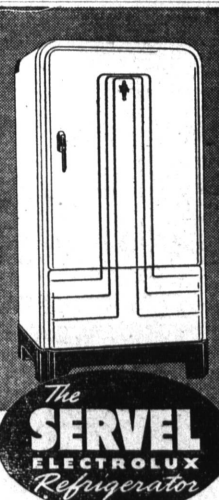
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