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The Chessman Case An Editorial
The latest chapter in the case of sadist-rapist Caryl
Chessman proves once again that decent, God-fearing peoChessman proves once again that decent, God-fearing peo-
ple are too prone to believe that public officials in high ple are too prone to
places will do the thing that is legally and morally right when they are called upon to make serious decisions. Spokesmen for Governor Brown's office reported last week that mail favoring leniency in the Chessman case was running high-some said 50 to 1 -when compared to maw It appears now that the governor was unduly influenc ed by the amount of mail sent to him by ultra-liberal ele-
ments, fuzzy thinkers, and commie inspired do-gooders. He ments, fuzzy thinkers, and commie inspired do.gooders. He
made the mistake that others in public office often make: He listened to the loud wails of a minority.

His incredible evasion of duty to the responsible citi zens of our state should not go unchallenged. If it is sta tistics he wants, it is time those who are more concerned
about California's moral climate than they are about a low about California's moral climate than they are about a low
grade criminal to write to their Assemblyman, Senator, and
To New Post So the governor.
Significant changes in the tenor of the mail reaching the governor's desk has been reported already by his aide since his announcement Friday that he was granting a 60
day reprieve. He is now hearing from those Americans who day reprieve. He is now hearing from those Americans who
do not think the antics of a communist-inspired student group in Uruguay should be considered when a matter of California law is being decided.

The governor's added announcement that he is sending the whole matter of capital punishment to the Legislature for reconsideration likewise is unjustified under the
circumstances. The people, through their Legislators, have circumstances. The people, through their Legislators, have
turned down eight such proposals in the past 27 years and turned down eight such proposals in the past 27 years and
have voted to retain capital punishment laws-as 41 of the 50 states now have. The further precedent of bowing to pressures of a fed-
eral government bureau in the administration of state mat ters-even to pressures which apparently were solicited by Brown aides-is as dangerous as asking the federal government how to vote, worship, and what to read.
The reasoning advanced that Chessman has suffered cruel punishment during $11 / 2$ years on death row is about
like the case of the man about to be hanged for murdering like the case of the man about to be hanged for murdering
his mother and father.
His attorneys asked for clemency on the grounds that he was an orphan

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new members will be conduct-
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