

Controversy Over Death Penalty Still Raging. Among Legislators

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 As predicted in this column earlier this session, the abolition of capital punishment has again proved to be one of the most hotly controversial issues to confront your Legislators. Despite frequent rehearsals before committees of both houses, the subject always arouses intense public reaction, and the pros and cons can become very loud.

Five different measures relating to the death penalty have been introduced in the Senate and Assembly this time. Three of them were heard at a recent meeting of the Assembly committee on criminal procedure. A packed house attended to witness or participate in the discussion.

A PARADE of supporters appeared on behalf of the measure which would completely abolish capital punishment and substitute as the heaviest penalty for murder, life imprisonment without possibility of parole. The first speaker argued that there is no evidence that repeal of the death penalty would tend to increase the number of murders.

Fewer and fewer persons are being executed each year, he declared, but also fewer homicides occur the following year, so it cannot be assumed that capital punishment is needed as a deterrent to murder.

A FAMOUS penologist told of interviewing many men on death row. He did not find one who said he thought about the death penalty before he committed his crime. A psychiatrist asserted that executions are barbaric, and sadistic torture to those who receive the capital sentence. He added that paroled murderers are better parolees than those guilty of other crimes.

Opponents of abolition alleged that there is an organized and sinister movement which has seized upon repeal

of the death penalty as another means of weakening American prestige abroad. A former prison chaplain also voiced opposition to repeal. There is a trend in the country to make light of evil, it was said, so people no longer think anything of crime, even murder.

A spokesman against the measure said it is part of a continuing campaign to harass law enforcement officers and to defeat a law which protects society. The program is based on misinformation and misuse of statistics, it was added.

A SECOND bill was also discussed in the hearing which would provide a four year moratorium on the death penalty, except in the case of murder of a kidnap victim, a police officer, a fellow prisoner, or in the case of a second conviction of first degree murder.

Both of these measures were reported out with favorable recommendations for action on the floor of the Assembly. One proponent of abolition explained this double action by saying that it would give every member a chance to vote for some limitation on the penalty, even if the bill for out-right repeal is lost.

A THIRD bill which would retain the existing death penalty, would add the crime of tampering with an airplane in order to wreck it to the list of those for which the penalty could be invoked. After a short hearing, a motion to send it out of committee was defeated.

As I wrote here before, the matter of abolishing or limiting the death penalty may still be put before the voters. The two Senate constitutional amendments, the first of which would limit penalty in much the same way as the moratorium bill, and the second of which would abolish it, can be set in motion by their author, though it is not now possible to predict their ultimate fate.

Fleming Junior High to Dedicate New Buildings in Lomita Tonight

Alexander Fleming Junior High School will dedicate tonight the use of some \$3,000,000 in new and reconstructed buildings and classrooms, as part of its annual "Open House" program from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Pat Turner, principal, announced. Roy Arnhem, assistant superintendent in the Los Angeles City School System, will speak at a special program to be held in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Parents and all interested people are invited to inspect the new facilities. Teachers will be in their classrooms to display the new equipment and to greet parents and visitors.

REFRESHMENTS will be available during the evening through the courtesy of the Fleming PTA at a nominal charge.

A dedication program will begin at 8 o'clock which will feature the school's Girls' Glee Club and Band, and comments about the "new school" by Arnhem, Turner, and Loman Carter.

The ultra-modern aluminum and brown exterior has aroused the curiosity of many residents who were well acquainted with the brick school buildings that housed Narbonne High for nearly 30 years. Narbonne High moved four years ago to a new set of buildings.

A NEW SCHOOL, Fleming Junior High, was created to occupy the old site. Now the program for modernizing the buildings and classrooms is nearly complete. Many teachers and students moved into their new rooms just four weeks ago.

Among the new facilities that will attract much attention tonight are the "South Wing" building, the cafeteria, and the multi-purpose room.

"We are certain that our visitors will leave our campus with the feeling that our community is providing the very best in educational equipment and curriculum to the youngsters of our area," stated Turner.

Garden Checklist

1. Crabgrass control may be started now. Your nurseryman can recommend a product to knock it out.
2. Remove the seed pods on rhododendrons as they go out of bloom to strengthen the shrub.
3. Rid your lawn of broad-leaved weeds by using a weed killer. Don't use it on clover lawns or dichondra, however, or you'll get rid of that, too. Read the directions before applying.
4. Mildew, rust and black spot (in some areas) control on roses should start before the trouble shows up—which means now.
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