



Chessman In Plea For Habeas Corpus

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Cary Chessman, who studied law for nearly 12 years on San Quentin prison's death row, today faced what may be his final court appearance.

The 38-year-old convict-author took his life in his own hands Thursday in an effort to escape an appointment with the gas chamber in exactly three weeks. He "discharged" his three attorneys and made a personal bid for a writ of habeas corpus before Federal District Judge Louis E. Goodman. The judge said he would announce his decision in the case late today.

Presents Own Case

Chessman appeared at Thursday's hearing with attorneys George T. Davis, Rosalie Asher and A. L. Wirlin. They requested that Chessman be allowed to present his case.

Goodman said that violated all rules of "orderly presentation" unless the convict wanted to discharge his attorneys and "proceed on his own." Chessman surprised the court by declaring that was his desire.

"You no longer desire to be represented by counsel?" the judge said.

Speaks Easily

"That's not correct," Chessman replied. "I don't want to discharge counsel. I am compelled to do so by your honor's ruling."

The self-taught law expert spoke easily and cited cases and code sections by number. During a 3½ hour session he made motion after motion — and Goodman denied almost all of them.

Chessman was sentenced to death in 1948 after being convicted in Los Angeles on charges of rape, robbery and kidnapping.

Former Massachusetts Senator

Martin said that if Vice President Richard M. Nixon is the Republican presidential candidate, as expected, "he'll need a personable candidate from the East" as a running mate. He described Lodge as "a very attractive candidate."

Lodge, 58, formerly was a senator from Martin's home state of Massachusetts. He managed President Eisenhower's successful campaign for the White House in 1952.

It was not known whether Martin would be chairman of this year's GOP convention in Chicago. He attended his first convention in 1916 and has been chairman of every one since 1940.

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Martin Backs Lodge For Running Mate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr., former GOP House leader and one-time speaker, today threw his support to Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge for the GOP vice presidential nomination.

Martin, chairman of the last five Republican conventions, said he would discuss the matter with Lodge, U. S. ambassador to the United Nations. Lodge has said he would not talk politics while he held his diplomatic post.

Lodge said in New York City, "Mr. Martin is very complimentary and I am grateful he feels that way about me, even though I'm not a candidate in any shape or manner."

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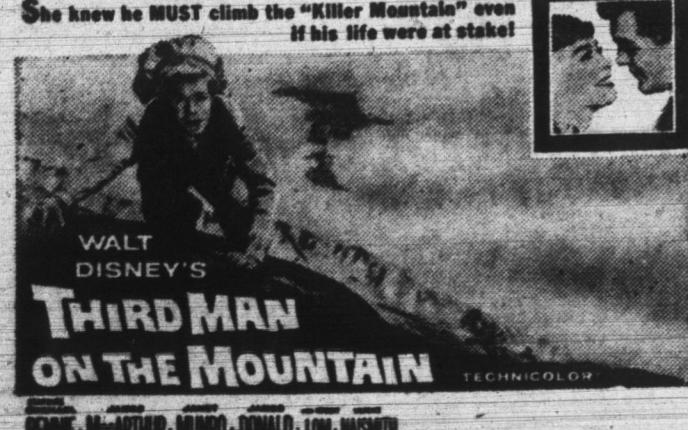
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Second In Series On Growth Of Boy Scouts

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories on the growth of the Boy Scout movement in Adams county, from a small unit with a dozen boys in 1913, to 17 units with more than 500 boys this year. The first installment was told by Bryce Thomas, principal of Decatur's Lincoln school, and active in scouting for 47 years, to the Adams county historical society Tuesday night. The following night for new leaders. So, Jaberg now auditor of Adams county, and active in scouting in the early 1930's, as the movement began to grow and expand.)

Jaberg pointed out that he came to Central school in 1931 as a teacher, and was there about 1½ months when he was asked to take over a Boy Scout troop. He had no training, and at that time no formal organization provided training for new leaders. So, Jaberg struggled along with his troop.

In 1932 the Fort Wayne council set up a training program in the telephone building in that city, and once a week all winter the new scouts would go to Fort Wayne for the training courses.

The new leaders still had no outdoor experience, so the whole group camped out two weekends in the spring at Robinson park, and became better acquainted with the scouting program.

Big Island Purchased

In 1933 the Anthony Wayne council purchased a camp on Sylvan Lake at Rome City, and 35 Decatur boys camped out there for a week, from Saturday to Saturday. The main event recalled by Jaberg was that the cooking by the men was not exactly up to the standards that the boys were used to at home, and a large amount of complaining was heard. This was soon stopped, when the boys sat down to a supper of stewed, creamed onions, and nothing else!

In 1934 or 1935 the council lost the camp on the mainland in the reservation, and only Big Island was retained. That year the troop went up again to camp out, this time on the island. They loaded the trucks at Central school, and had to take all of their food with them.

To get milk, it was necessary for one of the boys to row to the mainland, then carry the milk can a quarter of a mile to the farmer's barn, get the milk, and lug it back to the boat, and row out to the island.

One day the leaders rowed to Rome City to get mosquito netting and the oil of citronella, as the mosquitoes had taken over the island. The mosquitoes won that year.

Merit Badge Shows

As the boys advanced through the ranks of scouting, it was necessary that they earn merit badges to expand their knowledge in different fields. In 1936 a large merit badge show was held in Decatur.

New TV Program To Be Opened Sunday

A new program, Ranch House Party, will be launched on WPTA-TV, Sunday at 6 p.m. Charles Walter, formerly of Bluffton route 4, will be leader of the band, the Trail Riders.

Calves Feared Stolen Return To Barnyard

The case of the missing cattle was solved Thursday afternoon at the Edwin Speicher farm in Geneva. The two calves, belonging to Wayne Derrickson, of route 2, Geneva, roamed back into the barnyard.

The calves were reported missing Tuesday by the owner when he went to feed the animals. The case was somewhat confusing because of a set of truck tracks in the barnyard. It was first thought that the animals had been "rustled." The sheriff's department closed the case today with the return of the wandering Jerseys.

In his previous assignment, Dravis was a production trainee in the technical department at Central Soya's Decatur plant. He joined Central Soya after graduation from the University of South Dakota, where he received a B.S. degree in industrial management in June, 1959.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES KINGDOM HALL

Corner Monroe and Ninth Sunday, 2:30 p.m.—Watchtower Bible study and discussion on the subject, "The Pursuit of Peace." One of the scriptures for consideration will be 1 Thessalonians 5:13, 14, "Be peaceable with one another. On the other hand, we exhort you, brothers, admonish the disorderly, speak comfortingly to the depressed souls, support the weak, be long-suffering toward all."

Tuesday 8 p.m.—"The Book with Live-giving Knowledge," public lecture by F. Dellingar, assistant presiding minister and local Watchtower representative.

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and teacher, will deliver the principal address of the assembly at 3 p.m. Sunday when he will speak on "When is God's Will to be Done on Earth?"

Attend Conference Of Witnesses

Clyde D. Steele, president minister of the Decatur congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, announced today that many from the local congregation are attending the conference of Jehovah's Witnesses being held in the national guard armory in Hartford City, January 29 to 31.

Steele reported that the program will be on the theme "Do the Divine Will."

Featured speaker for the 3-day meet will be Angelo A. Catanzaro, Brooklyn, New York. Catanzaro, a widely traveled Bible lecturer

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