

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — Last week the Armed Services Subcommittee of which I am Chairman heard testimony on the operation of the NATO Status of Forces Treaty for the 12-month period ending last November.

Generally Good — The report indicates that in virtually every country the quality of justice given to our service personnel charged with law violations is good. In fact, the general rule is that the punishment adjudged is more light than would be given in this country for like violations.

Although the quality of justice is generally good, there has been a complaint about the slowness of trial procedures in Turkey. The authorities reported to us that steps are being taken to try to alleviate this problem.

Diligence Necessary — One of the things we constantly stress to the United States officials charged with responsibility in this matter is that great diligence must be exercised to see that each person gets justice. We can ask no more of the host government; we can expect no less.

While I was not a member of the Senate of the United States when these agreements were ratified which marked a radical departure from previous policy,

I am constrained to say that the agreements have worked very well up to this time.

Federal Judge—As a member of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, I have been in the thick of the movement to secure another Federal Judge for North Carolina. There seems to be increasing interest on the part of Congress to act. I am hopeful that the matter will not be delayed much longer inasmuch as the need is obvious and justice is being delayed. To me this is not a partisan matter. Since being in the Senate I have helped confirm two Federal Judges in North Carolina who were not of my political party, feeling strongly as I do that the courts must not be handicapped by unnecessary delay.

Eisenhower Visit—During recent days I have received several requests that everything should be done to prevent President Eisenhower from making his scheduled trip to Japan in view of the serious situation there. This is a decision for the President and the Department of State to make. Apparently they are convinced that the trip should not be cancelled. I do not possess sufficient information to make a judgment in the matter.

Peace and Prosperity — On a CBS radio program the other day I was asked whether or not the planned issue of peace and prosperity by the GOP in the fall elections had been diminished by recent events. I answered that it has been severely diminished as a campaign issue. I doubt that this has ever had too much validity because it is not a partisan issue. No loyal citizen would default his country when its interests are being attacked.

Everything Charged

Tom—"My, but the girl you just introduced me to is magnetic."

Bill—"She ought to be. Everything she has on is charged."

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Frankly Speaking

By Frank Roberts

Like most people, I never thought very seriously about the subject of capital punishment. Never had any serious feelings about it one way or the other, until my July issue of Argosy magazine came through the mail. In that issue is an article which had a more terrific impact on me, than anything I've ever read. Two dedicated reporters uncovered facts about the Caryl Chessman case that make it an even more shameful affair than the Barbara Graham case. I recommend, to every American, the July issue of Argosy magazine, and the article entitled: "The Evidence that Should Have Saved Chessman." Some of the more important points that reporters William Read Woodfield and Milt Machlin dug up are these: Caryl Chessman named a Los Angeles police officer as the man who beat a confession out of him. He offered to back up his accusation with a lie detector test and was refused. Actually, he had always offered to let his guilt or innocence rest on a lie detector test. He was always refused. On the day of his arrest the police report stated that no marks or scars of any kind were observed on his person. Yet, police photos taken the exact same day revealed an extremely large scar on his forehead; now . . . the question of Chessman's unpopularity with the law of California: He admitted shaking down bookie joints and brothels, most of which were operating with police protection; shortly after his arrest, the police released to a sensation-seeking weekly newspaper, that Chessman was guilty of all sorts of crimes against nature. Yet no official record of these alleged offenses, either in the form of a complaint or a police report, has ever appeared. As a matter of fact, it was later proven, that one woman was induced to give false testimony against Chessman. She was a prostitute and a member of the police-dominated organized vice scene of the Los Angeles area. Just in case you think that's rough, read this: The Los Angeles police department was considered by the California Crime Commission and police authorities throughout the country, as the most corrupt department in the United States. What it boils down to is that Chessman's claims of police brutality were most likely true, but never investigated, to save the state from embarrassment. Another case in point was Chessman's claim that a man named Charles S. Terranova was the man police should have been seeking. The police not only said they couldn't find Terranova, they never heard of him. At that very time, Terranova had a record of ten felony convictions in the L. A. area and had served time in just about every prison or institution in that part of the state. Furthermore, physically, Terranova bore a strong resemblance to Chessman. More than that, the descriptions given by some of the victims of the Red Light crimes, came closer to matching Terranova than Chessman; speaking of descriptions given by those victims, three were totally incorrect on weight and shape of mouth. One of the stickup victims was a dentist and told police the man who held him up had crooked front teeth. Chessman had false teeth (This was typical of the so-called evidence against Chessman). Another victim, in discussing the car driven by the hold-up man, was describing a car, almost completely unlike that which was driven by Chessman. (More of that substantial evidence used to send a man to the gas chamber). A couple of victims swore that two men were involved in the Red Light Bandit escapades, yet only Chessman was ever brought to trial. One of the victims said the Red Light Bandit was masked. This was ruled in the preliminary hearings as insufficient evidence, due to lack of identification. Yet, without producing any additional evidence, Chessman was indicted, tried and convicted and sentenced to death. Then there was the much played-up newspaper story of one of Chessman's victims winding up in a mental institution as a result of being attacked. What they neglected to mention was that she didn't enter the institution until twenty months after the alleged attack. Also, some psychiatrists have testified that she was mentally ill to begin with. Needless to say her entire testimony should have been stricken from the record, as it was usually contradictory to the actual facts, as well as to previous testimony given. One point was this: The speedometer

in Chessman's car, the one this girl positively identified as belonging to the Red Light Bandit, had been removed from Chessman's car the day before the crime and was not returned until after the crime had been committed. This girl had testified she had seen a speedometer in the car in which she had been attacked. Obviously, she could not have been in Chessman's car as she claimed she was. Yet, for just such so-called facts was Chessman put to death. This same girl also testified that her attacker was a very short man. Chessman was six-one. This same girl also testified her attacker had a scar over his right eyebrow. Chessman had none. The previously-mentioned Chas. Terranova has. Still another fact. Police officers who, you must remember, had it out for Chessman, testified on the stand that Chessman admitted to them, that he committed at least six of the Red Light crimes. Chessman denied this and there has never been official police verification of having done this. Yet, it's easy to see that this so-called testimony must have swayed a jury, particularly the Chessman jury, consisting of eleven women who listened to more emotional tales of woe than any good soap-opera could ever produce. A couple of more items: Chessman's car was examined for fingerprints, none were ever found. Also one of the victims, who was attacked sexually was menstruating at the time of the offense, yet no blood was found in Chessman's car. Just a couple more points—The records of the trial were prepared by a dying man, who had a record of arrests by the FBI and who was a known drunkard. He died before he could translate his own brand of shorthand. How did he get the job? He was an uncle-in-law of the presiding judge. Who was the judge? Charles W. Fricke. He's known throughout California as the hanging judge. He was the judge who convicted a former actress of kidnapping. Then Governor Earl Warren of California, after reviewing the evidence, completely reversed the decision, freeing the lady in question. Governor Warren's comment: "This is the most flagrant case of railroadering in the history of California jurisprudence." Judge Fricke was the same judge who presided over the Barbara Graham trial. Now, those are just a few of the blatant facts which prove, beyond the shadow of a doubt, the complete innocence of Caryl Chessman, a victim of politics,

over-emotionalism, police brutality, railroadering. One of Chessman's wishes was that his case be set up as an example of why capital punishment should be abolished. A man should be given every chance to vindicate himself. Chessman definitely was not. Let us pray such a miscarriage of justice never occurs again. It's a shame, a sin and a far worse crime than anything ever committed by Chessman. Again, let me emphasize the importance of reading the article on Chessman, in its entirety, in the July Argosy. It's a hard-hitting eye-opener.

Hospital Notes

Visiting Hours: 10:00-11:00 A. M., 2:00-4:00 P. M., 6:00-8:00 P. M. Children under 12 not permitted to visit patients.

Patients admitted to Chowan Hospital during the week of June 6-12 were:

White

Master William Thomas Godfrey, Durants Neck; Master John Richard Godfrey, Durants Neck; Master Maurice Small, Jr., Edenton; Miss Debbie Carol Hobbs, Tyner; Master William Thomas Nixon, Hertford; Master Wayne Owens, Hertford; Master Bill Arnold, Roper; Master Andy Arnold, Roper; Master Nick Arnold, Roper; Master Ronald Wilder, Hertford; Horace Basnight, Edenton; Jarvis Parks, Edenton; Mrs. Blannie Copeland, Tyner; Bobby Hall, Greenville; Moody White, Belvidere.

Negro

Miss Malinda Gaskin, Merry Hill; Mrs. Annie Blount, Edenton; Mrs. Elizabeth Myrick, Sunbury; Mrs. Georgia Stallings, Edenton; Mrs. Mary G. Stallings, Hobbsville; Iredelle Hoffer, Hertford. Discharges during the same week were:

White

Miss Debra Wright, Edenton; John Whaley, Hertford; Jesse Baker, Winfall; Master William Thomas Godfrey, Durants Neck; Master John Richard Godfrey, Durants Neck; Jesse Horace Baker, Winfall; Mrs. Ella Waters, Mackeys; Mrs. Blanche Christie, Edenton; William Fuller, Edenton; Garland Lane, Hertford; Roy Bunch, Edenton; Master William Thomas Nixon, Hertford; Master Maurice Small, Jr., Edenton; Miss Debbie Hobbs, Tyner; John Jordan, Winfall; Eston Brickhouse, Creswell; Jarvis Parks, Edenton; Master Ronald Wilder, Hertford; Master Charles Murray, Jr., Hertford; Mrs. Charlotte Lewis, Hobbsville; Mrs.

Barbara Copeland, Hertford; Master Bill Arnold, Roper; Master Nick Arnold, Roper; Master Andy Arnold, Roper; Horace Basnight, Edenton; Mrs. Mary Dale Lane, Hertford; Mrs. Blannie Copeland, Tyner.

Negro
Mrs. Virginia Dare Jones, Hertford; Miss Malinda Gaskin, Merry Hill; Mrs. Villa Bunch, Edenton; Mrs. Elizabeth Myrick, Sunbury; Miss Doris Norfleet, Corapeake; Mrs. Annie Blount, Edenton; Mrs. Georgia Stallings, Edenton.

Births

Births at the hospital during the same period were: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Myrick of Sunbury, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Archie T. Lane, Jr., of Hertford, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Parker Copeland of Hertford, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Stallings of Edenton, a daughter.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our husband and father, William Fletcher Perry, who passed away four years ago, June 19, 1956: The Road That Leads Beyond There is a long and winding road

Along which each must go. It leads beyond the Hills of Time into the sunset glow. But only for a little while. Our loved ones leave our sight. For just beyond the hills they wait

In God's Eternal Light.
—Wife and Children.

Fear is the weapon in the hands of tyrants.
—Mary Baker Eddy.



ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Raleigh — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M., Monday, June 13, 1960 follows:
Killed To Date 471
Killed To Date Last Year 498

PEACH PRODUCTION UP
Based on reports from growers as of June 1, North Carolina peach production is forecast at 1,400,000 bushels—150,000 bushels or 12 per cent more than was produced in 1959, according to the N. C. Crop Reporting Service. The current forecast exceeds any year's production since 1957 when 1,500,000 bushels were produced. Alleviation of

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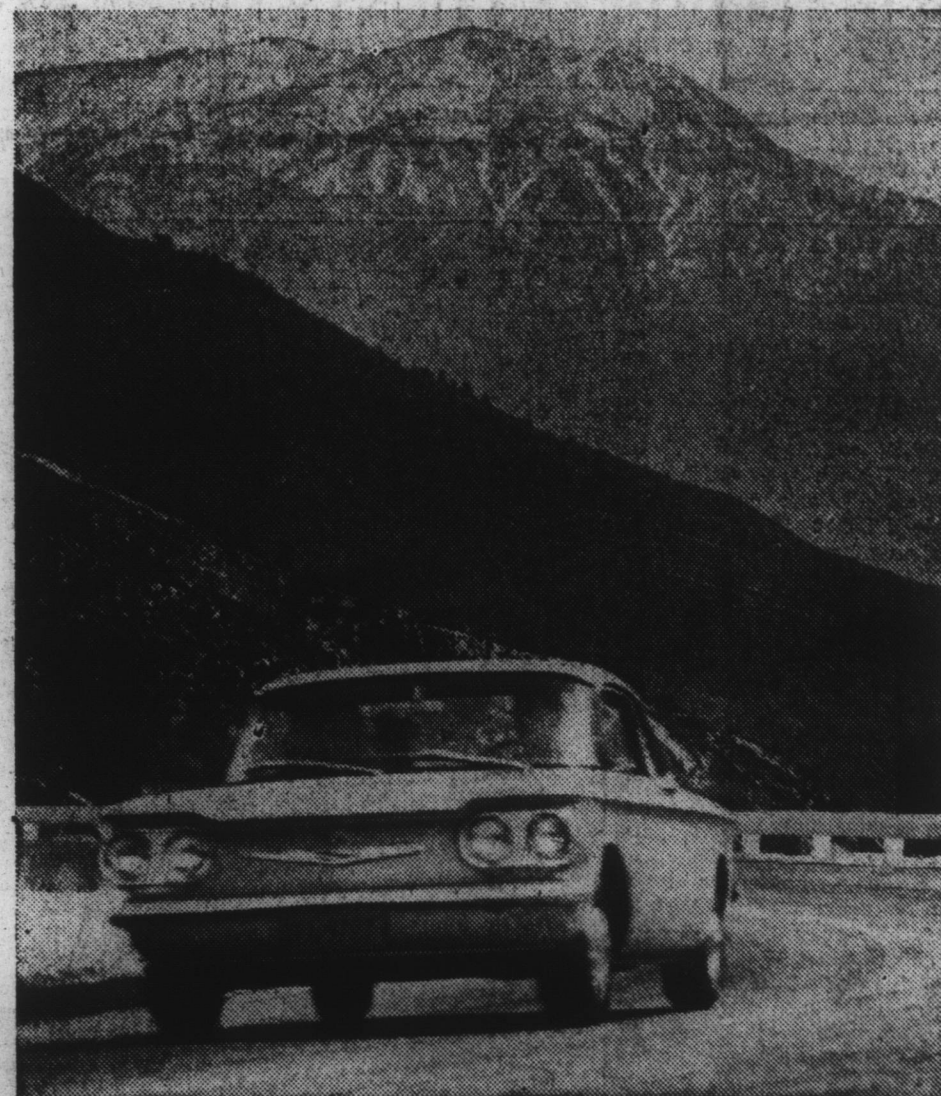
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