

Bill restricts death penalty

RALEIGH—The state senate Thursday approved a compromise bill that keeps the death penalty for murder and rape but eliminates it for burglary and arson.

The house decided to wait until Friday before debating the bill.

Under the bill, first degree murder would remain punishable by death while second degree murder would carry a penalty of up to life imprisonment.

The bill calls for the death penalty for first degree rape and up to life imprisonment for second degree rape.

First degree rape is defined in the measure as a rape by a male 16 and over using force or a dangerous weapon to cause the submission of his victim and rapes by those 16 and over on "virtuous" girls under the age of 12.

In addition, the legislation defines a life term as an 80-year sentence and says an inmate must serve 20 years of a life sentence to become eligible for parole.

It also contains a clause that would convert the death penalty to life imprisonment should the U.S. Supreme Court find the death penalty unconstitutional.

If approved by the house Friday, it would become effective immediately.

Chapin lied to jury, government charges

WASHINGTON—The government charged Thursday that Dwight L. Chapin was kept so well informed by a political saboteur that he had to be lying when he told the Watergate grand jury he knew little or nothing about political dirty tricks against Democrats in 1972.

Government prosecutor Richard Davis gave closing arguments in the four-day trial of Chapin, 33, former appointments secretary to President Nixon. Chapin is charged with three counts of lying to the Watergate grand jury when he said he was not fully aware of the activities of Donald Segretti.

Chapin hired Segretti to work for the Republicans to sabotage the campaigns of Democratic presidential hopefuls in 1972. After Davis' closing arguments, defense attorney Jacob Stein presented Chapin's side.

Nixon may need loan

WASHINGTON—The White House said Thursday President Nixon will be almost totally wiped out financially when he pays \$467,000 in back taxes and interest, and probably must float a loan to settle his Internal Revenue Service debt.

The news of the financial pinch suffered by Nixon, who is a millionaire in terms of

cash and real estate, came as the House Judiciary Committee got for its impeachment inquiry a massive congressional report on the President's taxes.

A presidential spokesman also hinted that Nixon may have to consider selling one of his villas to foot the bill.

Meeting with reporters for the first time since it was announced late Wednesday Nixon would pay an IRS assessment of extra taxes for his first term in office. Deputy White House Press Secretary Gerald Warren gave a bleak report of the President's financial health.

"He has to completely reassess his financial position, which has been almost totally wiped out by this," Warren said.

He said Nixon will meet the obligation with "certain cash and probably borrow some money to pay the remainder."

He gave no indication from whom Nixon might seek a loan.

According to Warren, Nixon will not sell his plush San Clemente, Calif., estate because he has promised to leave it to the nation after he and Mrs. Nixon die. But he made no such claim about their Key Biscayne, Fla., vacation villa.

Meanwhile on Capitol Hill, the tax committee that triggered Nixon's decision to pay the IRS an extra \$432,787.13 plus interest—voted to end their role in the tax investigation. The committee lauded Nixon for agreeing to pay what he owes, and sent the exhaustive tax report to the tax investigation.

Nixon given ultimatum

WASHINGTON—Vowing that it will not be "thwarted by inappropriate legalisms or by narrow obstacles," the House Judiciary Committee Thursday gave the White House an ultimatum on supplying the presidential tapes it claims it needs in its impeachment inquiry.

Chief Committee Counsel John Doar, on instructions from the committee, wrote the White House a letter asking that it answer no later than April 9 whether it would provide the 41 tapes the committee requested Feb. 25.

Chairman Peter W. Rodino, D-N.J., said the committee, which is investigating possible grounds for impeachment, will subpoena the tapes if it has to in order to

make a fair and thorough inquiry.

"We shall not be thwarted by inappropriate legalisms or by narrow obstacles to our inquiry," he said. "We have waited patiently to get the recorded conversations; we will subpoena them if we must."

Doar said the tapes cover conversations President Nixon had in February-April, 1973, with several aides, including John Dean, H.R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman and former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst.

The conversations, Doar said, go to the heart of whether Nixon participated in or knew of the cover-up of the Watergate break-in and related matters.

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Hearst kidnap probe continues

WASHINGTON Clarence M. Kelley said Thursday the FBI will not end its investigation of the Patricia Hearst kidnaping despite her claim she has decided to join her captors, the Symbionese Liberation Army (S.L.A.).

Kelley, the FBI director, said "The welfare and safety of Miss Hearst will remain primary concern of all FBI personnel, as they have been from the outset."

Meanwhile, James Browning, U.S. District Attorney in San Francisco said authorities are assuming that Patricia Hearst was "under duress" when she announced that she was joining the S.L.A. since there was no evidence that Miss Hearst had been a willing kidnap victim.

Over 300 die in tornadoes

WASHINGTON The worst tornado disaster in 49 years sent the death toll in 11 states and a Canadian border city surging past the 300 level Thursday. President Nixon declared Alabama, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana major disaster areas.

White House Deputy press secretary Gerald Warren said the President was awaiting word from the governors of four other states Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina and Michigan as to conditions in their states.

At 2 p.m. the death toll stood at 338. The blitz of tornadoes piled up an unmerciful toll of death and destruction across the southland, wiping out entire families and leaving complete towns in shambles.

By late morning the death toll stood at 142, with more bodies expected to be recovered as rescue workers picked their way through the debris. Alabama accounted for 68 of the deaths, Tennessee 55, Georgia 15, and North Carolina 4.

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