

Death Penalty Favored By Most U.S. Governors

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Governors of the 50 states favor capital punishment by almost a 2-1 ratio, mainly because of solid support in the South.

A United Press International poll of U.S. governors shows 28 approve of the death penalty, 17 are against it and five have no opinion. The issue is split almost evenly in the Northeast, West and Midwest.

But in the South, where all states have death penalty laws in effect, all but one governor, Ray Blanton of Tennessee, approve capital punishment. Blanton said: "I've always been opposed to capital punishment and I'm still opposed to it."

One of the strongest supporters of capital punishment is Gov. Otis Bowen of Indiana, a family doctor who used to be against the death penalty. He said it is needed to curtail heinous crimes against society.

"But it must be uniformly applied, seldomly and judiciously used—and we must be certain beyond doubt of the guilt."

Bowen, who voted in 1965 to abolish capital punishment, said he changed his mind because of heinous crimes such as the Charles Manson murders in California and other mass slayings.

"My profession is dedicated to saving life and I abhor the thought of taking a life. But I abhor senseless killings by people who have no respect for the lives of others. I have great sympathy for the victims and relatives of victims," the Indiana governor said.

Of the 28 governors who favor capital punishment, 16 said it is a deterrent. Others said it is justified by brutal crimes or is the will of the people.

But Gov. Richard Kneip of South Dakota said capital punishment is illogical.

"Through imposition of the mandatory death penalty, we sanction and establish an act as barbaric and oftentimes more premeditated than that which we supposedly refuse to tolerate. I do not believe the death penalty is a deterrent to murder," he said.

Of the 17 governors against the death sentence, seven said it was not a deterrent. Five said they have a personal aversion to capital punishment. Others oppose it on grounds the state has no right to take a life, the penalty is cruel and unusual or there is no appeal once the execution has taken place.

Thirty-three states have death penalty laws. The electric chair is authorized in 19 of those states and the gas chamber in nine others. In Delaware, New Hampshire, Idaho and Montana death by hanging is authorized by law. And in Utah, a death sentence could be carried out either by hanging or by a firing squad.

No one has been executed in the United States since Luis Jose Monge, 48, was put to death in the Colorado gas chamber on a rainy Friday night, June 26, 1967. He was convicted of bludgeoning his pregnant wife to death and killing three of his 10 children.

The Supreme Court ruled in June, 1972, capital punishment was unconstitutional because it was being applied arbitrarily. That ruling saved 600 death row inmates from execution, but since then 33 states have passed new death penalty laws, and 261 other persons have been condemned to die under the new laws.

One of those cases—that of a man sentenced to die in North Carolina for murder—has been appealed to the Supreme Court, giving the justices a chance to rule on the constitutionality of the new death penalty laws.

Gov. James Holshouser Jr. of North Carolina—the state with the most prisoners on death row, 69—declined to say how he feels about capital punishment.

"I've deliberately tried to keep my mind from wandering into that area," he said. "The North Carolina case is going to be before the Supreme Court and it would be possible I would have to make some personal judgments of my own some time in the near future."

The other governors who refused to take a stand were Brendan Byrne of New Jersey, Hugh Carey of New York, James Rhodes of Ohio, and Ed Herschler of Wyoming.

Many of the other governors are troubled by the issue. Colorado has passed a new death penalty law but Gov. Richard Lamm is personally opposed to capital punishment.

"The question is not the moral issue of the death penalty but the moral issue of when the executive should substitute his judgment for the judgment of the majority of the people," Lamm said.

"In these pressured times, with many day-to-day issues of vital importance, not a day goes by that I don't think about the death penalty hanging like a cloud and that decision that I face down the road."

Cigarette Fighters Map New Anti-Smoking Plans

By PATRICIA McCORMACK
UPI Family Health Editor
NEW YORK (UPI) — The world's cigarette fighters, losing the crusade to snuff out smoking, are putting their heads together this week in hopes of mapping a winning strategy.

At opening sessions of a four-day meeting today, Sir George Godber planned to take on the lack of significant progress. He is chairman of the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Smoking and Health.

Health crusaders attending the 3rd World Conference on Smoking and Health would like to see cigarette smoking become so socially undesirable that it would become a private activity.

Reaching that point, according to Sir George, must start by getting away from the defeatism "which has pervaded so much of our discussion in the last 20 years."

"If we start with the view that we can never hope to get rid of cigarette smoking, we never will," he said in remarks prepared for the opening sessions.

He suggested that the health crusaders begin by trying to get rid of cigarette smoking from many communal occasions

and places. He recommended they try to make it more and more difficult for the individual to smoke cigarettes in public.

"And if we can eliminate the false message of the advertisers, I believe we could have a rapidly cumulative effect."

"Don't let us waste our time in talking about prohibitions that go beyond this. There are plenty of weapons of persuasion, of restriction, of financial penalty by price and tax increases with which we could seriously hope to reduce the consumption of cigarettes by a substantial proportion within five years."

He gave some proof. When the Royal College of Physicians of London Second Report on the Hazards of Smoking was published four years ago, it was followed by an immediate reduction of 14 per cent in cigarette sales.

"That advantage was largely dissipated within two years because there was no serious reinforcement and we did not give the impression that we ourselves believed that we could succeed."

He suggested that health agencies and governments at the conference map a strategy to gain real ground—something that did not occur after the first world conference, eight years ago, or after the second conference in 1971.

\$200 Million in Mideast Trade Won By Miss. Group

By LeROY POPE
UPI Business Writer

NEW YORK—The state government of Mississippi made people in other states sit up and take notice recently when it sent a trade mission led by Gov. William Waller to the Middle East to tap those billions of petrodollars.

The expedition appears to have been a success. Governor Waller said when the 12-man team returned from the 15-day trip to Kuwait, Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia immediate orders had been obtained for more than \$200 million worth of Mississippi products in the Middle Eastern oil lands.

"I think we laid the foundation for a continuing trade by Mississippi firms in those countries that will bring us several billion dollars in years to come," the governor said.

It was the first trade mission to the Middle Eastern countries sponsored by a state government in the United States and led by the governor. States of the Union have sent trade missions to Europe, Latin America and Asian countries in the past but only rarely has the governor personally led the trade team and never to the Middle East.

"The trip was somewhat hectic," the governor said. "In the 15 days the various members of the team took part in more than 600 meetings with government officials, bankers and commercial and industrial leaders of the Arab countries

and Iran." Mississippi is in a peculiarly favorable situation to do business with the Arabs and Iranians. Its rich soil grows the farm products the Middle East is most short of—soybeans, rice, fodder for the poultry, beef and dairy industries.

Mississippi's industrial structure, which has grown mightily since World War II, also makes products the Arabs are much interested in—farm machinery and pre-fabricated housing and buildings for example.

Of the \$200 million in immediate orders the team brought back, half was for pre-fabricated buildings and other products of the state's extensive pine and hardwood forests. The initial housing orders totaled 300,000 family units. The second biggest item was \$40 million in orders for Mississippi rice.

"But the firms represented in our delegation were not interested merely in direct export sales," the governor said. "Several were looking for joint ventures with Arab or Iranian firms for operations in the Middle East. Others were looking for Middle Eastern investors to join them in ventures in Mississippi or elsewhere in the United States. Some of these companies have informed me they made contacts on the trip that could well lead to successful joint ventures."

Waller said officials in both Kuwait and Iran were interested in learning more about the

operation of Mississippi's university and junior college systems. The two countries said they would like to send tuition paying students, particularly to study the science and business of farming.

Mississippi not long ago opened its own Eastern Hemisphere trade and investment office in Brussels and this office will be staffed to follow up the contacts made on the Middle Eastern trip.

One additional fruit of the journey is the upcoming visit to Mississippi of a delegation of Iranian businessmen and the government official in charge of Iran's national meat purchases who will survey Mississippi's thriving livestock industry.

SWEETENER IS NEW

New York—After seven years' testing, a new sweetener from the protein family called aspartame is being produced in small quantities for incorporation into many new food products. Aspartame technically is a food, made by combining amino acids.

CAR AUCTION
DALLAS (UPI) — Ohio car collector Leo Gephart missed a plane connection Sunday but managed to telephone the winning bid of \$150,000 for a 1932 Duesenberg Model J at the annual antique and classic automobile auction at the Texas State Fair Grounds.

Almost \$1.2 million was bid during the six-hour sale of 70 autos.

Entertainer Paul Lynde bought a 1961 Bentley S-II Continental convertible for \$17,000 and Dallas car collector

Bob Guest purchased a 1966 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith for \$17,500 and a 1929 Mercedes 540-K for \$25,000.

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The Green Thumb

Home Grown Rhubarb: Rhubarb is one of the best herbs you can grow. Once you get a patch started it will last a lifetime. The average family will get enough rhubarb from four to six plants, spaced three feet apart.

Good varieties include McDonald, Canada Red, Victoria and Valentine. About the only requirement is that the soil be well drained. Crown rot may develop if water stands around the roots. Give your rhubarb patch a feeding in late June or early July, for good sized stalks.

You've probably wondered what those rough marks are on the stalks. This is the work of the rhubarb curculio, a pest that bores into the stalks and lays eggs. Control consists of dusting the stems with rotenone or Sevin in May before the pest comes along. If the stalks are spindly or dwarfed, they may need feeding. Drench the plant with a liquid plant food such as 23-19-17, or some 5-10-5, around the base (dry fertilizers never should be applied to the leaves—only liquid plant foods).

Cut off those seed pods just as quickly as you see them. Seed stalks weaken plants. Roots or divisions are best ways to start a patch, never from seed.

Troubles: If pink stems turn green, blame it on too much shade. Plants like full sun for

pink color. Green stalks seldom turn pink, so if you want nice pink rhubarb, plant varieties with pink stalks.

When plants turn yellow and rot, it's called "foot rot" and not much can be done except to dig up the clumps and destroy.

Summer Squash Is Great: Pretty soon you'll be wondering what causes the blossoms to drop off your squash vines. Don't worry about this. Squash and pumpkins produce 5 to 10 male blossoms to one female, and only a small per cent of the female blossoms naturally develop into normal fruits. The males and excess or unused female blossoms dry up and fall off, their romance gone forever.

Ever try making squash or pumpkin blossom fritters? They're great eating. First, pick the false blossoms (some vines have up to 20 males to 1 female).

These "false" or male blossoms can be distinguished from the female blossoms, since the "she" blossoms have a small nub at the base, and the male flowers don't. Pick plenty of male blossoms since nature was generous and produces ample supply for pollination. Soak the blossoms in salt water to remove any insects, drain and dip in batter made from 1 egg, 2 tablespoons flour, salt, pepper and finely chopped parsley. Fry

in cooking oil until brown. Let drain on absorbent paper and serve with meat. Makes a fine breakfast dish served with butter and syrup.

Green Thumb Clinic: "Is it true that if you drill a hole in a tree and insert aspirin tablets, it will help prevent disease?" Answer No. Aspirin won't help a bit.

Queen First Female Golfer
Edinburgh—The first woman to play golf is believed to have been Mary Queen of Scots (1542-87).

The Daily Courier

THE WEEKLY QUIZ IS PART OF THIS NEWSPAPER'S SCHOOL PROGRAM

THE QUIZ

worldscope

(10 points for each question answered correctly)

- 1 Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana is leading a current drive to amend the U.S. Constitution to provide for choosing the President by direct popular vote in place of the present College system.
- 2 As anti-U.S. sentiment increased in (CHOOSE ONE: Laos, Malaysia), the communist-dominated coalition government of Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma decided to end a 24-year-old U.S. aid program.
- 3 The premier of resigned amid continuing civil strife between political and religious factions in his country. a-Chad b-Lebanon c-Greece
- 4 Exiled Nobel Prize-winning writer (CHOOSE ONE: Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Andrei Gromyko), traveling in western Canada, indicated he might settle there.
- 5 Belgium, is the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

newsnam

(10 points if you can identify this person in the news)



I turned down a \$4 million offer to play for the Chicago Winds of the World Football League. I've been the superstar quarterback for the New York Jets. What's my name?

matchwords

(4 points for each correct match)

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| 1....cranium | a-a very light gas |
| 2....helium | b-final offer or demand |
| 3....moratorium | c-skull of vertebrate |
| 4....aluminum | d-delay of action |
| 5....ultimatum | e-lightweight metal |



newpicture

(10 points if you answer this question correctly)

This well known British monarch, King was on the throne at the time of the American Revolution. This week marks his birthday.

sportlight

(2 points for each question answered correctly)

- 1 The 59th Indianapolis 500 auto race was won by
- 2 The Kentucky Colonels defeated the Indiana Pacers for their first championship of the (CHOOSE ONE: American Basketball, World Hockey) Association.
- 3 Mexico City has offered to host the 1976 Games in case Montreal becomes unable to do so because of construction delays.
- 4 Filbert Bayi of Tanzania broke the old world record, held for eight years by Jim Ryan, for the (CHOOSE ONE: 440 yard dash, mile).
- 5 of the New York Knicks is the only player who has been named to the National Basketball Association All-Defensive Team every year since it was first chosen in 1969. a-Walt Frazier b-Oscar Robertson c-Earl Monroe

roundtable

Family discussion (no score)

What kinds of summer jobs should young people be looking for?

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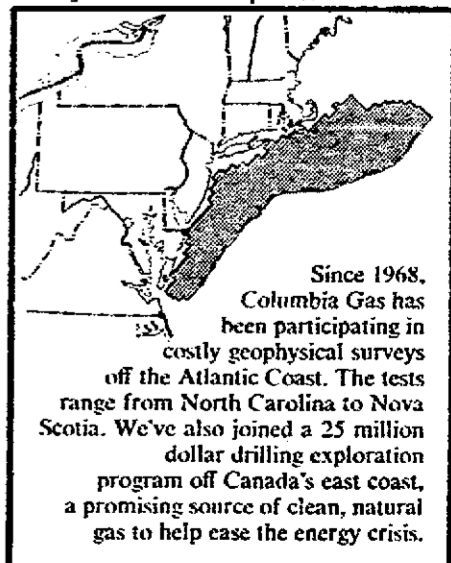
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