

Connally Receives Atheist's Appeal

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Atheist Madalyn Murray pleaded with Gov. John Connally in a letter Tuesday not to allow her extradition to Baltimore, the city where she successfully fought compulsory prayers in public schools.

"I ask mercy of you, for myself and my minor son, Garth, age ten, who is now with me. Please do not let them take me back to Maryland," she said in the letter. "I do not want to be murdered."

Mrs. Murray, now free on \$500 bond awaiting a full hearing on a writ of habeas corpus, was jailed at the request of Baltimore authorities Saturday following her deportation from Mexico.

She spent almost 24 hours in jail before Maury Maverick Jr., a well-known local attorney, stepped into the case at the request of the American Civil Liberties Union and posted the bond.

Gov. J. Millard Tawes of Maryland signed papers Tuesday requesting Mrs. Murray's extradition to his state to face charges of assaulting a policeman.

Mrs. Murray, who said she has been an atheist since she was 12 years old, began her letter to Connally:

"My name is Madalyn Murray and I am the same Madalyn Murray in the case of Murray vs. Curtlett, wherein the United States Supreme Court prohibited compulsory prayers in public schools.

"After bringing this suit in the state of Maryland, I was subjected to the worst kind of abuse, as were my children and my family. Financial, psychological and even physical reprisals and sanctions were directed against us. Our very lives were in constant

danger."

"It is strikingly and historically unusual that a person would be extradited across America over a mere misdemeanor—a simply assault."

She claimed that Maryland authorities were "unscrupulously attempting to involve you (Connally) in an act of brutal religious persecution."

Mrs. Murray's 19-year-old son, William, is in custody in Baltimore charged with assaulting a policeman—the same charge she faces. The son has already been sentenced to six months in jail for contempt of court.

The woman moved to Honolulu in June, 1964, but fled to Mexico to avoid extradition from that state. She claims Mexican authorities had promised her political asylum, then "just like that, they rushed me out of the country on the first airplane."

Grad Student Here On Rotary Grant

Adolfo El-Hage Vincenti of Bolivia, a graduate student in dairy cattle breeding research, is attending Texas A&M on a Rotary Foundation Fellowship.

He is one of 145 outstanding graduate students from 28 countries to be awarded one of the fellowships for study abroad during the 1965-66 academic year.

The student is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolfo El-Hage Ribera of Santa Cruz. His application for the award was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz de la Sierra.

The young Bolivian is a veterinary graduate of Gabriel Rene Autonomous University in Santa Cruz, and his past research has dealt with commercial dairy cattle and certain types of food.



WELDED CRUCIFIX

This welded steel crucifix will hang in the University Lutheran Chapel and Student Center, at 315 Main N. which will be dedicated at 3:30 p. m. Oct. 10. The crucifix, designed by Robert Fowler of Houston, is placed on a cross of raw ash wood.

Ag Doubles As 007 During European Stay

Aggie Frank Ray of Conroe had experiences this summer in Europe which would compare favorably with Agent 007.

Ray, a senior education student snatched a piece of barbed wire from the Berlin Wall and made good his escape into nearby woods. An East German guard tossed a smoke bomb in his direction to add to the adventure.

"I was with a friend," he recalled, "and we wanted a souvenir of the wall. Some guards put the field glasses on us and started running our way when they saw we were fooling with the wire. We took off. I stopped in the edge of the woods and snapped a couple of pictures."

"When I saw a guy wearing a raincoat and carrying a machine gun coming, I got out of there fast. I later learned he was a West German guard."

Ray spent most of the summer participating in the Experiment in International Living, and had home stays with two Swiss families in Zurich.

He visited Berlin on the suggestion of a Swiss citizen.

"We were trying to decide whether to go to Paris or Berlin," he explained. "A man told us we

ought to go to Berlin and see what we are going to die for... his comments influenced our decision."

Ray and his friends stayed in a DRK (German Red Cross) facility three blocks from Checkpoint Charlie and made frequent trips into East Berlin.

"We visited as far away from the wall as possible," he recollected. "The people are taught to think of Americans as cruel people. We visited with several school children who were surprised that we were nice to them. Their mothers watched us warily as we talked and gave them candy."

"Another time we talked with a little boy playing with a rubber set of cowboys and Indians. He had been told that cowboys and Indians lived in Africa."

"Children are taught to hate Americans," Ray continued. "They play games in which they are Communists who kill Americans."

Because Ray is a staff sergeant in the Air Force ROTC Corps of Cadets, he had to get special permission for two trips into East Germany. Apparently, he was spied on a-la-James Bond style.

"I was walking along a street when a headlight from a Volkswagen truck flashed at me," he said. "The light was kiltered toward the sidewalk. I noticed it had a hole with a camera lens sticking out. Two men were in the truck. One tried to look inconspicuous, the other was writing at a desk in the rear. I just

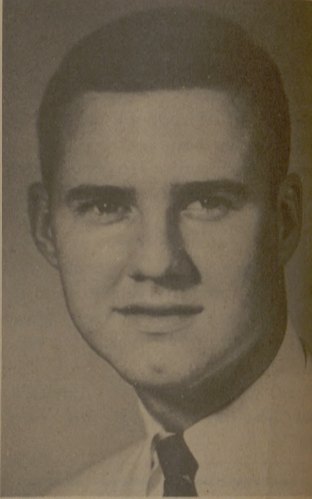
kept on walking.

"I was excited, yet depressed by the wall," Ray said. "To catch a mood looking down the deserted streets in the area. As it's a sobering thought to see guards who would cut you down in a second."

"The wall dominates the city. As I was putting sugar in my coffee one morning, I noticed something on the wrapper. It said: 'By day and by night, the wall remains.'"

Tourists often exchange scenes with the East German guards on the wall, Ray commented. He used a novel approach to harass a guard.

"I got close to the wall and waved for him to come on over," Ray chuckled. "He sort of waved and turned away."



FRANK RAY

Brown President Backs Issuing Of Birth Pills

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP)—The administration at Brown University backed up Tuesday the health service director who gave two unmarried coeds prescriptions for contraceptive pills.

University President Barnaby C. Keeney said he is satisfied with Dr. Roswell D. Johnson's "performance and judgment."

Both Keeney and Johnson stressed that the two cases were carefully considered.

Dr. Johnson said both women involved were "mature people, already engaged and they both had been referred to me by clergy." Keeney said one of the women has since married and both were over 21.

Pembroke College is the women's division at Brown University.

Keeney said Dr. Johnson has broad discretion to treat cases as seems best to him" and added, "after careful examination of the circumstances, Dr. Johnson decided to prescribe contraceptive pills. It is common practice to do so well before marriage."

Johnson said he acted on what he called his own policy and it does not constitute a "blanket prescription."

Young Vietnamese War Victim Tugs At World's Heartstrings

NEW YORK (AP)—The face of the young Vietnamese girl in the photograph, its haunting pain and shock mirroring the anguish of all war's innocent victims, is learning to smile again.

Her name is Gian Thi Yen. She's 11 years old. Americans wanted to help and they did.

When Horst Faas, Associated Press Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer, saw her last June, she was stumbling across a battle-littered field at Dong Xoai.

Yen was supporting herself with a stick, her left shoulder and hand bandaged, a wound on her cheek uncovered. A crucifix dangled against her bare chest.

Shelling had just killed her father, Gian Van Doan, a refugee from North Viet Nam who had become a corporal in the South Vietnamese civil guard; her 7-year-old brother, and her 4-year-old sister. Their home lay in ruins.

She was on her way to a helicopter for medical evacuation.

Yen, her mother, and two brothers, one 5 and one an infant, survived the shelling.

Faas' photograph of the girl and a subsequent news story touched off an outpouring of offers to help.

A spokesman for the Foster Parents Plan, Inc., a voluntary agency with international headquarters in New York City, said it received "a great response" many applications from generous people.

The agency conducts a worldwide program of caring for needy children, allowing donors to adopt a child by proxy for \$15 a month.

The agency's field representative in Saigon, A. Elizabeth Brown, located the child in a hospital in Saigon.

"Yen spent 22 days there, had her head shaved for necessary treatment, and still bears a scar on her cheek," the spokesman said.

The agency enrolled Yen immediately, giving her mother at \$8 cash monthly benefit, clothing for the family, supplies and special medical care, and is arranging for a house for the family and employment for the mother. This help will continue until the family is self-supporting or Yen has completed school.

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Membership is open to all students with an overall grade point ratio of 1.0 or freshman who have a high school average equivalent to a 1.0.

Transfer students belonging to APO chapters at other schools are also eligible for membership.

Alpha Phi Omega is a service fraternity which helps serve the needs of the school, community and country.

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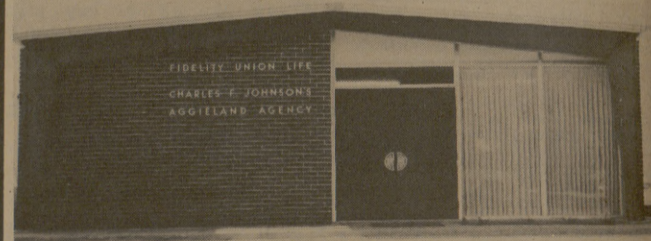
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