

Berrigan convicted on minor count

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The Rev. Philip Berrigan and a nun who served as his lieutenant in the antiwar movement were convicted Wednesday of smuggling letters in and out of a federal prison, but a jury deadlocked on charges that they conspired with other defendants to kidnap presidential aide Henry Kissinger. The five were freed by the jury deadlock.

These verdicts are yours and yours alone, and you don't need to justify them or explain them to anybody," U.S. District Court Judge R. Dixon Herman told the women and three men as he dismissed them after their week-long quest for a verdict that ended with their split decision.

There will be many, many peo-

ple who disagree and there will be just as many who agree," added Herman, a bald 61-year-old jurist appointed to the bench in 1969.

At the heart of the government's case was the three-pronged conspiracy charge—accusing the "Harrisburg Seven" of scheming to kidnap Kissinger, blow up government heating tunnels in Washington and vandalize draft boards in several Eastern cities.

But this went by the boards as a result of the jury's verdict.

Instead, Berrigan and his assistant in the Catholic antiwar left, Sister Elizabeth McAlister, were convicted of smuggling half a dozen letters in and out of Lewisburg, Pa., federal penitentiary after the priest entered in

1970 to begin a term he still is serving.

The other five defendants were not involved in the letter smuggling, and thus not included in any way whatsoever in the verdict. It was returned at 4:09 p.m.

"We all have a feeling of celebrating a victory," said Sister Elizabeth, who faces a maximum sentence of 30 years as a result of the conviction.

"We consider what happened something of a victory. The government based a whole indictment against seven people on the exchange of correspondence between two," she told a news conference.

Berrigan faces a maximum of 40 years in prison as a result of his convictions.

Ahmad, speaking to reporters,

The defendants had smiled and embraced in the locked courtroom in advance of the jury's entry, as word of a possible deadlock spread.

With the announcement that the jury had deadlocked on five of the defendants but convicted Berrigan and Sister Elizabeth the air of relief vanished.

Neither the convicted priest nor the nun displayed any emotion, however.

The jury had convicted Berrigan on Easter Sunday on a single count of smuggling a letter out of the Lewisburg, Pa., federal penitentiary on May 24, 1970.

His emissary at the time was a fellow convict, Boyd Douglas

Jr., who a week later became an FBI informant against the priest.

Douglas, 31, was a star government witness at the trial, which revolved also around an exchange of 24 letters in all between Berrigan and Sister Elizabeth.

The defense characterized Douglas as an agent provocateur, saying of his connection with the peace movement:

"He infiltrated, he activated, he betrayed."

Lynch, however, said in reply that the defense "hacked at him but they never were able to change his testimony."

The Sunday conviction made Berrigan liable to 10 years in

prison. The three smuggling counts added by the jury Wednesday carry an additional 30 years.

Currently the priest is serving a six-year federal prison sentence for destroying draft records in Maryland in a case unrelated to the trial.

Sister Elizabeth, 32, a 5-foot-7 brunette, was suspended with pay as an art history instructor at the Marymount College in Tarrytown, N.Y.

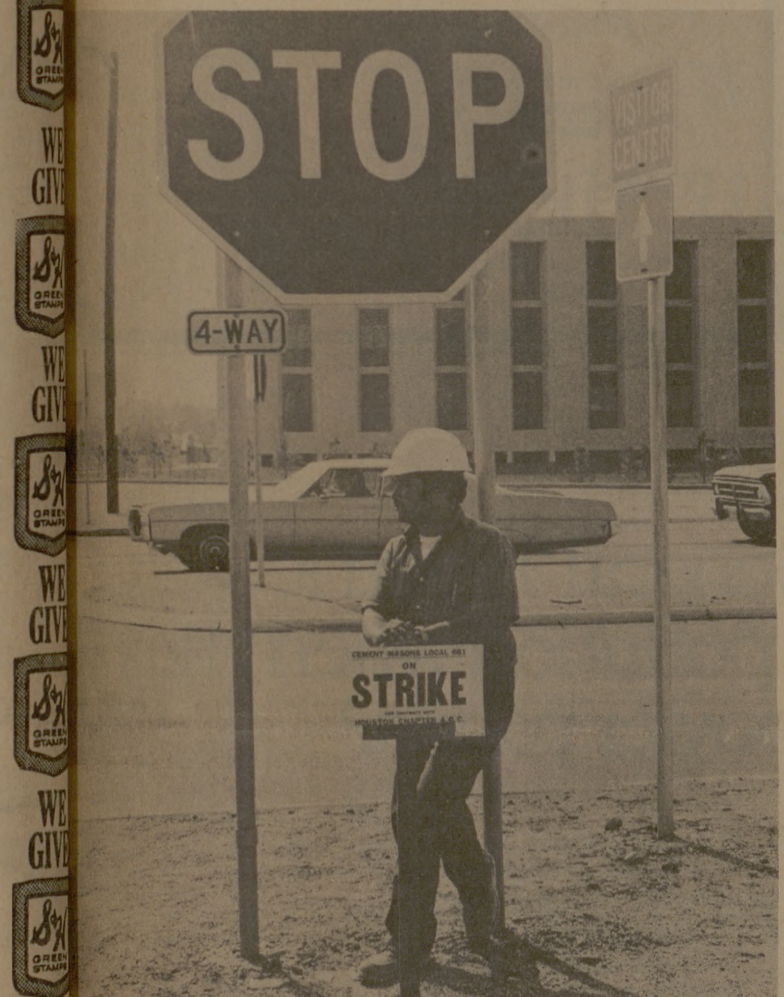
The trial began Jan. 24.

Four weeks were required to pick a jury and six alternates and it was not until Feb. 21 that the actual proceedings got underway.

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STOP! That is the message that seems to be made by striking cement masons who were picketing the entrance to the campus Wednesday. The mason's strike followed a machine operator's strike and may be followed by an ironworkers strike. (Photo by George McKenna)

Fall preregistration will begin April 17

Preregistration for the fall semester at A&M has been scheduled for the week of April 17-21, Registrar Robert A. Lacey announced.

The procedure will be the same as followed during previous preregistration periods, Lacey noted.

Only students currently enrolled are eligible to preregister. All new freshmen and transfer students will preregister during the summer. New graduate students and old returning students register the week of Aug. 21-25.

A student begins the process by taking his identification card to his major department office to receive the registration card packet. Each department will set its hours and class order.

The departmental registration advisor will register the student.

Fee statements will be mailed to the student's permanent mailing address on or about June 15. Fees must be paid by mail by Aug. 1, otherwise the preregistration is subject to cancellation.

After fees are paid, the student's class schedule, fee receipt and ID card will be mailed to his permanent mailing address.

Fall semester classes begin Aug. 28.

Buildup for latest offensive known earlier, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — The North Vietnamese military buildup above the demilitarized zone was known for years but escaped American attack because the Nixon administration did not "conduct a continuous bombing campaign against the North," the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Defense Department spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim said there were "many, many military targets" in North Vietnam, but they were not bombed because it was not U.S. policy to attack them.

The numerous "protective reaction strikes" carried out by U.S. planes against the North University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

Sea Grant helping U.S., White claims

The Sea Grant Program is evolving as a powerful tool to help restore the U. S. capacity to compete with other nations, Dr. Robert M. White, administrator of the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said this morning.

Dr. White was keynote speaker at Texas Sea Grant College Day activities sponsored by A&M. The ceremonies included formal dedication of the TAMU campus as one of the nation's first four Sea Grant Colleges.

State Rep. Ray Lemmon of Houston, chairman of the House Interim Committee on Coastal and

Marine Resources, was to speak at a luncheon following the dedication ceremonies.

Activities were to continue with afternoon student seminars conducted by Robert B. Abel, director of the National Sea Grant Program, and Alan Lohse, senior scientist with the Gulf Universities Research Consortium and member of the Presidential Air Quality Advisory Board.

Exhibits depicting university involvement in the marine-related activities of the TAMU Sea Grant Program will remain on display through Friday in the foyer of the Zachry Engineering Center, site of the dedication ceremonies.

"Only a decade ago, it was popular to talk of the technological gap—a gap in which the United States was far advanced technologically over other nations—and to talk of the dominance of American science and technology in industry and commerce," Dr. White recalled.

"Today, we are forced to look at the other side of the coin," he observed. "We are concerned with the competitiveness and productivity of our industry in relation to that of other nations, with the disparity in the rate of economic growth of many of our technological competitors over our

own. A gap is now developing again—many people think in reverse."

The NOAA administrator said the "unique nature" of the National Sea Grant Program, designed for flexibility and the cross-hatching of many skills, facilities and institutions, enables it to attack complex problems effectively.

He emphasized the Sea Grant approach recognizes that key national marine problems are not only scientific, technological, sociological, political and institutional, but an "amalgam of all."

Since Sea Grant's organization in 1967, more than 100 institutions

have conducted some 600 different projects, White noted. He said some 1,500 scientists and engineers are engaged in Sea Grant activities and 1,300 students are enrolled in its programs.

Approximately 70 percent of Sea Grant resources go to applied research, 15 percent to education and about 10 percent to advisory and extension efforts.

"Top priority in the future must go to extension of the Sea Grant Program to all coastal states needing it—to address the very difficult and pressing problems of coastal zone management, resource development, recreational facilities, industrial development, pollution control and a host of other matters which must be solved if we are to preserve our marine resources for future generations," White said.

The federal official predicted the network of Sea Grant institutions will play an increasingly vital role in problems which are national, rather than local or regional, in scope.

IRA debates moves

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killed six other persons on Belfast's Donegall Street.

IRA terrorists were blamed for a bomb explosion Wednesday that set afire a youth employment office in Belfast. Three armed men hurled the explosive into the building as morning rush hour crowds filled the streets, the British army said.

A second bomb rocked the city's eastern quarter, damaging structures. It was being detonated by army experts who said they were unable to defuse it.

The army also reported a small cache of arms and ammunition was found buried in hospital grounds off the Catholic Falls Road district of Belfast.

There were indications that the IRA might be considering a halt in its guerrilla campaign, in response to mounting public pressure. Many Catholics have called on the IRA to cease hostilities and give a fair chance to the British peace plan, which installed Whitelaw and ended a half century of Protestant domination over the Catholic minority. Following up moves by the IRA in Londonderry to sound out Catholic opinion on reducing the violence, the movement's Sinn Fein political arm in Dublin said it also may contact "units in the field" to obtain the feelings of Catholics.

Peace-seeking Catholic women

in Belfast's Andersonstown district, shouted down by the IRA earlier in the week, said they may meet in secret to discuss ways of quelling the gunfire.

In Londonderry, the Rev. William McGaughey, a local priest who serves 7,000 people in the Bogside and Brandywell Catholic enclaves, said he supported the suggested talks.

"The feeling here is that the people want the British initiative to be given a chance," he asserted. "I would encourage anything that would promote an end to the violence."

Dublin IRA chief of staff Sean (See Bombs, page 4)

Restrictions asked on election signs

A campaign sign was accidentally poked through the sprinkler system at the Memorial Student Center Wednesday.

Tape is now being laid on the ground in the campaign sign area to indicate where the water lines run.

Campaigners are asked to avoid placing signs near the lines.

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Politics for women too — Farenthold

Women in politics may be a hoped for bridge for other minorities, Frances "Sissy" Farenthold, candidate for governor, said at a Thursday Political Forum presentation.

Farenthold, speaking before an overflowing MSC Ballroom, said women have been told too long the political arena is for men only. "Women want a chance to share political concern while letting others share their full potential. We've been handmaidens much too long," she said.

The Democratic representative said most women show a new awareness towards politics today. She added psychological inertia may keep them from the polls but not greatly.

Keeping her prepared speech short, Mrs. Farenthold then opened the presentation to questions from the audience.

Her voice cracked slightly when Student Senate President John Sharp questioned her possible indictment for nepotism.

"Since I have been in Austin," she said, "I have found jobs for my children as assistant sergeant-at-arms and pages within the Senate. However this has been with the full approval of Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes. Really, this has been the custom through the years."

Farenthold, undeterred, continued saying she is opposed to the legislature sitting as a constitutional convention. She said more than one branch of government

should have the responsibility of rewriting the constitution.

Reforms are necessary both in the executive and legislative houses, she said, giving priority to reforms in the governor's powers.

"The governor should address the people more as the President does," she said. "If I were elected, I assure you I would have no partners as the present Governor and Lt. Governor."

"Secondly, I would require each appointee to be able to make full disclosure of his actions. This might cut down on the number of applicants for these jobs."

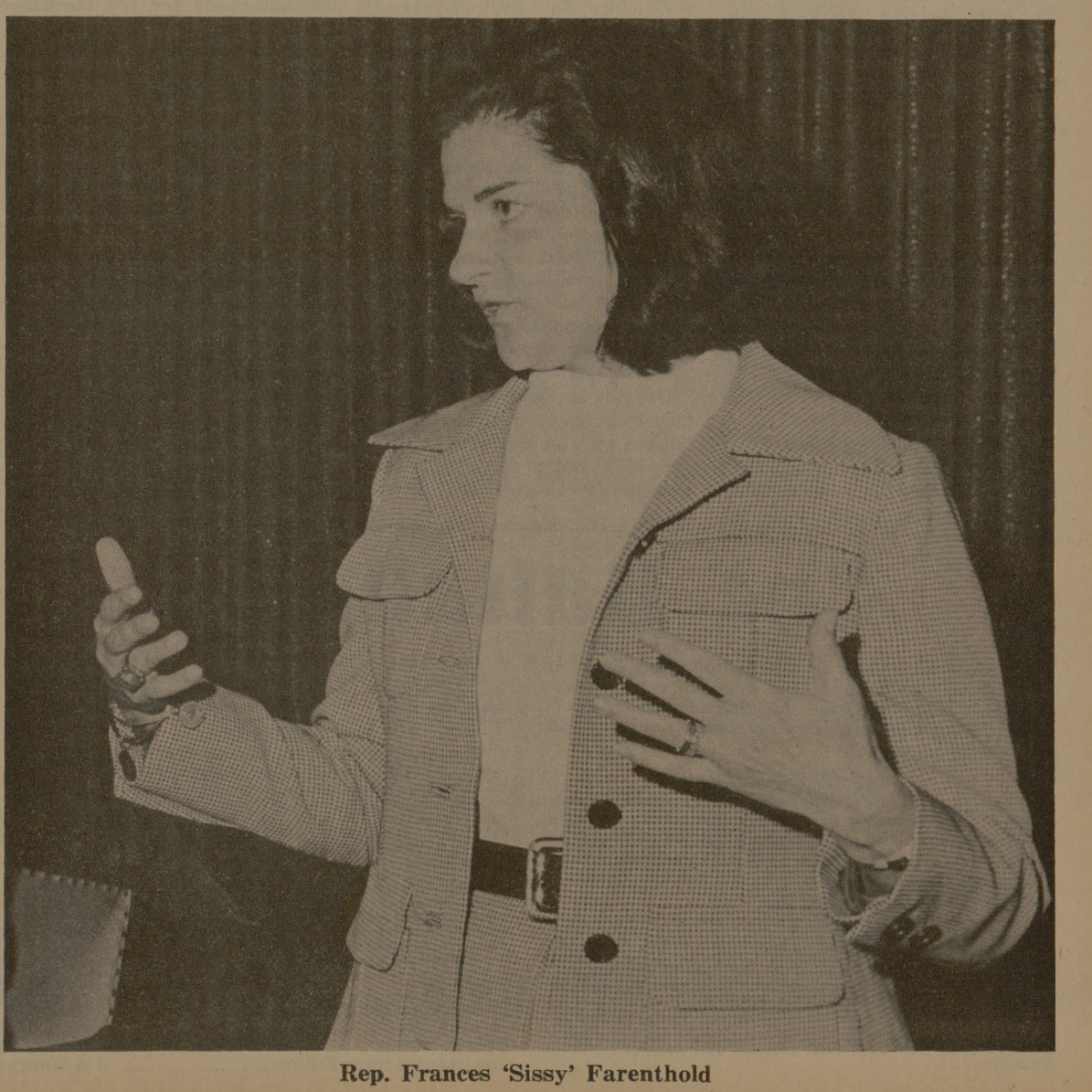
Reforms are needed in the present House Consent Calendar, she said.

"I go on record as having been present and nonvoting in last year's calendar because bills were being passed at a rate greater than one per minute. This leaves too many questions unanswered, ones I probably couldn't answer without studying."

When asked her feelings about the proposed corporate profits tax, Farenthold said she won't vote for an increase in sales tax. She proposes the next revenue source for Texas businesses to take the load off the consumer.

Farenthold attacked visual pollution when a student asked why he noticed no billboard posters for her along highways in southern Texas.

"In five races for two terms, I have never had to resort to this type campaign and presently don't see any reason to begin," she answered.



Rep. Frances 'Sissy' Farenthold